NEW PROOF-OF-CONCEPT FUNDING

UP TO €15K AVAILABLE FOR EARLY STAGE COMMERCIALISATION PROJECTS

Open To All DCU Researchers Across All Research Areas

What is it?

- A total fund of €120k to support a minimum of 8 projects at up to €15k per project
- Purpose is technology development

What can the fund be spent on?

- Additional experimentation to strengthen project IP including patent applications
- Further development of the scope of an invention
- Proof of concept study
- External research to develop the business proposition

How can I apply?

- Simple application form is available at: http://dcuinvent.ie/images/uploads/news/PoC_Pipeline_Fund_Application_Form.docx
- Email completed proposals to your respective DCU Invent contact listed overleaf
- Deadline for applications: 5pm Friday 24th April 2020
How will projects be selected?

Guidance and selection criteria available at:

1. Proposals will be reviewed by DCU Invent to confirm eligibility and shortlisting
2. An independent panel of internal and external reviewers will assess all shortlisted proposals in May 2020 with awards shortly after
3. Successful applicants are required to complete projects within 6 months of the award

What are the goals of the programme?

- Advance early stage ideas for follow-on funding: e.g. Enterprise Ireland's Commercialisation Fund Feasibility Study (EI CFF) or Commercialisation Fund (EI CF)
- Build a pipeline of applied research ideas that could become spin-outs
- Get more people involved in applied research projects

Further Information

To discuss your proposal or any additional information please contact:

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Note – For proposals that are not funded but have commercial potential, DCU Invent will seek other funding sources