



How to fund your Research & Innovation Journey

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Supporting Talent in your Organisation



Graduates

Level 8 and Level 9



Scheme Name	Available Budget	Match Fund Requirement	Timelines	Key Points to Note
<u>Construct Innovate Work Ready Graduate Programme</u>	Costs of employment, mentoring and training of graduate for 1 year	Must be a member of Construct Innovate 30% of cost from industry	Annual – EOI from company Sept-Dec; Open to graduates for applications Jan-April; Secondment starts Sept for 1 year	Construct Innovate help our member companies tackle the challenge of recruiting graduates with a combination of experience in Research, Development and Innovation and the softer skills needed to work effectively within the companies Graduate seconded to industry for 1 year Undertake Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Innovation
<u>Research Ireland Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postgraduate)</u>	1) Stipend of €25,000 per annum; 2) Contribution to fees, including non-EU fees, up to a maximum of €5,750 per annum; 3) Eligible direct research expenses of €3,250 per annum.	Research master's and doctoral candidates An enterprise partner can be a company, registered charity, social, cultural or not-for-profit civic organisation, state-owned enterprise or an eligible public body that will co-fund the researcher for the duration of the award.	Now Open-10th April deadline	The enterprise partner is expected to commit €11,300 annually towards the cost of funding the researcher. The duration of these awards ranges from one to four years.

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<p><u>Innovate For Ireland- Industry Partnership stream</u></p>	<p>Maximum budget for direct costs to support one student is €180,000 (inclusive of the industry partner contribution), or an average of approximately €45,000 per annum.</p>	<p>The main eligibility requirements for Lead Applicants, Co-Applicants, Named Supervisors and Research Bodies are set out in the call document.</p> <p>The PhD students (iScholars) who are recruited to the programme will need to have entrepreneurial capacity and interest along with outstanding research ability and academic credibility.</p> <p>Participating Industry Partner must meet the requirements as set out in the call document.</p>	<p>Closed-19th March 2025</p>	<p>4 years PhD Funding</p> <p>PhD Research Scholarship Programme may have greater involvement of an Industry Partner.</p>

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Graduates

Level 10 (PhD)



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<u>PhDStart</u>	€62,000 over 2 years to recruit a PhD graduate and support salary for two years.	Registered clients of Enterprise Ireland or Údarás na Gaeltachta. 50:50 co-funding	Rolling call Submit EOI	Embed innovative PhD graduate capability in your R&D and innovation strategy. Talent Match-Making provided by Enterprise Ireland Company must employ 5 staff full time in Ireland (for one graduate) or 10 full time staff in Ireland (for three graduates)
<u>Research Ireland IRDIF</u>	25% to a maximum of 80% of total project costs depending on the size of the industry partner company up to €100k	Academic researchers (at faculty, postdoctoral and late-stage PhD level) wishing to spend time in industry worldwide through the temporary placement of academic researchers with an industry partner.	26th June 2024(2025?)	Fellowships can have a duration of between 1 and 12 months if full-time, and between 2 and 24 months if part-time.
<u>Research Ireland Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral)</u>	1) Salary of €46,714 in the first year of the award and 47,879 in the second year of the award 2) Employer's PRSI contribution 3) Eligible direct research expenses of €5,000 per annum.	Early Career Researcher An enterprise partner can be a company, registered charity, social, cultural or not-for-profit civic organisation, state-owned enterprise or an eligible public body** that will co-fund the researcher for the duration of the award.	Opening is Q1 2025	The enterprise partner is expected to commit €18,959*** in the first year of the award and €19,390 in the second year of the award towards the cost of funding the researcher. The Irish Research Council contributes the remaining funds.

Collaborate with Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) (Universities) to Develop your Innovative Solutions



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<u>Innovation Voucher</u>	1- Standard Voucher:€10k 2- Co-funded Voucher:€20k (50% company contribution)	SMEs seeking fresh innovative thinking around business challenges. SMEs must be limited companies registered in Ireland, with fewer than 250 employees and not exceeding an annual turnover of €50m. Ireland and Northern Ireland’s publicly funded Knowledge Providers (i.e. higher education institutes, public research bodies)	Rolling Deadline Evaluation process normally takes 4 weeks	Innovation Vouchers are EXCLUSIVE OF VAT. You will be charged VAT by the knowledge provider and this cost MUST be settled separately by the company. A company may make use of a maximum of four Innovation vouchers, one of which must be a co-funded voucher.
<u>Enterprise Ireland Innovation Partnership: Feasibility</u>	€ 9,000	Registered clients of Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Local Enterprise Office, Údarás na Gaeltachta. A manufacturing or internationally traded services company with an operating base in the Republic of Ireland that wishes to collaborate with one or more research institutes, also based in the Republic of Ireland, is eligible to participate.	-	Phase 1/Option 2 of application process for full proposal stage Phase 1 is not necessary to apply for full proposal of IPP
<u>Construct Innovate Seed Fund</u>	€50,000+30% overhead	Must be a member of Construct Innovate €15,000 from industry (mix of cash and in-kind)	Open 1 st April 2025 Deadline Submission deadline 31 May 2025	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.

