**SFI Research Infrastructure Programme 2023 - Expression of Interest (EoI)**

***To be completed and returned to*** ***research@dcu.ie*** ***by 14th June 2023, 5 pm***

**Call Overview**

The [SFI Research Infrastructure Programme](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfi-research-infrastructure-programme/) supports the research community in building and sustaining the required infrastructural capacity to accomplish high-quality, high-impact and innovative research in areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics that demonstrably enhance and support enterprise competitiveness and societal development in Ireland.

**Key Objectives of the call include:**

* To give Ireland’s researchers access to cutting-edge research infrastructure that will enhance high-quality research activities and innovation in areas of strategic priority
* To make Ireland an attractive location for the recruitment of world-leading scientists and engineers
* To provide outstanding research infrastructure that will enable Ireland’s researchers to compete in future Horizon Europe research funding calls
* To facilitate broad usage across Ireland and to encourage partnerships and collaboration between different cohorts of researchers in Ireland; for example, between Universities, Technological Universities, Institutes of Technology, other Eligible Research Bodies, researchers in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and between different cohorts of researchers in Ireland
* To encourage research partnership with industry through collaborative initiatives that involve industry access to infrastructure
* To support the strategic development and growth of the SFI Research Centres
* To support national and European Open Science policies and principles and ensure access to an effective digital research infrastructure ecosystem
* To optimise utilisation and promote future sustainability of research infrastructures through the development of management and access charge plans

In line with the objectives of the programme**, the following important aspects** should be considered and included in the proposal where relevant:

* Partnerships (with IoTs/TUs; ‘All Ireland’ collaborations)
* Industry participation
* International programmes
* Driving recruitment of world-leading scientists and engineers
* Open Science Infrastructure
* Access Charge Plans

This year the SFI Research Infrastructure Programme includes a co-funding partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). This partnership is based on alignments to research topics that are of particular significance to SEAI’s research objectives (see call document for details).

With these objectives and aspects in mind, please complete the EoI template and submit the document to research@dcu.ie by **the 14th of June 2023, 5 pm.**

**Stages of the EoI process and indicative timeline:**

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| RI 2023 call launch by SFI | 22nd May 2023 |
| Submission of EoIs to RIS | 14th June 2023, 5 pm |
| Presentation of EoIs by Lead PI’s to the DCU internal assessment panel | 20th June 2023, 2-4pm  |
| Communication of results of internal selection to DCU applicants | Week beginning 26th June 2023 |
| Submission of DCU EoIs to SFI | 28th June 2023, 1 pm |
| Submission of full draft (with final budget) to DCU internal submission system (TORA) | 18th July 2023 |
| SFI full proposal submission deadline | 28th July 2023, 1 pm |