

Leveraging the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) investment; a guide for companies

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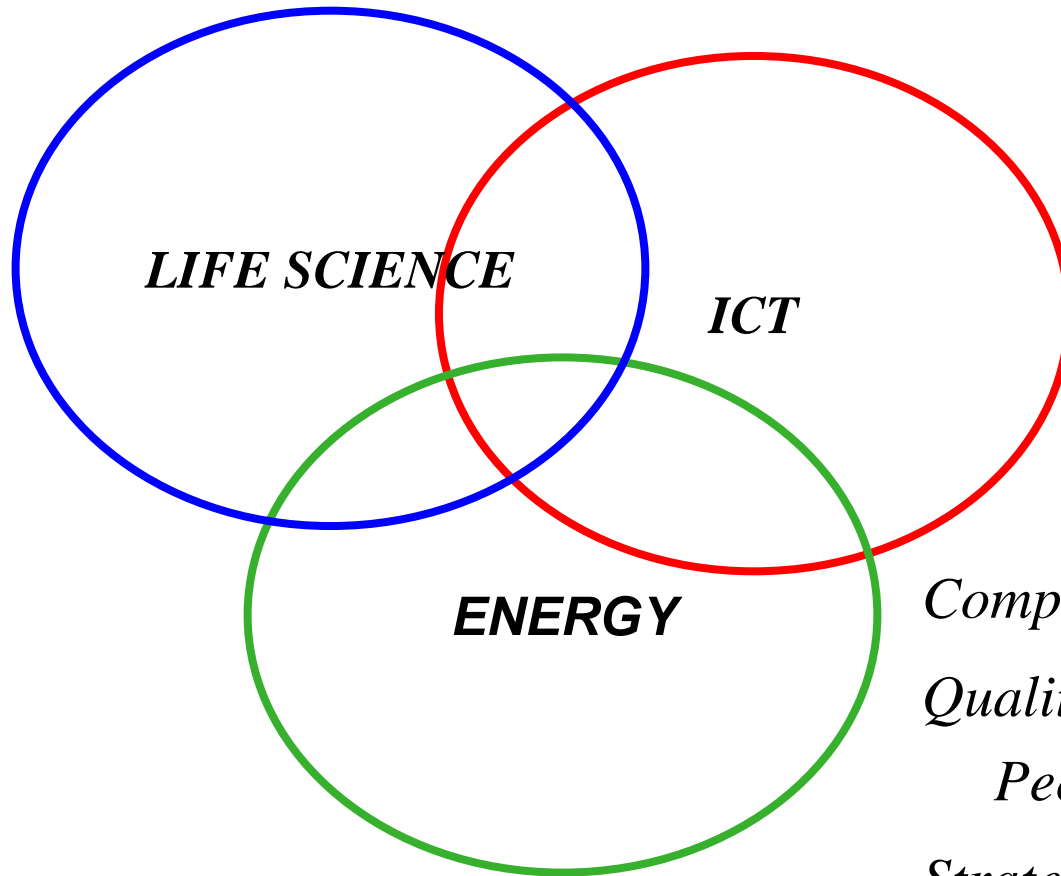
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Vision

*SFI will help build in Ireland a culture of research
at a globally recognised level of excellence &
with significant national economic importance*

*.....through strategic investments in
people, ideas & partnerships
to build outstanding research in strategic areas*



Competitive research proposals
Quality/Excellence – International
Peer Review
Strategically important to Ireland
“Oriented basic research”

Key points for private sector

- SFI does not provide funding directly to companies
- All applications must be submitted through registered public research body (e.g. university)
- SFI does not provide direct financial support for contract research

-how can companies benefit from the public investment in research?



SFI Programmes



research

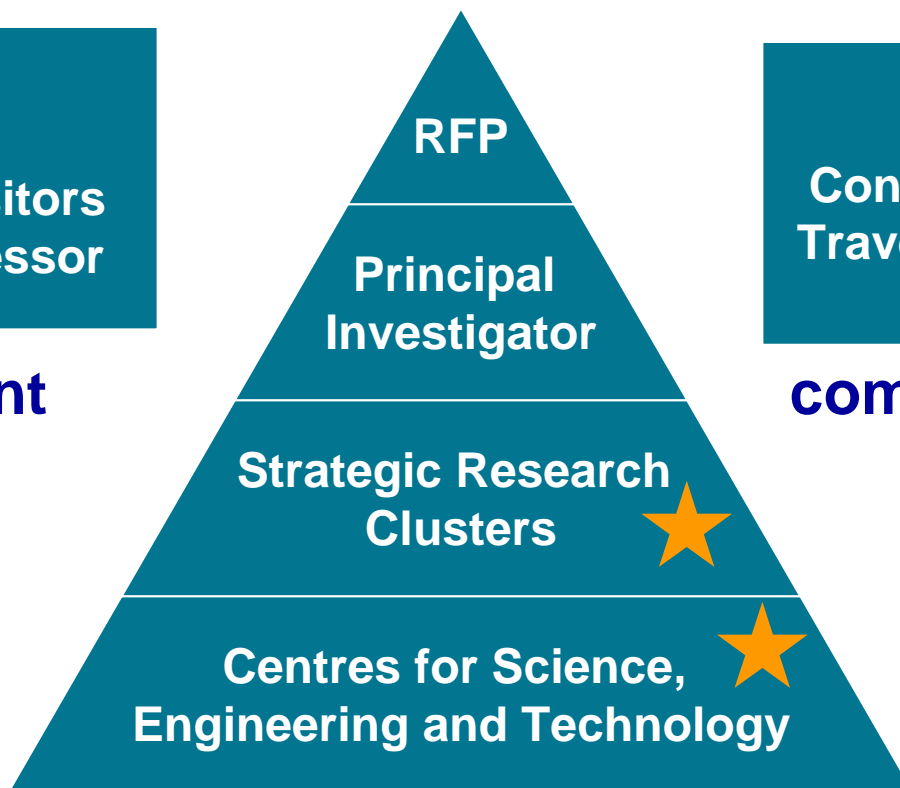
training

**Stokes
PIYRA
ETS Walton Visitors
Research Professor**

**UREKA
Conf & Workshop
Travel Fellowships**

recruitment

communication



industry

TIDA

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How to get involved with SFI funded research 1

