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*This is intended for use as a simplified guide only.
You should also carefully read the relevant section of the call document for further details.*

Quick Eligibility Guide

Can I apply....	Awards	Projects	See FFP Call Document
As an emerging investigator?			Section 2.4
If I'm a contract researcher?		 (Requires a signed employment contract covering duration of grant at submission)	Section 2.5.1
If I don't have a contract covering duration of proposed grant at submission?	 (Research Body Letter of Support must confirm sufficient contract if successful)		Section 2.5.1
If I am a postdoctoral researcher?			Section 2.5.1
If I am a Research Fellow?	 (Only if Independent – see Call Document)	 (Only if Independent, and meet relevant contract/salary conditions – see Call Document)	Section 2.5.1
If I have a contract of indefinite duration?			Section 2.5.1
If I am currently under review for 2021 FFP Award?	 (Application must be distinct from the application currently under review)	 (Application must be distinct from the application currently under review)	Section 2.5.4
If my application was declined in 2021 FFP call – Project or Award?			Section 2.5.4 Note: there is no longer a six-month quarantine between decision and resubmission See also SFI resubmission policy

Can I apply....	Awards	Projects	See FFP Call Document
If I'm based outside Rep. of Ireland?			Section 2.5.1
If I'm currently based at a different Research Body to the one I wish to apply with?	 (Research Body Letter of Support must confirm sufficient contract if successful)	 (Will need a signed employment contract with the new host Research Body at submission)	Section 2.5.1
If I am currently funded by an FFP Award?	 (Only if in final 24 months on date of submission)	 (Only if in final 24 months on date of submission)	Section 2.5.4
If I am currently funded by an FFP Project?	 (Only if in final 12 months on date of submission)	 (Only if in final 12 months on date of submission)	Section 2.5.4
If I am currently funded by a Frontiers for Partnership Award?			Section 2.5.4
If I have an Honorary position at an Eligible Research Body only?			
If I'm retired or Emeritus?			Section 2.5.1 See also SFI Policy for Emeritus/Retired Researchers
If I hold a joint appointment?			Section 2.5.1 You must contact ffp@sfi.ie in advance of application submission with details
If I am currently under review for a Research Professorship or SFI-IRC Pathway Award?			Section 2.5.4
If I am currently funded by the SFI-IRC Pathway Programme?	 (Only if in final 24 months on date of submission)	 (Only if in final 24 months on date of submission)	Section 2.5.4
For a 2022 Award if I am under review for a 2022 FFP Project?		-	Section 2.5.4

Can I apply....	Awards	Projects	See FFP Call Document
For a 2022 Award if I have already applied for a 2022 FFP Project and been unsuccessful?		-	Section 2.5.4
If I'm a Funded Investigator at an SFI Research Centre?			Section 2.5.4
If I'm a PI (or co-PI) at an SFI Research Centre?			Section 2.5.4
If I'm under review for or currently hold a National Challenge Fund Award?	 (Application must be distinct from the successful application or application currently under review)	 (Application must be distinct from the successful application or application currently under review)	
If I do not have a PhD but do hold another professional degree?			Section 2.5.2 See SFI Policy on PhD equivalence
To the Children's Health Foundation co-fund?		 (See criteria in Appendix B)	Appendix B

Call Details

Calculating Contract Eligibility Dates:

Projects Stream

- You must calculate the date from the submission deadline (April 14th 2023)
- The earliest start date for an FFP Project will be **February 1st 2024**

Awards Stream

- Please use the date 12 months from projected submission to calculate the earliest start date of an FFP Award.

Eligibility based on existing awards:

- Where a 12- or 24-month period from award close is needed to calculate eligibility, please use the close date as of submission of the application. If an NCE has been applied to an award, you must use the current close date, and not the pre-NCE close date.
- Please see section **2.5.4** for specific existing award categories

Budget:

Budgets exceeding €1M **will only be considered appropriate** to cover instances where the applicant is relocating to establish a new research group and requires funding for set-up costs or significant infrastructure.

Quick Links:

- [SFI Grant Budget Policy](#)
- [SFI Salary Scales](#)
- [SFI Eligible Research Bodies](#)
- [SFI Policy on PhD Equivalence](#)
- [Guidance on writing a Data Management Plan](#)
- [Guidance for Applicants on the SFI Narrative CV](#)