

Frequent Asked Questions

Q: What is the main goal of the AI Co-Innovation Program?

A: The program aims to foster AI innovation in Saudi Arabia by supporting researchers and entrepreneurs in developing market-driven AI solutions to address real-world challenges.

Q: Where will official program announcements be made?

A: Official program announcements will be made on the official communication channel of the program. Details will be announced on the onboarding day.

Q: Who is eligible to participate?

A: The program is open to AI, industry, energy, or logistics expert individuals and/or authorized representatives of startups who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the program guidelines.

Q: Are students allowed to apply?

A: Yes, students can apply as long as they have sufficient background to develop and conduct research in the challenge themes.

Q: Can international applicants apply?

A: Yes, international applicants are welcomed but no travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the organizers.

Q: What kind of support will participants receive?

A: Participants will receive mentorship, training, challenges, networking opportunities, and potential access to funding and incubation.

Q: I do not have a team yet, can I apply?

A: Not an issue! Everyone is welcomed, you will get the chance during the onboarding to mingle with other teams if accepted to join one.

Q: Where will the program be held?

A: The program is a hybrid in nature. For the in-person days: Onboarding event will be held in Riyadh, while the Co-Creation Studio and Judging week will be held in Dhahran. Further details and specific venues will be communicated to selected participants.

Q: Will travel or accommodation expenses be covered for the in-person events?

A: Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses. We will provide catering (meals and refreshments) during the scheduled sessions of the in-person events.

Q: What if an urgent matter withheld me from attending the in-person events?

A: Participants who have any issue in attending the in-person session must ensure that at least 75% of the team is attending and you can join them virtually to be counted as part of the team and evaluation.

Q: What should participants bring with them to the Co-Creation Week?

A: Participants are responsible for bringing their own laptops, any specialized devices required for the development and demonstration of their PoC, and all necessary chargers and adapters. A reliable power outlet will be provided.

Q: Who owns the IP created during the program?

A: Details of the IP ownership is clarified in the terms and conditions available in the registration form.

Q: What happens if I violate the program Terms and Conditions?

A: RDI Authority reserves the right to disqualify any Participant found in violation of the Terms and Conditions or whose conduct is detrimental to the Program.

Q: What if I need to withdraw from the program?

A: You may withdraw by providing written notice to RDI Authority through the program official communication channels. However, the conditions and any potential penalties for withdrawal vary depending on the stage of the Program (see the Terms and Conditions for further details). Please discuss your decision with us.

Q: Is there a guarantee that I will be selected for incubation?

A: No, selection for incubation is at the sole discretion of judging committee and is based on program criteria. RDI Authority makes no guarantee.

Q: If selected for incubation, what are the conditions?

A: Winners selected for incubation will be required to enter into a separate, detailed IP Agreement with the incubator, which may include options for assignment, licensing, or joint ownership of Generated IP.

Q: Will my confidential information be protected?

A: Participants may be exposed to confidential information during the Program and agree to hold all such information in strict confidence. RDI Authority will take reasonable measures to protect your information, but cannot guarantee absolute security so please do not share sensitive information through third parties communication tools.