

# INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

***EXPRESS***



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## OVERVIEW

The Innovation Partnership Programme's **Express** Application Process is designed for SMEs that have not previously collaborated using support from the Innovation Partnership Programme. The maximum project value for an Express application is €85,000 and the maximum Enterprise Ireland contribution for an Express project is €68,000. We aim for a turnaround time of 4-5 weeks from completed application to funding decision.

## PROJECT APPLICATION/MANAGEMENT

The proposal application to Enterprise Ireland and the administration of the project is managed by the Principal Investigator in the participating research institute. Upon approval, the grant is paid directly to the research institute.

## EXPRESS PROCESS

### STEP 1

#### OUTLINE PROPOSAL

Completed Outline Proposal form, summarising the project, the participants and the costs is submitted by the research provider. If the Outline Proposal is acceptable/fits the criteria, then the innovation Partnership team will send the relevant Express application forms to the researcher and to the company.

### STEP 2

#### RESEARCHER APPLICATION

#### COMPANY APPLICATION

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY HEADS OF AGREEMENT

Separate application forms are submitted in parallel by the Researcher and the Company. An Intellectual Property Heads of Agreement is signed by both parties and submitted.

### STEP 3

Technical and Commercial assessments are carried out by Technologist and Agency Development Advisor.

#### TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

#### COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT

### STEP 4

The information is reviewed, a decision on funding is made and applicants informed.

#### FUNDING DECISION

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## ELIGIBILITY

A manufacturing or internationally traded services company with an operating base in the Republic of Ireland that wishes to collaborate with one or more research institutes, also based in the Republic of Ireland, is eligible to participate. The company must be a registered client of one of the following state development agencies: Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta, a Local Enterprise Office. IDA Ireland clients are not eligible for the Express process.

The company must have the full support of its assigned Agency Contact to participate in the programme. This support must be confirmed before any application forms are submitted.

## COMPANY CONTRIBUTION

All Innovation Partnership projects require the company partner to provide minimum cash contribution of 20% of the total project cost. In all cases, the company partner must have the resources to contribute its share of the funding for the research and to fund the commercialisation of the research, when completed.

## RATIONALE FOR EXPRESS FUNDING

To encourage additional smaller collaborative research projects to address identified industry needs. To facilitate increased SME participation. To shorten the turnaround time from application to approval for smaller projects.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Innovation Partnership's 'Intellectual Property Heads of Agreement Template' should be completed and signed by both the research institute and the company at the application stage. This outlines how Intellectual Property, to be developed in the project, will be handled.

## APPLICATION FORMS

Download an Outline Application Form at:

Web: [www.enterprise-ireland.com/ipp](http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/ipp)

For more information contact

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