

FAQs

Who is eligible to submit a proposal?

Anyone can submit a proposal. This includes individuals, groups, or companies. There are no restrictions to apply to take part in the challenge.

Is a working prototype required for the proposed solution?

No there is no requirement for a prototype, although it can be indicated if one exists. The idea is for a prototype to exist by the end of the 16-week residency.

Is participation restricted to Saskatchewan companies?

Anyone can participate. However, there is an emphasis on Saskatchewan companies as the idea is to bolster the Saskatchewan technology community.

Will we be paid during the 16-week residency?

\$10,000 will be granted to the successful company/team to help off-set the costs during the residency period. No additional compensation will be provided during this period.

Where will the residency take place?

This will depend on the project and the type of technology being developed. Some face-to-face meetings will be required but the location of the residency will occur depending on a proposed solution.

Who owns the Intellectual Property (IP)?

The IP remains with the individual/group/company

Will there be more than one team working on the challenge?

It is expected only one team will be chosen to work on the challenge, although that may depend on the project.

What happens after the 16-week residency?

At that time, the Ministry/Agency/Crown has the option to extend the project, enter into contract, or cancel the project.

Does the residency have to go for the full 16-weeks?

It depends on your product. Ideally, it would occur for the full 16-weeks but it is possible a product might not take that long to develop, test, and implement.

How will proposals be evaluated?

Proposals will be evaluated by a team with representatives from Innovation Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Justice, and technical experts. The criteria will include evaluating the proposed solution for applicability, how the solution would be applied, whether the solution is technically feasible, whether it is an innovative solution, the background of the team that submitted the proposal, and similar projects the team has worked on prior.

How long will it take from the time the question is posted to the residency starting if I'm successful?

The process is expected to take approximately 3 months. Once the question is posted, there will be information sessions held. From there, the ideas will be submitted, evaluated, and assessed further. It is expected the residency will start in mid-November.