

RESEARCH & INNOVATION SUPPORTS



THE FOLLOWING LISTING PROVIDES
DETAILS ON THE FUNDING SUPPORTS
AVAILABLE FROM SELECTED
GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY BODIES

NSAI will review and update the list annually. The list is not definitive. If you are aware of government or industry bodies that could be added please email the details to info@nsai.ie

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Research and Innovation Supports

The Arts Council

The Arts Council is the Irish Government's development agency for the arts, the Arts Council is the major funder of the arts in Ireland. The Arts Council's grant from the Irish Exchequer for 2023 is €130 million

Arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for funding at: [Funding | Arts Council](#)



Bord Iascaigh Mhara

Bord Iascaigh Mhara helps to develop the Irish Seafood Industry by providing technical expertise, business support, funding, training, and promoting responsible environmental practice. They have a research and development fund to support Irish companies' innovation in the seafood sector and help grow the industry.



Further details are available at [BIM - Funding](#)

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has a research Portal, that enables applicants / users to apply for, and manage DAFMs grants and awards on-line. The results of the DAFM National and International Competitive Research Funding Programme for the years 2010-2021 are made available for the benefit of the agri-food and forestry sectors, the consumer and policymakers.



The dashboard shows the funding made available for the Food Institutional Research Measure (FIRM), Research Stimulus Fund (RSF) and Programme of Competitive Forest Research for Development (CoFoRD) research funding programmes and can be filtered by funding programme, thematic research, gender, and a summary of the successful research projects.

Additional information is available on the portal:

[Funding | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine](#)

Economic & Social Research Institute

The ESRI produces independent, high-quality research with the objective of informing policies that support a healthy economy and promote social



progress. Ireland is currently facing many challenges on both fronts. Progress requires policies that are grounded in evidence and therefore likely to act as effective solutions to complex policy challenges.

Additional information is available at: [Research Areas | ESRI](#)

Engineers Ireland

The NSAI has partnered with Engineers Ireland to launch a new €25,000 fund to support members participation in standards development.

The new fund developed by the NSAI will support expenses incurred by engineers in participating in standards-related work.

Additional information is available at:

[Funding | NSAI partners with Engineers Ireland](#)



Enterprise Ireland

Enterprise Ireland provides supports for both companies and researchers in Higher Education Institutes to develop new technologies and processes that will lead to job creation and increased exports. They also provide funding and supports for college-based researchers to assist in the development, protection and transfer of technologies into industry via licensing or spin-out companies.



Their aim is to facilitate collaborative links between enterprise and the research community that lead to the practical application of research in business, yielding benefits to both groups.

Learn more about their supports for academic research and its' commercialisation.

[Funding Supports | Enterprise Ireland](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

EPA manages an environmental research programme that delivers essential scientific support



for environmental policy development, implementation and broader decision making. Since 1994, the EPA has funded research that has increased national understanding of our environment, the challenges it faces and responses to these. EPA Research focuses on achieving environmental objectives, informing policy and bringing together researchers and research users.

The EPA is responsible for coordinating environmental research in Ireland.

For current research funding visit [EPA Research Funding](#)

Health Research Board

The Health Research Board (HRB) is a State Agency under the Department of Health. They support and fund health and social care research and provide evidence to inform policy and practice.



The HRB have a staff of 75 and an annual budget of €45 million, and manage an investment portfolio of approximately €200 million.

Their main areas of activity are:

Funding research proposals and managing grants

Conducting evidence reviews to underpin decision-making in health

Managing data collections in the areas of alcohol and drug treatment and deaths, disability and psychiatric admissions and discharges.

In order to view a full list of current funding activities click on the following link: [All funding schemes \(hrb.ie\)](https://www.hrb.ie/all-funding-schemes)

IDA Ireland

The IDA spend the largest proportion of IDA's grant funding programme on



IDA Ireland

RD&I. They offer a wide range of supports, including tax incentives and collaborative funding, to help your RD&I activity in Ireland. They also provide direct assistance for exploratory work ahead of longer-term R&D programmes.

