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Application No:	P
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Stage 2 approved by DVCR	

PATHFINDER FUND APPLICATION

This application will be kept confidential

1 | APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name		Tel	
UWA/Other		Dept	
Name		Tel	
UWA/Other		Dept	
Name		Tel	
UWA/Other		Dept	

2 | PROJECT DETAILS

Project title			
Proposed project duration			
Funds applied for	Stage 1 (maximum \$25,000)		
	Stage 2 (maximum \$75,000)		

3 | PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe the background of the project.
Provide a brief description of the proposed project.
Provide a summary of the project team, listing the people taking part and their role in the project.
What resources will be required to complete the project?

4 | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Who owns the intellectual property behind the project List all inventors and provide contact e-mail addresses.

Name		e-mail	
Name		e-mail	
Name		e-mail	
Name		e-mail	

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Has a patent been filed?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No, advise what type of IP protection is envisaged:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, provide patent no. and date filed:		

Has the intellectual property been disclosed? i.e. has a paper or poster been published?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, provide date and nature of disclosure:		

5 | DEGREE OF NOVELTY OR INNOVATION

State why you believe the IP/ technology/ product is novel or innovative.

A patent search may be useful in evaluating the novelty. Links to patent databases can be found at: www.rdi.uwa.edu.au

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6 | MARKET DEMAND

Is the proposed market or market sector:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A completely new market
<input type="checkbox"/>	An emerging market
<input type="checkbox"/>	A fully established market with established companies within it

If known, what is the size of the market (in terms of value and/or volume of sales)? Specify if the estimate stated is in terms of annual sales per year or the total size of the market.

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Who is the perceived target market? Type of company and/or consumer/end-user and/or industrial sector.

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Is there evidence of the market demand for the product / technology / concept? Attach letters of support, letters of intent or similar evidence, e.g. from potential collaborators.

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7 | COMPETITION

What is the sustainable competitive advantage offered by your technology?
e.g. superior features; price advantage etc

Who else is operating in this field? List companies/ products you are aware of?

8 | NEED FOR FUNDING

State the reasons for requesting Pathfinder funding.

How has the project been funded to date?

What level of funding has been expended to date?

9 | COMMERCIALISATION STRATEGY

Describe your commercialisation strategy.

How does the Pathfinder project fit into your commercialisation strategy?

10 | PROJECT PLAN AND BUDGET

Describe your work programme and budget. Include copies of quotes for external services/purchases above \$2,000.

Key activities	Timeline	Deliverables	Costs
Stage 1			
			\$
			\$
			\$
		<i>Stage 1 total (maximum \$25,000)</i>	\$
Stage 2			
			\$
			\$
			\$
		<i>Stage 1 total (maximum \$25,000)</i>	\$

State how the total project is to be funded.

e.g. Total project budget=\$30k; industry partner contribution=\$10k; School contribution=\$5k; Pathfinder funding requested=\$15k.

Where other parties are to provide funds confirmation of this commitment will be required prior to Pathfinder funds being made available, e.g. e-mail from Head of School.

11 | COMMERCIAL RETURNS

Indicate how, if the project is successful, the requested sum will be repaid at a future date.
i.e. via a licence fee, royalty payment, further research grant etc.

Indicate the likely time period when the Pathfinder award will be repaid.

12 | DECLARATION

By submitting this application, the applicant(s) certify that the details above are correct, the Head of School is aware of the application, and that if funded, the project will run within the rules of the Pathfinder Fund.