
Investing in People and Ideas



IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL
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TWO COUNCILS BECOME ONE



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The mission of the Irish Research Council is to enable and sustain a vibrant and creative research community in Ireland

ENTERPRISE-ACADEMIA ENGAGEMENT THROUGH RESEARCHERS

- ❑ Investing in people and ideas
- ❑ Building diverse research careers
- ❑ Options for Enterprise-Academia 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 €	Irish Research Council €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



❖ ELEVATE POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMME

- Encouraging international and inter-sectoral mobility of Postdoctoral researchers
- Giving Postdoctoral researchers an insight into business aspects of research and innovation.
- Facilitate research collaboration, knowledge transfer and networking between Irish based Higher Education Institutions and international enterprise.
- Project is agreed between HEI and International Enterprise Partner and IP agreement signed at start
- Open to SMEs and Multinationals

❖ ELEVATE POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMME

- Marie Curie 3-year Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards
- **Years 1 & 2:** based in Higher Education Institution (HEI) or Enterprise Partner outside of Ireland
- **Year 3:** based in Irish HEI maintaining link to international HEI or Enterprise Partner
- **2 Calls** – 1st Call closing early 2013: 20 awards covering all disciplines STEM and AHSS (10 non-academic awards).
 - 2nd Call closing early 2014: 25 awards covering all disciplines STEM and AHSS (15 non-academic awards).

❖ ELEVATE FINANCE

- 40% EU Commission funding
30% Irish Research Council funding
30% Enterprise Partner funding

➤ **3 year Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Total Award, circa €87,747 per annum x 3 = €263,241

Cost to company, circa €26,324 per annum x3 = €78,972

- Quarterly or Annual invoices paid to the Irish Research Council in advance
- Postdoctoral Researcher is an employee of the Irish HEI for the duration of the award

❖ ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT

- Eligible Host Organisations are research teams in HEIs or research locations that can demonstrate a sufficiently high international research reputation:
 - national research institutions
 - well-founded industry research facilities
 - library, archive, museum at an institute of scientific, cultural, social or economic relevance to the proposed project
- Capacity to provide professional guidance and mentoring to the individual researcher
- Access to experimental facilities or data
- Commitment to co-fund at 30% for the duration of the award

❖ RESEARCHER

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be an Experienced Researcher of any nationality
- Be a resident of an EU or Associated Country, who is currently living in Ireland, but does not have to be an Irish citizen.
- Have been an ER for no more than 5 years (career breaks of up to 5 years are taken into account).
- Have spent no more than 40% of his/her time during their ER career period carrying out research outside Ireland

Value for Companies	Benefits for Researchers
<p>Access to exceptionally talented pre-assessed researchers & potential future employees</p>	<p>Mentoring from Enterprise Experts</p>
<p>Build research networks and collaborations with Irish Universities and Institutes of Technology</p>	<p>Enhanced Employability</p>
<p>Low level of bureaucracy – Streamlined process from application to award</p>	<p>Transferable skills</p>
<p>Maximise potential for innovation – People and Ideas</p>	<p>Exposure to commercially orientated research environment</p>

Thank you

❖ ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

- Masters, PhD & Postdoctoral Awards based in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- Irish Research Council funds two thirds of a set Award amount
- Enterprise Partner funds the remaining third
- Company does not need to have a base in Ireland
- Project is agreed between HEI and Enterprise Partner
- Open to SMEs and Multinationals
- Over 170 Enterprise Partners to date



ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT

- Capacity to provide professional guidance and mentoring to the individual researcher
- Access to experimental facilities or data
- Commitment to co-fund at a rate of one third for the duration of the award

1 year MSc Award

- Total award, €24,003 per annum
- Cost to company, €8,001 per annum

3 year PhD

- Total award, €24,003 per annum x3 = €72,009
- Cost to company, €8,001 per annum x3 = €24,003

2 year Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Total Award, €45,895 per annum x 2 = €91,790
- Cost to company, €15,298 per annum x2 = €30,596

Quarterly or Annual invoices paid to the Irish Research Council in advance

Value for Companies	Benefits for Researchers
Access to exceptionally talented pre-assessed researchers & potential future employees	Mentoring from Enterprise Experts
Build research networks and collaborations with Irish Universities and Institutes of Technology	Enhanced Employability
Low level of bureaucracy – Streamlined process from application to award	Transferable skills
Maximise potential for innovation – People and Ideas	Exposure to commercially orientated research environment

❖ EMPLOYMENT BASED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

- Master's or PhD award based in a private company or public organisation (Employment Partner)
- Researcher is an employee of the Employment Partner and based primarily on Employment Partner premises
- Researcher is registered as a Postgraduate student with Irish Higher Education Institution
- Irish Research Council contributes a set amount towards salary costs for the researcher
- Employment Partner must have a base in the Republic of Ireland
- Open to existing employees of companies as well as new employees

ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT

- Employment of the researcher for duration of Award
- Capacity to provide mentoring and professional guidance to the individual researcher
- Host researcher 50-70% of time with access to experimental facilities or data
- Commitment to top up researcher salary to minimum of €24,000 pa

1 - 2 year MSc Awards

- Irish Research Council provides €24,000 Scholarship per annum
- HEI retains €8,000 for fees, researcher travel/equipment per annum

3 – 4 year PhD

- Irish Research Council provides €24,000 Scholarship per annum
- HEI retains €8,000 for fees, researcher travel/equipment per annum

Value for Companies	Benefits for Researchers
Recruit new employees & up-skill existing employees	Employment
Dedicated researcher on site	Exposure to commercially orientated research environment
Build research networks and collaborations with Irish Universities and Institutes of Technology	Structured postgraduate development
Value for money	Enhanced mentoring and supervision



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