

# MREPC INDUSTRY LINKAGE FUND

ENHANCING COMPETITIVENESS  
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# ABOUT MREPC INDUSTRY LINKAGE FUND

A funding programme for universities and research institutions to collaborate with the Malaysian rubber products industry on research projects that will increase Malaysia's exports of rubber products and enhance the industry's competitiveness in the global market place. The programme aims to strengthen rubber industry – university/research institution linkages in Malaysia for the development of the rubber products industry.

## Priority Areas

The MREPC Industry Linkage Fund will give priority to projects that have the potential to improve the competitiveness of Malaysian rubber products in the global market. Focus areas and products for research are as follow:

- Latex based products;
- Dry rubber products (excluding tyres, inner tubes and footwear);
- Automation and process improvement; and
- Application of rubber in infrastructure and construction



## Eligibility Criteria

The application is open to all researchers who are employed on a permanent or contractual basis with the following organisations:

- Public and private institutions of higher learning in Malaysia;
- Malaysian research institutions; and
- Registered industries in Malaysia.

Research proposal can be submitted throughout the year.

## Funding

Fund will be provided in the form of research grants. The quantum of fund approved will be assessed based on the project proposal and is up to the maximum of RM 300,000 for each project. The duration of each project shall not be more than 3 years from the commencement date.

## Scope Of Funding

The funding can be utilised for the following categories of research expenditure.

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| ■ Research Materials and Supplies                     | ■ Wages and Allowance       |
| ■ Minor Modifications and Repairs                     | ■ Travel and Transportation |
| ■ Prototype Development                               | ■ Rentals                   |
| ■ Special Services (e.g. sample testing and analysis) |                             |

### Full Grant

The allocations for wages and allowance, travel and transportation, and rentals shall not be more than 50% of total project cost.

### Matching Grant

No limit set on the allocations for wages and allowance, travel and transportation, and rentals, and it shall be according to research proposals submitted by the companies/researchers.

## Selection Criteria



## Application & Approval Process

