

# Should I submit my application using the MRC Industry Collaboration Framework?

Does the application have a collaborator?

No

Submit application using **standard MRC process** or that is specific to a particular call

Yes

Is the collaborative partner a company?

No

Is the collaborative partner seeking to share or access IP arising from the project?

No

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Yes

Is the company partner providing a financial contribution either cash and/or in-kind through the supply of materials or resources?

No

Is the company claiming costs as part of a service to be provided to the applicant?

Yes

The company partner should be considered as a **subcontractor** and the application does not need to be submitted under the ICF. If an industry partner wishes to act as both a subcontractor and project partner the application will still need to be submitted under ICF. You should read the guidance carefully.

Yes

Is the company partner expecting to access the outputs of the research?

No

Is the company claiming costs for supplying materials?

Yes

Yes

No

If the company partner is providing a contribution based on their interest in the project but will not have access to results prior to normal publication they should be considered as a supplier and the application does not need to be submitted under the ICF. The industry partner is advised to provide a letter of support confirming this contribution. If materials are being supplied free of charge then a **Materials Transfer Agreement** may be required.

No

If the company partner is not making a financial contribution or claiming costs on the grant but is just supportive of the research and providing a letter of support then application does not need to be submitted under the ICF. This includes industry representation on governance structures for large consortia grants. Applicants may wish to consider using CDAs/NDAs for the members of any governance structures.

The company partner should be considered as a **supplier** and the application does not need to be submitted under the ICF even if the materials are supplied at a discount.

A collaborative partner is defined as being actively involved in the project contributing intellectually as well as financial (incl. in-kind) resources. A service provider giving a discount on materials or services is a supplier

If, as part of the collaboration the company partner will have access to results prior to publication then the application **should be submitted under the Industry Collaboration Framework.**