



Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places Fund Innovation Place Leaders Network Terms of Reference



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About the fund

The Queensland Government's **Advance Queensland: Innovation for a future economy 2022-2032 Roadmap** (the Roadmap) sets out the direction, key priority outcomes and initiatives for the next phase in Queensland's journey toward becoming a leading and sustainable world-class innovation economy.

The Roadmap identifies the opportunity for Queensland's world-class innovation infrastructure to drive ideas through to commercialisation, adoption and diffusion. This includes positioning Queensland precincts, places and hubs to reach their full potential for attracting investment and creating jobs, co-locating innovation precincts and places with research, education and training institutes and improving digital infrastructure accessibility.

The Queensland Government's **Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places Strategy 2022-2032: A Place to Innovate** sets out how Queensland will achieve this vision based on three key pillars:

- **People** - empowering innovation place leaders and stakeholders to collaborate and thrive
- **Place** - maximising the innovation potential from infrastructure
- **Purpose** - harnessing the opportunities and achievements of innovation places.

A key action is the establishment of the \$15 million **Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places Fund** that will help innovation places achieve their goals across these three key areas that are considered essential to success.

The **Innovation Place Leaders Network** program will support objectives across the pillar:

People - developing and strengthening networks and collaborations within and between innovation places and the innovation ecosystem. It will also

help connect and engage communities and other cohorts in innovation place activities.

About the program

The objectives of the Place Leaders Network are to:

- Establish place-based networks of innovation leaders and practitioners to support research and business collaboration
- Facilitate partnerships between corporates, SMEs and startups, and
- Increase participation in innovation precincts and places.

The Place Leaders Network will develop a framework and tools to deliver and embed a sustainable Innovation Place Leaders Network.

Funding

Up to \$1 000 000 (excluding GST) is available over three years for a range of initiatives that may include:

- activation and delivery of the network, including targeted activities that will support collaboration and engagement with and between innovation precincts and places
- development of a tool kit to help innovation places define lifecycle maturity and identify acceleration pathways
- delivery of a Queensland innovation precincts and places specialisation, strengths and opportunities prospectus
- development of a plan for long term sustainability of the network.

Approach

The Innovation Place Leaders Network program will include the engagement of a third-party expert through an open market approach to advise and support delivery of a scope of work that includes:

- Clear objectives and outcomes to achieve over a three-year period
- An operational network with representation from all relevant Queensland regions
- a calendar of events, training and meetings to support collaboration and engagement within and between innovation precincts and places.

The program scope will be refined and ratified by stakeholders that represent existing and emerging precincts to ensure deliverable are fit-for-purpose and reflect priorities of the program.



Timeframes

	MILESTONE	TIMING
1	Engagement to commence	October 2023
2	Request for Quote released to market	+ 2 months (TBC based on Milestone 1)
3	Specialist Engagement Letter of Offer	+ 2 months (TBC based on Milestone 2)
4	First Place Leaders Network meeting held	+ 2 months (TBC based on Milestone 3)

Stakeholder engagement

Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport will engage with existing and emerging innovation precincts and places managers through meetings to inform development of the Network and drive engagement with the Network.

Governance

Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport will manage the ongoing contract with the network manager/activator.

Further information

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