

IRELAND – TAIGHDE ÉIREANN – RESEARCH IRELAND (formerly SFI)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	€800,000
Anticipated number of projects to fund	1–2 projects
Website	https://www.researchireland.ie/funding/clean-energy-transition/
Contact	<p>Dr. Emma McGrath, EU Programmes Officer emma.mcgrath@researchireland.ie</p> <p>General mailbox enquiries eu-cofund@researchireland.ie</p>

National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	<p>The following Call Modules only are eligible for funding from Research Ireland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM2025-02: Energy system flexibility, renewables production, storage and system integration • CM2025-03A: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA) • CM2025-04: Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) • CM2025-05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels <p>Pre-proposals received to other call modules not listed above will be deemed ineligible.</p>
Proposal submission	<p>Applicants must notify Research Ireland in advance of proposal submission. More details can be found on Research Ireland’s CET 2025 call webpage: https://www.researchireland.ie/funding/clean-energy-transition/</p>
Project Consortium Partners	<p>Only an academic partner or coordinator based in an eligible Irish Host Research body may apply for Research Ireland funding.</p> <p>Please refer to Research Ireland’s Policies and Guidance for the list of eligible Research Performing Organisations: Eligibility Information</p> <p>The Irish-based applicant must:</p>

**Project Consortium
Partners (cont.)**

- hold a PhD or equivalent qualification* for at least 3 years by the pre-proposal deadline. The official date is defined as the day, month and year that the degree was conferred, i.e. the month and year printed on the official PhD certificate.

* Please visit the Research Ireland website for further details on [equivalence](#)

AND

- be a member of the academic staff of an eligible Research Body (permanent or with an active contract that covers the period of the grant)

OR

- be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, who is recognised by the eligible Research Body as an independent investigator and will have an independent office and research space for which he/she will be fully responsible for at least the duration of the Research Ireland grant

OR

- be an individual who will be recognised by the eligible Research Body upon receipt of the grant as an academic staff or as a contract researcher as defined above. The applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Research Body at the time of the application submission.

AND

- be an author on at least three international peer-reviewed articles. Only original research publications, and not review articles or other secondary research literature, are acceptable.

Please also note:

- Research Ireland will only accept one proposal application per individual applicant.
- Applicants can apply to both Research Ireland and other participating Irish agencies with different project proposals, if eligible under each agency's own rules. An applicant is not permitted to request funding from more than one participating Irish agency for the same proposal.
- If two or more Ireland-based applicants are partners on the same proposal planning to carry out distinct work, funding can be requested separately by each partner to different participating agencies, adhering to

Project Consortium Partners (cont.)	<p>each agency's own rules and requirements. Please note Research Ireland will fund only one partner per proposal.</p> <p>For applicant eligibility, please refer to Research Ireland's CETPartnership 2025 call webpage for more information: https://www.researchireland.ie/funding/clean-energy-transition/</p>		
Project duration	Up to 36 months		
Project budget			
Funding request	<p>Up to €330,000 direct costs, €405,000 including overheads, for Irish-based researchers applying as a project partner.</p> <p>Up to €405,000 direct costs, €530,000 including overheads, for Irish-based researchers applying as a project coordinator.</p>		
Funding rates (%)	Up to 100%		
	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation
Large enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medium enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A
Universities, public re- search organisations	X	X	X
Public authorities	N/A	N/A	N/A
Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	N/A	N/A	N/A
Types of cost	<p><u>Eligible costs</u></p> <p>Salary-related costs for research personnel. Please use current Research Ireland Team Member Salary Scales. The Irish partner cannot request their own salary.</p> <p>Equipment costs up to a maximum value of €50K</p> <p>Travel costs</p> <p>Direct running costs (materials and consumables)</p> <p>Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs</p>		

Types of cost (cont.)	<p>Subcontracting costs are considered an eligible budget category however strong justification for subcontracting must be provided and pre-approved directly with Research Ireland in advance of proposal submission.</p> <p>Overheads should be calculated at 30% of the direct costs, but excluding the cost of all equipment identified in the application.</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding listed eligible costs apply as defined within Research Ireland's grant budget policy</p> <p><u>Ineligible costs</u></p> <p>Research Ireland will not provide a contribution towards the salary of the applicant, international co-applicants or collaborators. All additional ineligible costs apply as described in Research Ireland's grant budget policy.</p>
RDI approaches and TRLs	<p>Oriented basic and proof-of-concept activities/projects (TRL 1,2 or 3)</p> <p>Applied research and development activities/projects (TRL 4, 5)</p> <p>Projects moving to a TRL higher than 5 at project completion may be considered eligible if the activities and contributions of the Irish partner over the duration of the project remain within the allowable TRLs.</p>
Other requirements/guidelines	<p>State Aid: Applicants are advised that funding awarded by Research Ireland under the Clean Energy Transition Partnership Programme will be subject to, and must comply with, State aid rules and the conditions of the EU Commission General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). Funding will be awarded to successful applicants under Article 25, in respect of aid for research and development projects. For further details please consult: Taighde Éireann Research Ireland Research and Innovation Scheme 2021-2026</p>