



Important Notice

Calling all researchers, entrepreneurs, PhD students, recent graduates.....

Joint Royal Academy of Engineering/Irish Academy of Engineering initiative to extend RAE's Enterprise Fellowship programme to Ireland (Republic)

Now in its 11th year in the UK, the Enterprise Fellowships (EF) is a competitive commercialisation support programme designed to support talented researchers and graduates to transform breakthrough engineering innovations into disruptive spinouts and graduate startups.

The programme is managed by the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAE). This year, for the first time, the programme has been extended in partnership with the Irish Academy of Engineering, to Ireland (Republic).

The EF programme opens twice a year for applications – **the first call for applications is now open and closes on 26th February 2024** to join the programme in July 2024; a second round will be announced later in 2024.

Apply at:

https://enterprisehub.raeng.org.uk/enterprise-fellowships?utm_source=EFtoolkit&utm_medium=toolkit&utm_campaign=EF2024

Each awardee will receive a £75k (or € equivalent) grant award plus 12 months training, coaching and mentoring support, with lifetime Hub Membership¹, upon completion.

Summary of main features:

- £75,000 (Stg) equity-free funding to cover your salary and business costs.
- Business training and coaching programme.
- Mentoring by Academy Fellows and accomplished business experts.

¹Belfast and London Enterprise Hubs

- Access to an unrivalled network of tech entrepreneurs, experts and advisors.

The two new awards will be **available in 2024/25 to university researchers from across Ireland²** wishing to spinout who have:

- a protectable engineering or technology innovation
- the ambition to lead the business as CEO or COO
- a technology that has been validated in a lab or a relevant environment

Importantly, these awards have the potential to leverage wider benefits beyond the individual spinouts that are supported.

- The programme will also provide a mechanism to build North/South Engineering SME Leaders networks, bringing together Fellows, Awardees and experts from all jurisdictions and in doing so create the conditions for cooperation and collaboration.
- Further deepening of UK-Ireland links within the Irish Tech network (Portershed Galway, DogPatch Labs Dublin, Republic of Work Cork, RDI Hub Limerick and Ludgate Hub Skibbereen – channelled via RAE's regional Hub in Ormeau Baths (also a member of the network).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Enterprose Fellowships programme in more detail, please contact:

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²excl. NI as applicants here are already included within UK places