

The Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) hereby invites participation from all higher education institutions, companies and eligible research centres to submit a **Concept Paper Application (Request for Proposal)** as detailed below::

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Companies Commission of Malaysia

**APPLY NOW!**

Research Duration:  
**1-12 Months**

Funding Ceiling:  
**RM100,000**

Application Closing Date :  
**15 March 2026**



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**01** This initiative aims to support high-impact research that aligns with SSM's functions and areas of responsibility. The scope of research and development focuses on **two (2) key areas**, namely **General** and **Priority**.

**02** Researchers may submit an application by proposing a concept paper based on either of the two focus areas.

## Focus Area **General** :

- Corporate governance of companies, businesses, and Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs).
- Compliance with laws and best practices.
- Accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices.
- Corporate intermediary practices, auditing, and the winding-up of corporate entities.
- Digital transformation of companies, businesses, and LLPs.
- Entrepreneurship, the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the gig economy.
- Research and studies to strengthen legislation related to SSM's areas of responsibility.
- Enhancement of SSM's products, services and service delivery.

Focus Area Priority :

1 Development of a Prototype Solution to strengthen enforcement and compliance monitoring under the Companies Act, Limited Liability Partnerships Act, and Business Registration Act using Artificial Intelligence (AI).



RESEARCH OUTCOMES

- A research study on data-driven decision-making capability to identify companies at risk of non-compliance with the relevant Acts under SSM’s supervision.
- An AI prototype that provides early warning alerts to enforcement officers and/or at-risk parties, enabling preventive action before non-compliance occurs.

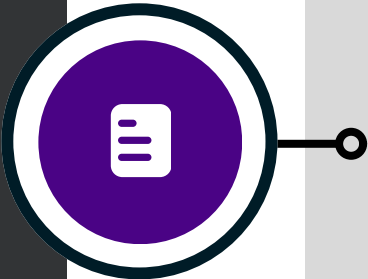
2 Development of an AI Prototype Solution for Corporate Intermediaries and Auditors.



- The AI solution prototype (Minimum Viable Product – MVP) shall integrate key functions relevant to corporate intermediaries and auditors, and include core modules such as compliance analytics, document verification, important date notifications, and recommended corporate actions. A working demonstration shall also be developed for testing with selected users (pilot users).
- A pilot evaluation report and implementation recommendations shall be produced, covering pilot findings, AI model performance, feature effectiveness, risks, legal/compliance considerations, and user feedback, together with proposed enhancements for the next development phase or full-scale implementation.

Focus Area Priority :

3 Development of a Prototype Solution for a Virtual Company Director using Artificial Intelligence (AI).



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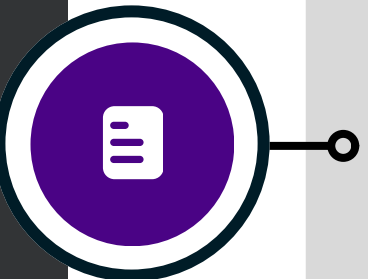
An AI-based Virtual Company

- Director prototype that develops a model capable of replicating real-world directors' reasoning, decision-making patterns, and typical behavioural responses across various corporate governance and management scenarios. The prototype should be able to run decision simulations to assess potential risks, compliance impact, and management behaviour in realistic conditions.

A "Sounding Box" AI platform/prototype that enables company registrants to test and

- evaluate the Virtual Company Director as a basis for decision-making, supervision, or policy changes. The platform should assess responses, risks, and potential outcomes, and generate structured analytics reports presenting simulation results, impact forecasts and improvement recommendations before actual decisions are made.

4 Examining the Relationship (Correlation) between legal compliance and corporate governance practices and a company's performance, achievements, and long-term sustainability.



To identify and analyse the relationship between the level of compliance with laws and corporate governance practices and financial performance, operational outcomes and a company's long-term sustainability.

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To produce evidence-based findings that can serve as a reference for policy development and regulatory oversight, aimed at strengthening corporate governance practices across the industry and promoting self-compliance within the corporate sector.

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