
Investing in People and Ideas



IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL
An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn



A BRIEF HISTORY...

2012 – Irish Research Council is formally launched by the Minister for Research and Innovation


Formed from two former councils: IRCHSS and IRCSET

Mission statement: to enable and sustain a vibrant and creative research community in Ireland




WORKING WITH ENTERPRISE PARTNERS


An overview

- Postgraduate and postdoctoral programmes co-funded with **enterprise partners**
 - Facilitates **collaboration** between national and international enterprise and academia
 - Strengthens and expands national and international **networks** between enterprise and academia
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WHY ENTERPRISE-ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIPS?

- Where relevant, companies are able to bring products to market faster by forming mutually beneficial partnerships with academic researchers
 - Enterprise partners can gain expertise in areas they aim to prioritise
 - Enterprise partners contribute to process of producing graduates who are better equipped to enter sectors outside universities
 - Universities gain much needed funding, financial benefits and more recognition from society
 - Now broadening this out to all academic disciplines
 - Better equipped graduates can drive future economies
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BENEFITS TO ENTERPRISE PARTNERS?

- Access to exceptionally talented, pre-assessed researchers and potential future employees
 - Relationships with specialised academic research groups working on an agreed project
 - Low cost collaboration which means value for money
 - Maximise potential for innovation – ‘Talent’ is key
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BENEFITS TO RESEARCHERS?

- Exposure to commercially oriented and/or non academic research environments
 - Mentoring from recognised and established experts in their principal field of study
 - Builds transferable skill set, making it easier to move between sectors
 - Enhances employment opportunities for researchers
 - Establishes links to enterprise partners and their associates
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ENTERPRISE-ACADEMIA-SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH RESEARCHERS

- ❑ Investing in people and ideas
- ❑ Building diverse research careers
- ❑ Options for Enterprise-Academia-Social engagement

❖ Enterprise Partnership Scheme

❖ Employment-Based Postgraduate Programme

❖ Elevate Postdoctoral Programme

SUMMARY

Enterprise Partnership Scheme	Employment-based Postgraduate Programme	Elevate Postdoctoral Programme
Masters, PhD, Postdoc	Masters, PhD	Postdoc
Irish Research Council, 66% € Enterprise Partner, 33% €	IRC €16,000 & fees Employment Partner top-up to min €24,000	European Commission, 40% € Irish Research Council, 30% € Enterprise Partner, 30% €
Researcher based in Irish HEI with placement opportunity in Company	Researcher employed by Company with placement in Irish HEI	Researcher 2 years abroad in HEI or Company and 1 year in Irish HEI
Company based anywhere	Company based in Ireland	Company based anywhere



ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT

- Capacity to provide professional guidance and mentoring to the individual researcher at the location for a period of the duration of the award
- Access to experimental facilities, data, resources, archival materials, etc. – a true collaboration – at the location for a period of the duration of the award
- Commitment to co-fund for the duration of the award
- Where relevant, an IP Management Agreement will be in place in advance of the award

WHAT DOES THE ENTERPRISE PARTNER CONTRIBUTE?

In the Postdoctoral Fellowships

Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship

International Host

- 40% EU Commission funding
- 30% IRC funding
- 30% Host enterprise partner funding

3 year Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Total award: circa €88,000 per annum (x 3 = c. €264,000) (estimate)
- Cost to enterprise: circa €26,000 (x3 = c. €78,000) (estimate)
- Postdoctoral Researcher is an employee of the Irish HEI for the duration of the award

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Enterprise Partnership Scheme

- 66.6% IRC funding
- 33.3% from Enterprise Partner

Two year Fellowship

- Total award c.€92,000 (estimate)
- Cost to Enterprise Partner: c.€13,000 per annum (estimate)

The IRC continues to work with
over **100** Enterprise Partners
worldwide and this number is growing



PERCEIVED VALUE OF ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

Previous partners have reported

- Very positive experiences
- User friendly
- Non-bureaucratic
- Responsive
- Scope to build on success and to expand the schemes

HOW TO CONNECT?

Expressions of interest to participate can happen through:

1. Establishing/strengthening ties to Research Centres
2. Establishing/strengthening ties to Research Offices in higher education institutions
3. Establish/strengthen links with academic mentors
4. Registering on the IRC website as an interested enterprise partner (www.research.ie)
5. Registering with the soon to be launched www.researchers.ie

So who are our enterprise partners?





Answers That Matter.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION


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