



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. CAPPA 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.
- CAPPA 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
- **SFI** – Science Foundation Ireland, www.sfi.ie
- **IRC** – Irish Research Council, www.research.ie
- **DAFM** – Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Marine, www.agriculture.gov.ie/research
- **EU** – European Union [Horizon 2020], ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/



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

• SME Instrument Phase 1 (EU)

- EU provide €50k + overheads for SME to elaborate business plan and initial feasibility study (~6 months)
- Typically, prototype product exists, market identified
- Can partner with other EU companies/research institutes



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

• TIDA (EI/SFI)

- 1 year, €100k project, no company contribution
- High research content, ~3 year time-to-market



Large-Scale Projects (>€200k)

- **Horizon 2020 Projects (EU)**
 - EU Consortium of min. 3 partners
 - Cutting-edge research, projects can be several €M
 - 75%/100% funding of industry partners' activities
- **SME Instrument Phase 2 (EU)**
 - €500k - €2.5M, 1-2 year project, 70%/100% funded
 - Bring product/plan to ready-for-market stage

• 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. CAPPA can help find the best option for you – come talk to us!