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<p><u>Enterprise Ireland Innovation Partnership</u></p>	<p>Enterprise Ireland's Innovation Partnership Programme provides grants of up to 80% towards eligible costs of the research project (€100k)+All Innovation Partnership projects require the company partner to provide minimum cash contribution of 20% of the total project cost.</p>	<p>Registered clients of Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Local Enterprise Office, Údarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p>A manufacturing or internationally traded services company with an operating base in the Republic of Ireland that wishes to collaborate with one or more research institutes, also based in the Republic of Ireland, is eligible to participate.</p>	<p>Now Open-Different Deadlines (please check the call website)</p>	<p>Phase 2: A Full Innovation Partnership Proposal Application will be accepted following the approval of an Outline Proposal or following the submission of an Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study report</p> <p>Projects normally run for 12-18 months</p> <p>The funding of Masters and/or PhD students is not a reasonable justification for a proposal submission as other sources of funding are available for this purpose.</p>

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<p><u>Research Ireland Strategic Partnership Programme</u></p>	<p>The SFI budget for the Strategic Partnership must be a minimum of €400,000 meaning the total award size (SFI and co-funding partner budget) is a minimum of €800,000 (direct costs). There is no maximum request level.</p>	<p>Be a member of the academic staff (permanent or with a contract that covers the period of the grant), or A contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, research should align with one of the 6 Refreshed Priority Themes for 2018-2023(opens in a new tab) or with any other area where there is convincing evidence that there will be significant potential for economic and/or societal impact in Ireland.</p>	<p>Now Open-Rolling</p>	<p>Duration: 1-5 years</p> <p>Applications are by invitation only, following the submission and evaluation of an Expression of Interest.</p>
<p><u>DTIF</u></p>	<p>Minimum funding of €1.5 million over three years</p>	<p>Each project to have at least three independent partners seeking funding from DTIF, including at least one SME and one other enterprise partner.</p>	<p>Rolling-deadline for Call 7: 30 April 2025</p>	<p>SMEs can claim no more than 50% of their eligible costs, whereas large companies can claim no more than 40% of their eligible costs</p> <p>Research organisations (including colleges) can claim up to 100% of their eligible costs but can receive no more than 50% of the total DTIF grant aid per project</p>

Responding to Research Challenges set by Government Agencies



Research Challenges by Government Agencies

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<u>SEAI Academic Fellowship Programme</u>	Max €300k	The Academic Fellowships category aims to build capacity in the energy sector, providing opportunities for early-stage postdoctoral researchers to lead projects in support of Ireland's clean energy transition.	14th May 2025	Eligible costs are salary, travel, material, equipment and OH
<u>SEAI SEAI-Based Fellowship Programme</u>	Two years of salary +overheads	SEAI-Based Fellowship awards will support fellows who have the support of a 3rd level educational body to conduct research on a specified topic, within SEAI.	14th May 2025	Fellows will typically be based in the SEAI head office in Dublin for the duration of the award. Fellows can apply to one of five topics. Only Eligible cost is Staff cost +OH
<u>DAFM Thematic Research Call 2025</u>	Standard (up to €750k) Large (up to €1.5 million) Strategic (up to €3 million)	Please read the call document after it is opened.	Open late March/early April 2025	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland will collaborate on this Call, providing funding for specific themes/sub-themes to enable eligible research organisations in Northern Ireland to partner with counterparts in Ireland.
<u>Research Ireland Frontiers for the Future Programme</u> <u>1) Projects</u> <u>2) Awards</u>	Projects: €200,000 - €600,000 Awards: €600,000 - €1,500,000	Projects provides funding for high-risk, high-reward research that facilitates highly innovative and novel approaches to research. Awards provides larger scale funding for innovative, collaborative and excellent research programmes that have the potential to deliver economic and societal impact.	Projects: Closed Awards: Rolling	The Programme will be run in collaboration with the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and the Children's Health Foundation (CHF)

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<u>Construct Innovate Productivity and Digitisation Funding</u>	€50,000	Must be a member of Construct Innovate No minimum matched funding required, but encouraged	Open April 2025. Closed for applications 3 weeks later.	Seeking project proposals that lead to increase in productivity and/or Increased adoption of digital tools/technologies related to the delivery of housing and to support the Housing for All

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