



Technical Assistance Program (Program Description & Guidelines)

Life Sciences Nova Scotia is pleased to offer our Technical Assistance Program (TAP) as part of our BioBusiness Accelerator Program.

The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) has been developed to help Life Sciences Nova Scotia member companies' access expertise to address unique technical challenges.

Technical Assistance

Projects that will be considered include short term R & D assistance services that engage a subject matter expert to help with a broad scope of challenges of a technical nature that cannot be addressed with in-house expertise.

Tier 1 – Singular engagement with a qualified 3rd party consultant on ONE **\$2,500** project, including but not limited to:

- Counsel regarding a defined project
- proof of concept evaluation
- Process design/evaluation
- process development or improvement

**TAP Tier 1 will reimburse 75% of the cost of eligible expenses (excluding applicable taxes), up to a maximum of \$1,875.00.*

Tier 2 – Singular engagement with a qualified 3rd party consultant on a broader **\$5,000** project, including but not limited to:

- Investigatory Work
- Reliability/quality improvement
- Prototype design/evaluation
- Product redesign
- Input into technical R & D plans

**TAP Tier 2 will reimburse 75% of the cost of eligible expenses (excluding applicable taxes), up to a maximum of \$3,750.00.*

Tier 2 Eligibility Clause: Restriction of Consecutive Funding for Identical Consultant and Scope of Work

LSNS shall not approve funding for the same consultant and or identical scope of work in consecutive back-to-back funding cycles. This restriction is intended to promote fairness, encourage diversity in expertise, and ensure the efficient allocation of resources. Exceptions to this clause may only be granted upon written approval from LSNS, contingent on a demonstrated need and justification that aligns with the objectives of the program.

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Tier 3 – Singular engagement with one or more qualified 3rd party consultants on a large-scale **\$10,000** project, including but not limited to:

- Reporting, Scope, data, scalability, target market research.
- Product testing
- Investigation, evaluation and adoption of new technologies

**TAP Tier 3 will reimburse 75% of the cost of eligible expenses (excluding applicable taxes), up to a maximum of \$7,500.00.*

Tier 3 Eligibility Clause: Restriction of Consecutive Funding for Identical Consultant and Scope of Work

LSNS shall not approve funding for the same consultant and or identical scope of work in consecutive back-to-back funding cycles. This restriction is intended to promote fairness, encourage diversity in expertise, and ensure the efficient allocation of resources. Exceptions to this clause may only be granted upon written approval from LSNS, contingent on a demonstrated need and justification that aligns with the objectives of the program.

Eligible Financial Support

All Tier 3 project proposals will be carefully evaluated by an external Selection Committee and approved on an individual basis. Any additional costs or services related to the project beyond the noted project maximums will be at the expense of the member company.

Program Dates: Present – March 15, 2027. All approved projects must be completed, invoices paid and claim submitted to Life Sciences Nova Scotia by March 15, 2027.

Project Proposal Criteria

- Completion of attached Application & Project Outline
- Proposed project addresses a challenge that is critical to commercialization
- Project is of a size and nature likely to be assisted by a short term consulting engagement.
- Funding will be used to reimburse fees for consultants and/or other technical experts contracted to provide expertise.

***Technical Assistance Program Terms & Conditions:**

- Applicant is a Life Sciences Nova Scotia Startup and Scale-up Member company in good standing.
- The program will reimburse 75% of eligible expenses (excluding applicable taxes), which include the cost of consultant service fees, up to designated Tier maximum.
- LSNS shall not approve Tier 2 or Tier 3 project funding for the same consultant and or identical scope of work in consecutive back-to-back funding cycles.
- Applicant has not received prior funding from the Technical Assistance Program for more than 1 project within the current funding cycle.
- All projects must be completed, invoices paid and claim submitted to Life Sciences Nova Scotia by March 15, 2027.
- A proposed project is ineligible if it is already supported by other government programs or funding.

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