



SEED FUND CALL 2025
"INNOVATION AND IMPACT"

Seed Fund Call

Overview

- Open to all Construct Innovate **members**
- Project collaborators must include at least one RPO member (Research Performing Organisation) and one Associate/Patron Member. Maximum 2 applications accepted by a collaborative partnership.
- Maximum funding available will not exceed €50,000 project funding (excl. 30% Overheads).
- Industry funding contribution commitment of €15,000 cash/in-kind is required in addition to funding value.
- Applications open from **1st April 2025 until 12pm on 31st May 2025.**
- Applications must be completed using “Construct Innovate Project Proposal - Application form 2025” template and submitted in MS Word Format. Guidelines for the project proposals are included in the template document. *All call information will be available to download from the website from 1st April – www.constructinnovate.ie*
- Upon closing of the call, each Project Application will be evaluated & scored by a Construct Innovate Evaluation Panel and submitted to the Construct Innovate Centre Steering Committee (CSC) for review and funding approval.
- Latest start date is within 6 months of project award including resourcing and contract signing. Construct Innovate may recall funding if not commenced within this timeframe. Clearly demonstrate this in application resource plan.
- Results from completed projects will be **open-source** and published by Construct Innovate upon completion and disseminated widely.

Project Evaluation Process: Seed Fund projects

Project application process for projects seeking funding from Construct Innovate



Project Evaluation Process: Assessment Criteria



Only projects that score >70/100 will be considered for funding.

- Each project application is assessed and scored against the criteria shown.
- Guidelines for completion of each section of the application form is included in the “Construct Innovate Project Proposal - Application form 2025” template document.

Evaluation of Construct Innovate Project Proposal			
Evaluation	Details	Score	Max score
Project description			20
Impact statement	20 marks for RPO Impact 20 marks for Industry Impact		40
Work plan			30
Budget			10
Total score			100

- Application template includes 4 sections:
 - Project Description
 - Impact Statement
 - Work Plan
 - Budget

Project Funding: Industry Contribution Required



- Each Project application will require a commitment of both cash and in-kind from industry collaborators totalling €15,000.
- Cash/In-kind Split Contribution values will be determined by the organisation size of each industry partner.
- The Industry Funding Calculator tool will assist in determining contribution requirement per industry partner(s)

Construct Innovate Seed Fund Call - April 2025: Industry Funding Calculator

Total Project Funding Requirement

Minimum Industry Funding required (inc. Overhead) € **15,000** Industry partners can commit to increased funding amounts to increase project budget.

Industry Partner Funding Breakdown Calculator

Associate/Patron Member Size	No. of Industry Partners	Multiplier	€	Funding Split		Cash/In-Kind Required by Each Industry Member Partner				
				€	15,000	Cash (€)	In-Kind (€ equivalent)	Cash/In-Kind Split		
Micro	1	x 1.00	€	3,462	€	519	€	2,942	15%	85%
Small	0	x 1.67	€	-					25%	75%
Medium	1	x 3.33	€	11,538	€	5,769	€	5,769	50%	50%
Large	0	x 5.00	€	-					75%	25%
			€	15,000						

Note:
Insert number of industry partners in the appropriate cell depending on company size

Table:
Associate/Patron Member Size Categorisation

	Headcount: annual work unit (AWS)	Annual Turnover or Annual Balance Sheet Total
Micro	< 10	≤ €2M or ≤ €2M
Small	< 50	≤ €10M or ≤ €10M
Medium	< 250	≤ €50M or ≤ €43M
Large	> 250	> €50M or > €43M

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