

**IRELAND – TAIGHDE ÉIREANN-RESEARCH IRELAND (earlier Science Foundation Ireland) – TA-RI**

*\*As of 1st August 2024, Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland. Research Ireland is the new national competitive research and innovation funding agency, established through the amalgamation of the activities and functions of Science Foundation Ireland and the Irish Research Council.*

## a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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<b>Funding commitment</b>	1,000,000
<b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner</b>	Up to €330,000 direct costs for Irish-based researchers applying as a project partner  Up to €405,000 direct costs for Irish-based researchers applying as a project coordinator
<b>Eligible types of organisations</b>	Irish Host Research bodies eligible for Research Ireland funding.  Please refer to Research Ireland’s Policies and Guidance for the list of eligible Research Performing Organisations: <a href="#">Eligibility Information</a>
<b>Eligible Call Modules</b>	<u>TRI1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CM2024-01: Energy data spaces and interoperability</li><li>• CM2024-02: Energy system flexibility: renewables production, storage and system integration</li></ul> <u>TRI3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CM2024-04: Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS)</li><li>• CM2024-05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels</li></ul> <u>TRI4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CM2024-06: Heating and cooling technologies</li><li>• CM2024-07: Geothermal energy technologies</li></ul> <u>TRI7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CM2024-010: Clean energy integration in the built environment</li></ul>
<b>Eligible types of RDI and TRL</b>	Oriented basic and proof-of-concept activities/projects (TRL 1,2 or 3) Applied research and development activities/projects (TRL 4, 5)  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.
<b>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</b>	Please refer to the Research Ireland call webpage for details of submission requirements

<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p><b>The Irish-based applicant must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hold a <b>PhD or equivalent qualification*</b> for at least <b>3 years</b> 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.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Please visit the <a href="#">Research Ireland website</a> for further details on equivalence</i></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an author on at least <b>three</b> international peer-reviewed articles. Only original research publications, and not review articles or other secondary research literature, are acceptable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please refer to the Research Ireland CETP call webpage for more information on eligibility criteria. Please note that Research Ireland may contact applicants directly to confirm eligibility post submission.</b></p>
<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>	<p>Funding is provided for up to 100% of eligible costs. The following indicates the maximum levels of funding that may be requested:</p> <p>Up to €330,000 direct costs for Irish-based researchers applying as a project partner</p> <p>Up to €405,000 direct costs for Irish-based researchers applying as a project coordinator</p> <p><u>Eligible costs</u></p> <p><b>Salary-related costs</b> for research personnel. Please use current Research Ireland Team Member Salary Scales. The Irish partner cannot request a salary.</p> <p><b>Small equipment costs</b> up to a maximum value of €50K</p> <p><b>Travel costs</b> with consideration for Research Ireland’s Guidance for Sustainable Travel Policy</p> <p><b>Direct running costs</b> (materials and consumables)</p> <p><b>Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs</b></p> <p><b>Subcontracting costs</b> are considered an eligible budget category however strong justification for subcontracting must be provided and pre-approved directly with Research Ireland in advance of</p>

	<p>proposal submission.</p> <p><b>Overheads</b> should be calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the application</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding listed eligible costs apply as defined within <a href="#">Research Ireland's grant budget policy</a></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.</p> <p>All additional ineligible costs apply as described in <a href="#">Research Ireland's grant budget policy</a>.</p> <p>Please refer to the FAQs on the Research Ireland CETP call webpage for more information on eligible costs.</p>
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/">https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/</a>
<b>Other</b>	<p><b>State Aid:</b> 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: <a href="#">Taighde Éireann- Research Ireland Research and Innovation Scheme 2021-2026</a></p>

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	<b>Basic research</b>	<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	<b>Experimental development/innovation</b>
<b>Large Enterprises</b>			
<b>Medium Enterprises</b>			
<b>Small Enterprises</b>			
<b>Universities, public research organisations</b>	X	X	
<b>Public authorities</b>			
<b>Associations without economic activities, NGOs</b>			