

INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Brochure 2024



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OVERVIEW

The Innovation Partnership Programme encourages Irish-based companies to work with Irish research institutes resulting in mutually beneficial co-operation and interaction. Companies can access expertise and resources to undertake research towards the development of new and improved products, processes, services, and generate new knowledge and know-how. The participating company benefits in terms of its growth, the evolution of its strategic research and development and the creation of new knowledge that it can use to generate commercial advantage. The research institute benefits in terms of developing skill sets, intellectual property and publications.

PROJECT APPLICATION/MANAGEMENT

The proposal application to Enterprise Ireland and the administration of the project is managed by the Principal Investigator in the participating research institute. Upon approval, the grant is paid directly to the research institute.

COMPANY CONTRIBUTION

All Innovation Partnership projects require the company partner to provide minimum cash contribution of 20% of the total project cost. In all cases, the company partner must have the resources to contribute its share of the funding for the research and to fund the commercialisation of the research, when completed.



ELIGIBILITY

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.

The company must be a registered client of one of the following state development agencies: Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta, a Local Enterprise Office.

The company must have the full support of their assigned Development Adviser / Agency Contact to participate in the programme. This support must be confirmed before any application forms are submitted. Clusters of companies and/or research institutes are welcome to apply to the programme.

FUNDING

Enterprise Ireland Innovation Partnership Programme provides grants of up to 80% towards eligible costs of the research project. Funding from Enterprise Ireland will normally not exceed €200,000. Exceptions to this limit may be made for established clients of Enterprise Ireland and other State development agencies where the Innovation Partnership project and the follow-on activity will clearly lead to a significant increase in the company's employment and/or sales and exports. Grant funding to projects involving early-stage companies and High Potential Start-Up (HPSU) clients will normally be capped at €100,000.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Innovation Partnership's 'Intellectual Property Heads of Agreement Template' should be completed and signed by both the research institute and the company at the application stage. This outlines how Intellectual Property, to be developed in the project, will be handled.

APPLICATION PROCESS INTRODUCTION

There are two phases associated with an Innovation Partnership application.

- In Phase 1, there are two options.
 - Option 1 is to submit an Outline Proposal Document.
 - Option 2 is to apply for an Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study.
- Phase 2 is a Full Application.

APPLICATION PROCESS PHASE 1 OPTION 1

Innovation Partnership Outline Proposal

The Principal Investigator in the research institute prepares the Innovation Partnership Outline Proposal Application Form. The company partner must discuss this proposal in detail with their Development Adviser/ Agency Contact before the research institute partner submits it. Outline Proposals can be submitted at any time. No funding is available for submitting an Outline Proposal document.

The Principal Investigator in the research institute submits the Innovation Partnership Outline Proposal Application Form to the Enterprise Ireland at the following email address: ipp@enterprise-ireland.com.

Based on the Outline Proposal, Enterprise Ireland provides feedback and advice on:

- The eligibility of the proposed research under the Innovation Partnership Programme
- The appropriate next steps i.e. proceed to a Full Innovation Partnership Project application or consider an Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study
- The appropriate grant rates that will apply to the proposed applications.

APPLICATION PROCESS PHASE 1 OPTION 2

Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study

An Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study is a small, short-term study designed to enable the Principal Investigator to develop a proposal for a full Innovation Partnership Application. Maximum funding for an Innovation Partnership Feasibility study provides 100% grant to a limit of €9,000. Feasibility proposals are submitted to Enterprise Ireland by the research institute partner. The grant is paid directly to the research institute upon approval.

To apply for an Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study Grant, please complete and submit the Innovation Partnership Feasibility Proposal Application to the Enterprise Ireland at the following email address: ipp@enterprise-ireland.com

APPLICATION PROCESS PHASE 2 Full Proposal Application

Full Proposals Application will be accepted following the approval of an outline proposal or following the submission of a report upon completion of an Innovation Partnership Feasibility Study.

The company must discuss this proposal in detail with their Development Adviser / Agency Contact before the research institute partner submits it.

To apply for a Full Innovation Partnership, please complete and submit the Full Innovation Partnership Proposal Application to the Enterprise Ireland at the following email address: ipp@enterprise-ireland.com

ESSENTIAL READING BEFORE APPLYING

Before applying, please read the following documents:

- Innovation Partnership Guidelines
- Innovation Partnership Frequently Asked Questions

APPLICATION FORMS

Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Application Forms are available to download at:

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/innovation-partnership-programme>

SCHEDULE 2024

The Industrial Research and Commercialisation Committee (IRCC) will make funding decisions on Innovation Partnership proposals 11 times in 2024.

Full Innovation Partnership Proposals should be submitted at least 6 weeks before the IRCC date. **Please note: Outline Proposals and Feasibility Proposals can be submitted at any time.**

INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP SCHEDULE 2024		
FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION		IRCC FUNDING DECISION
28 November	→	24 January
2 January	→	21 February
30 January	→	20 March
5 March	→	17 April
2 April	→	15 May
28 May	→	17 July
2 July	→	21 August
6 August	→	18 September
3 September	→	16 October
1 October	→	20 November
29 October	→	12 December



CONTACT DETAILS

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<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/innovation-partnership-programme>

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