SICSA Cyber Virtual Innovation Hub

The SICSA Cyber Virtual Innovation Hub provides funding to explore new work that could lead to commercial opportunities arising from within the SICSA Cyber community and more broadly across Scottish Business as a whole.

Successful applicants will be able to use the funding on offer to explore new ideas, develop commercial potential, produce demonstrators and materials, and develop work to be taken to a stage where it is investment-ready. Funding can be used flexibly, according to the needs of the researchers and/or companies involved.

Key Facts:
The main aim of this initiative is to help researchers to develop their technologies into a proposition that could either be licenced to existing companies or spun-out into a new start-up venture.

Funding of around £3000-£5000 is available per project from the SICSA Cyber Nexus.

We would give priority to applicants who demonstrate some a level of commitment from industry – for example, a financial contribution or in-kind contributions. In all cases where there is a partnership with industry, applicants should supply a letter of support from the company involved.

Funding can be used flexibly but examples include:
A contribution towards time for researchers to engage with the project
Travel and accommodation to support the project
Equipment or software licenses

Conditions
- Projects must be centred around Cyber Security / Cyber Resilience
- Applicants must be working within a SICSA membership School/Department
- Deadline for completion of all funded projects will be March 2019. All completed projects must submit a final report to SICSA.
- Preference will be given to projects who demonstrate a contribution from industry
- It is recommended that the host University's Technology Transfer Office are engaged early on to establish a clear idea of the licencing or spin-out strategy.

Application Process
• Applicants should apply using the downloadable form provided and return to admin@sicsa.ac.uk. Deadlines for funding fall on the last day of each calendar month.
• After submission of the form, the proposal will be considered by the SICSA Cyber Nexus Board and the outcome will be announced within 4 weeks.