

9Wire Assessment Process

9Wire is not a contest, there are no winners or losers. As long as the applicant has met the requirements, the programme is designed to provide some level of support and assistance regardless of innovation stage or type of organisation. All applicants will hear from the 9Wire Team during the assessment process no later than 30 August 2019.

Applicants will be provided programme support through 29 February 2020. Before the end of the 2019/20 programme, applicants will be asked if they wish to continue with support or reapply if their application has significantly changed for the next programme round. Details about the 2020/21 programme to be provided at a later date.

We filter, sort, and evaluate the innovations to separate them into two support levels – Innovation Pool and Intensive Innovation Management support. These levels have been created to align support with the availability of resources we currently have as part of the programme.

Innovation Pool	Intensive Venture Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad hoc support aligned to your needs and available resources (i.e. online, peer-to-peer, in person) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated one-on-one support & facilitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to a suite of support programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused effort to help problem solve and remove barriers for innovators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility to partner organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge & skill transfer from experts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to resources for marketing, investment readiness, impact modelling, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to labs, research equipment, facilities, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with funding applications

There are three assessment filters:

Filter #1: Programme Requirements - Does the innovation meet the programme requirements?

If yes, the innovation moves to the next filter. If no, the innovator will be informed of the deficiency and may re-submit.

Filter #2: Viability & Impact Assessment - a viability assessment scale is used to assess how well the applicant has:

- Identified the innovation's viability through identifying who the innovation benefits
- what value/benefit the innovation will create
- why the innovation will be successful
- when the innovation can achieve the intended impact
- where it can be applied
- how it will make a difference and achieve its intended impact?

Innovations are NOT ranked to compare them to other innovations, but to provide the 9Wire Team with an overview of what level and type of support is required to achieve the intended impact. The 9Wire Team will assess how much value 9Wire can add, through its collective partners and resources, to best support the innovation to achieve the intended impact. The innovations, that 9Wire has a high level of confidence it can add substantial value, will be further evaluated for Intensive Venture Management support.

The innovations not considered for Intensive Venture Management support will enter the innovation pool for ad hoc support. Each innovation in the pool will be provided with feedback as action items. Plus, where applicable, 9Wire will provide ad hoc support aligned to your needs, provide access to ancillary programmes, visibility to partner organisations, and access to other resources (marketing, investment readiness, impact modelling, etc.)

Filter #3: Intensive Venture Management - Those innovations being considered for Intensive Venture Management support will be taken through a more detailed evaluation process. This may include: requests for additional information, clarification, interviews, demonstration of capabilities, technical feasibility assessments, etc. 9Wire anticipates its current resources will allow nine innovations to be taken through the Intensive Venture Management process. The innovations evaluated for Intensive Venture Management but not selected for the Nine will be immediately placed in the innovation pool for ad hoc support.

We are confident all innovations will receive a level of support to help them move to the next step along their innovation journey. We appreciate your enthusiasm and interest in the 9Wire Programme. Together, we can address the environmental problems facing Aotearoa. Because of your efforts and passion, you have been integral to the formation of New Zealand's first national environmental innovation database. By continuing to update your canvas, as your venture progresses through 9Wire, you will help keep this national treasure updated.

Note: The 9Wire team must ensure, while making selections for the innovation portfolio, they are fair and consistent in their evaluations of the innovation opportunities. These selections will be based on how they can benefit New Zealanders and it's environment without bias or exclusion to specific categories, types of innovations, or organisations.

Questions and comments can be submitted at info@9wire.co.nz