

## Technical Assistance Program Program Description & Guidelines 2017-18

BioNova, in partnership with NRC IRAP, is again offering the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) to help BioNova member companies' access expertise to address unique technical challenges.

BioNova is inviting proposals from member life sciences companies that require technical assistance. We will provide direct assistance of up to \$5,000 for approved projects that seek to **resolve an issue that is hampering product development, and is critical to commercialization**. Projects that will be considered include short term R & D assistance services that engage a subject matter expert to help with:

- New product/process development or improvement
- Reliability/quality improvement
- Prototype/proof of concept evaluation
- Product/process redesign
- Input into technical R & D plans
- Product testing
- Investigation, evaluation and adoption of new technologies
- Other assistance of a technical nature that cannot be solved with in-house expertise.

Any project funded through TAP must be completed by **March 1, 2018** with a brief report submitted to BioNova no later than **March 7, 2018**.

#### Project Proposal Criteria:

- Applicant is a BioNova corporate member company in good standing.
- 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.
- Project significantly differs from past or current IRAP projects.
- **Project will be completed by the March 1, 2018 deadline.**

Please note, a proposed project is ineligible if it is already supported by other government programs or funding.

Please use the attached form to submit your project application.

Project proposals will be reviewed as they are submitted and in the order that they are received. Projects are limited, so I encourage you to submit your completed application as soon as possible.

Proposals will be reviewed by a NRC-IRAP local ITA (or representative ITA when possible) for comment.

Proposals will be accepted until all available projects have been awarded.

Questions and project proposals should be directed to: Kerri Mannette - [kmannette@bionova.ca](mailto:kmannette@bionova.ca) or 902-421-5705 x 4