The IRRI Bio-Innovation Center offers a membership-based program that allows private and public sector partners to leverage IRRI’s world-class research infrastructure, expertise, and resources for the development or scaling up of their own products and services.

- The Center is targeted specifically towards the rice sector and its dependent industries
- Members have access to advanced technologies and are able to house their researchers in IRRI’s research labs and having the best opportunities to fast track the innovative research product discoveries
- Unique research collaboration opportunity for members to have tailor-made (sui-generis) research projects of common interest in rice science and related areas
- Members can take advantage of an array of business support resources and services to stimulate entrepreneurial and commercial development

**RESEARCH AREAS**

The IRRI Bio-Innovation Center provides world-leading research support for a variety of research and development areas, as well as other topics of common interest.

- Transgenic Research and Genome Editing
- Nutrition and Grain Quality
- Breeding for High-Value Germplasm
- E-Agriculture ICT Tools, Solutions, and Systems
- Soil, Water, and Plant Analytics
- Mechanization, Technologies, and Management Systems
- High-Throughput Genotyping & Phenotyping
- Genebank Collaboration & Genetic Diversity Research

**THE VISION**

The International Rice Research Institute established the IRRI Bio-Innovation Center to nurture technology and knowledge-based agri-enterprises, foster innovation, research, and entrepreneurial activities in the rice sector, and strengthen its collaboration with the private-public sectors; a key partner in food and nutrition security.
FACILITIES & SERVICES

Members of the IRRI Bio-Innovation Center can leverage the institute’s extensive research infrastructure and expertise for their own research and development agendas.

Germplasm pool and pipeline
- Germplasm resources from the International Rice Genebank
- Emerging array of products from IRRI’s conventional rice breeding activities

Research Infrastructure - Laboratories
- Laboratory space, equipment, and resources for a variety of research areas
- Includes biotechnology, -omics, grain quality, analytical services, and related disciplines
- Laboratory support from IRRI technical staff

Research Infrastructure - Fields
- Space rental for test fields, greenhouses, screenhouses, experimental farm
- Phenotyping and skilled manpower services

Integrated Research Support Services
- Plant Growth Facility for growth facilities, seed processing, and storage
- Seed Health Unit for safe transfer of seeds and materials
- Database warehousing for intellectual property requirements

Regulatory and Stewardship Support
- Training and support for dossier preparation, regulatory filing, and stakeholder management
- Support for regulatory compliance, biosafety-related activities, and environmental stewardship

Consulting Services
- Intellectual Property Management consulting and support
- Information and analysis on rice seed and rice markets

Training and Capacity Sharing
- Courses, workshops, and seminars through IRRI Education
- Via existing modules or customized programs

IRRI Expertise and Network
- Ad-hoc discussions or formal mentoring with IRRI researchers and alumni
- Engagement with IRRI and CGIAR global network
- Research and technical support in relevant aspects of rice research

Access and availability of certain facilities and services to be determined by the membership agreement.
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