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Australia assists startups and SMEs in digital health and med tech sectors with new programme

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Australia's national science agency, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), is calling on startups and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) looking to drive innovation in digital health and medical technologies to apply for its upcoming Innovate to Grow programme.

The free 10-week online programme is specifically designed to assist Australian SMEs operating in critical sectors advance their innovative technologies, solutions and ideas through research and development (R&D).

Programme participants will collaborate with a mentor from CSIRO or a university to address technical and business challenges, while exploring R&D opportunities, gain insight into partnering with research organisations and craft compelling R&D funding applications.

"To date, Innovate to Grow has equipped over 500 businesses with the knowledge and tools to advance their ideas, with many programme alumni initiating R&D projects with research organisations like CSIRO within 12 months of completing the programme", Liz Crompton, SME Connect Programme Advisor said.

Participants may also be eligible for dollar-matched R&D funding through the CSIRO Kick-Start programme.

The programme commences 14 March 2024 and is available for a limited number of SMEs working across the following sub-sectors: **Digital health-** Therapeutics and care; Health system analytics; Biomedical informatics and data modelling; and **Medical technology-** Diagnostics, biosensors, and biomedical devices; Drug discovery; Vaccines and biologic therapeutics.