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# **SYDNEY KNOWLEDGE HUB HARDWARE LAB**

User Access Scheme

Guidelines for applicants



## Goals

The Sydney Knowledge Hub - Hardware Lab User Access Scheme supports University Researchers who are looking to get started on a Proof of Concept to commercialise their research. This is provided through the provision of small grants in accessing our facility and resources. It is aimed at:

- Supporting early-stage prototyping / proof of concept for researchers
- Supporting access to the Hardware Lab and the available equipment

## Impact Criteria

Participants will be selected according to research impact, and defined pathway to commercialisation. All eligible proposals will be considered against the following criteria:

- Quality and potential impact of the research proposed
- Potential of the award for creating commercial opportunities for the applicant
- Extent to which the applicant's proposed activities advance its commercialisation potential

## Eligibility

- Users must be University of Sydney employees or employees of a formally affiliated partner of the University
- Research Projects which are directly related to commercial projects
- Projects are developed and deliverable within the confines of the space available

## Application Process

Researchers and students should contact the Hardware Lab team to discuss submission of an application addressing the basic eligibility and selection criteria. Staff will advise on strength of application, and how it may be improved. Applications should be made via the User Access Scheme application form, available here:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/engage/industry-business-partnerships/sydney-knowledge-hub/what-we-do/hardware-lab/hardware-lab-user-access-scheme.html>

Applications will be recommended to the Director, Sydney Knowledge Hub for approval. Successful applicants will undergo induction and once proven competent, be granted access to the facility.

## Project Time Period & Reviews

Eligible users must redeem their scheme allocation within 3 months of being awarded. Projects will be reviewed quarterly, and project timeline must not exceed 12 months under this scheme.

## Additional Equipment & Consumables

Additional space, or other specialist equipment must be requested and discussed prior to project commencement. Consumables are not covered under the Scheme. Please discuss your project with the Hardware Lab team to ensure you can store and utilise your consumables in a timely manner.