



# Funding Opportunities

## A summary of available research funding programmes and mechanisms

Many national and EU funding agencies provide funding support for industry research at a range of scales, both with and without research partners. CAPP have extensive experience with funding applications (well over 100 in the last 8 years) and can assist companies in identifying the most appropriate funding mechanism, and in navigating the paperwork, proposal writing and grant admin.

### Direct Funding

- The most straightforward funding mechanism – company covers full cost of research. Can be any scale of project. Advantages: **Confidentiality; Full IP ownership; Fast project start-up.**
- However, potentially missing out on leveraging significant additional money from funding agencies.
- CAPP operates a **Stepping Stone** programme which includes a **free** half-day analysis of your research question/innovation idea.

### Key to Funding Agencies

- EI** – Enterprise Ireland, [www.enterprise-ireland.com](http://www.enterprise-ireland.com)
- SFI** – Science Foundation Ireland, [www.sfi.ie](http://www.sfi.ie)
- IRC** – Irish Research Council, [www.research.ie](http://www.research.ie)
- DAFM** – Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Marine, [www.agriculture.gov.ie/research](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/research)
- EU** – European Union [Horizon Europe Programme], <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/>



### Small-Scale Projects (~€0 – €50k)

- **Innovation Vouchers (EI)**
  - EI will provide €5k for short research investigations. Company either just pays the VAT, or can co-fund up to additional €5k
  - Can be ‘redeemed’ at any registered knowledge provider



### Medium-Scale Projects (~€50k – €200k)

- **Innovation Partnerships (EI)**
  - Typically, €100-200k project, over 1-2 years
  - Company funds 20-60% in cash
- **Enterprise Partnership Scholarships/Fellowships (IRC)**
  - Company part-funds an MSc/PhD student or Postdoc
  - 1 call per year, Fellow could be based in company
- **IPIC Centre Targeted Projects (SFI)**
  - Typically 30-50% company contribution
  - Fast start-up, wider benefits of IPIC membership
- **National Challenge Funds (SFI)**
  - Academic/industry collab., addressing specific topics
  - Initial €250k funding, with possibility for further €1-2M



### Large-Scale Projects (>€200k)

- **Horizon Europe Projects (EU)**
  - EU Consortium of min. 3 partners
  - Cutting-edge research, projects can be several €M
  - 75%/100% funding of industry partners’ activities
- **EIC Accelerator (EU)**
  - Up to €2.5M funding for SMEs (TRL 5-8)
  - Open and Challenge (targeted) calls
- **FIRM Projects (DAFM)**
  - Food-related research [industry support for research institute projects]
  - Consortium of Irish research institutes, up to 5 years
- **Investigator/Partnership Programmes (SFI)**
  - Support multi-year research project of academic PI
  - Steer academic research, early access to new results

N.B. This is by no means a comprehensive list of available funding opportunities. CAPP can help find the best option for you – come talk to us!

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