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT AWARD (TIDA)

- Supplement to existing award
- Identify SFI funded researcher
- Develop collaborative project
- Researcher applies to SFI for funding
- Award up to 100K for 12 months

DEADLINE was 4th September 2009, new call in 2010



SFI funded research



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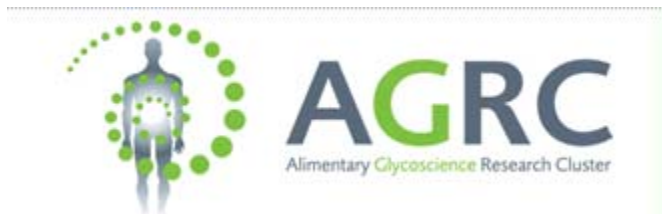
How to get involved with SFI funded research 2

Join a Strategic Research Cluster

- 19 of these currently funded – up to €1.5M per annum
- They require 25% cost-share from industry by month 36
- Funding already awarded to researchers
- Lead Principal Investigator develops industrial collaborations
- Call for SRC in Energy this year
- Pre-proposal deadline October 16th 2009



SFI funded research



The Solid State Pharmaceutical Cluster





How to get involved with SFI funded research 3

Join a Centre for Science, Engineering and Technology

- 10 of these currently funded – up to €5M per annum
- They require 25% cost-share from industry (total)
- Funding already awarded to researchers
- Lead Principal Investigator develops industrial collaborations
- New CSET call likely to be after 2010



SFI funded research



Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre

An tIonad Cógasbhitheach Cothaitheach

Interfacing Food and Medicine



Alimentary Health





How to get involved with SFI funded research 4

- Contract research
- Short-term travel fellowships (STTF)
- Conferences and Workshops (rolling call)
- Licensing opportunities
- Well-trained 4th level graduates
- Contact me – assist the private sector to access the pool of SFI funded research

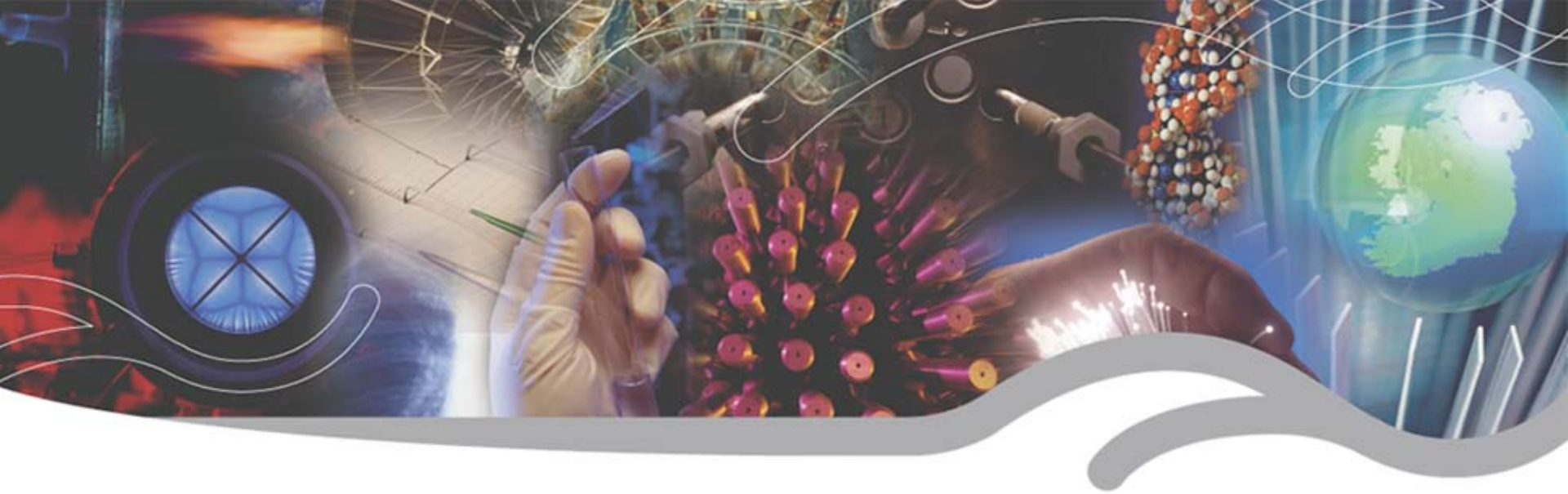
Intellectual Property & Cost Share

- Agreements worked out between company and research body
- 100% State funding
- 100% Company funding
- Joint funding

- SFI accepts verified in-kind cost share including personnel, equipment, etc. (and cash!)

SFI & SFI funded researchers.....

- Have increased Ireland's citation ranking from 34th to 19th
- Have increased patent output by 18% between 08 and 07
- Over 30% have some formal industrial collaboration
- Interact with 106 Small and Medium Enterprises
- Interact with 173 Multinational Corporations
- Directly support circa 3,000 jobs and leverage in excess of 3000 more
- Are willing to work with you.



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