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## Grant for R&D Support for Research & Development Made Clear



# R&D – an image problem?



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# Higher levels of R&D needed



**Invest NI has taken steps to increase uptake:**

- **Aim to de-mystify R&D**
- **Simplification of support for R&D – Grant for R&D**
- **Full spectrum of activity supported through advice and financial intervention**
- **Aim to incentivise different types of research, by all sizes of business and in collaboration with others.**
- **Wide range of eligible costs**
- **Wider innovation support mechanisms**

# Grant for R&D



## Categories supported:

**Project Definition**

**- Awards up to £50k**

**New to R&D**

**- Awards up to £70k**

**R&D Projects**

**- No ceiling - Awards based on nature and scale of research, size of business, level of innovation and VFM**

# Research Definitions



## ➤ **Experimental Development**

**Existing knowledge or skills used to plan or design new or improved products, processes or services**

## ➤ **Industrial Research**

**Planned research to acquire new knowledge and skills to develop new (or significantly improve existing) products, processes or services (excluding prototypes)**

# Some examples





## **Invest NI Wider Innovation Programmes**

- **Design Service**
- **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**
- **Enterprise Europe Network**
- **Competence Centres**
- **Innovation Vouchers**

# Tips for Successful Applications



## **Project**

### **Level of Innovation**

- **Technical Risk and R&D Challenge**
- **Potential to create IPR**
- **Exploitation Potential**

### **Economic benefits**

## **Company/ Applicant**

- **Management Ability & Staff Expertise**
- **Additionality**
- **Viability**
- **Track Record**

# Make an Application



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