The IDA Ireland grant for Research, Development & Innovation is aimed at developing and significantly increasing company engagement in RD&I activity in line with the objectives set out in The Action Plan for Jobs.

Discover more about the IDA funding programmes at:

[Funding Programmes and Incentives | IDA Ireland](#)

Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society is the largest voluntary funder of cancer research in Ireland, and they are committed to improving the lives of cancer patients in Ireland through research.



Every year the Irish Cancer Society fund the highest quality research across a range of cancer types and research areas.

More detailed information is available at:

[Apply for funding | Irish Cancer Society](#)

Irish Research Council

The Irish Research Council has a vision for a connected, agile Irish Research Council that



invests in the people, skills and ideas, across all disciplines, that will deliver new possibilities for the future, within Ireland and beyond. They manage a suite of interlinked programmes funding researchers across all career stages and disciplines.

Further information on funding supports is available through:

[Research Funding | IRC](#)

Marine Institute

The Marine Institute is sportive of Ireland's long tradition of marine research and innovation stretching back to such pioneers as Francis Beaufort, John Holland and William Spotswood Green.



Foras na Mara
Marine Institute

The Marine Institute provides funding for marine related projects under the Marine Research Programme.

Funding is provided under a number of programmes including the Cullen Fellowship Programme, Shiptime Programme, Post-Doctoral Fellowships, Project-Based Awards, Networking and Travel Awards and the National Infrastructure Programme (NIAP).

Information on current funding programmes is available at:

[Funding Programmes | Marine Institute](#)

Science Foundation Ireland

SFI provides grants for researchers from around the world who wish to relocate to Ireland and those already based in Ireland, for outstanding investigators, for conferences and symposia, and for collaboration with industry.



The majority of SFI awards are in the fields of science and engineering. Their research promotes and assists the development and competitiveness of industry, enterprise and employment in Ireland.

To find out more click on the following: [Funding calls |SFI](#)

Stand ICT

The StandICT.eu Fellowship Programme hosts a series of open calls that provide funding through a cascade grant process to support and incentivise participation of European standardization specialists in key international and global SDOs and consortia. The funding enables experts to travel to and participate in International Standardization meetings.



The topics for the StandICT.eu 2023 calls are defined through continuous monitoring and careful analysis of the international ICT standards landscape through liaison with Standards Development Organisations (SDOs) and Standard Setting Organisations (SSOs), key organisations such as the EU Multistakeholder Platform for ICT Standardisation, and its prestigious EAG- Expert Advisory Group and EUOS Foresight Committee, as well as industry-led groups, to pinpoint gaps and priorities matching EU DSM objectives.

Further details are available through [Home | StandICT.eu 2023](#)

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

SEAI coordinates and funds a range of research, development & demonstration (RD&D)



activities relating to the production, supply & use of energy. They stimulate and accelerate the development and deployment of energy related products, processes & systems in the Irish marketplace.

The SEAI supports solutions that enable technical and other barriers to market uptake of energy related products, processes & systems, to be overcome.

More information is available at:

[Research, Development & Demonstration Fund | SEAI](#)

Teagasc – Agriculture Food Development Authority

Teagasc is the Agriculture and Food Development Authority, it is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities. They collaborate extensively with their colleagues in Irish universities. Their postgraduate scholarships programme, which supports more than 100 MSc and PhD students annually in our research centres, enhances this collaboration.



Teagasc is the leading organisation in the fields of agriculture & food research in Ireland, undertaking innovative research in:

- Animal and Grassland Research and Innovation
- Crops, Environment and Land Use
- Food
- Rural Economy and Development

To review current research programmes and collaborations click on the following: [Research Funding | Teagasc](#)

University of Medicine and Health Services

RCSI is committed to the carrying out research to the highest standards of professionalism and scientific rigour to ensure the accuracy and integrity of their research outputs. With a focus on clinical and patient-centred research, they succeed in leading impactful discoveries which address key Irish and international health challenges.



To view all their research themes, click on the following link:

[Research Themes | RCSI Dublin](#)