PQRef: 35164/24

Deputy Holly Cairns

**Question:**

*'To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education; Research; Innovation and Science the total level of funding provided by Taighde Éireann; the breakdown of the level of funding provided to different categories of research for example, basic and applied; and the institution associated with each research project in receipt of funding, in tabular form.'*

Total level of funding provided by SFI in 2023: €225,780,000

Level of funding provided to different categories of research:



\*Above graph based on payments issued and scheduled from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2026 as at 31/12/2023

Level of funding provided to **basic** research by SFI in 2023: **€129,144,000**

Level of funding provided to **applied** research by SFI in 2023: **€67,576,236.91**

**Notes / caveats**

1. The above figures are estimates only; there is no hard line between basic and applied research. As such, it is impossible to definitively classify an individual award as solely basic or applied.
2. All SFI programmes fund aspects of both basic and applied research.
3. Classifying research appropriately is particularly difficult for large scale awards such as the SFI Research Centres. These Centres, by design, combine basic research and applied research.
4. As per its legislation, SFI funds oriented basic research and applied research; this response is to be read in that context.
5. Some SFI programmes don’t directly fund research (e.g. Research Infrastructure, Education and Public Engagement). For example, Research Infrastructure awards facilitate and enable other research awards. These “support awards” are neither basic nor applied. As a result, the basic and applied levels stated above do not sum to the total.

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| **2023 Payments by Institution** | **€000's** |
| Trinity College Dublin  | €46,067 |
| University College Dublin  | €37,709 |
| University College Cork  | €33,157 |
| University of Galway  | €26,098 |
| University of Limerick  | €22,817 |
| Tyndall National Institute  | €21,879 |
| Maynooth University  | €6,967 |
| Dublin City University  | €6,930 |
| The Royal Society  | €5,119 |
| RCSI University of Medicine and Health Science  | €4,922 |
| Technological University Dublin  | €4,448 |
| Teagasc  | €4,015 |
| Munster Technological University  | €2,225 |
| Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies  | €1,768 |
| Atlantic Technological University  | €1,615 |
| The National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training  | €495 |
| Technological University of the Shannon  | €464 |
| Dundalk Institute of Technology  | €426 |
| Kinia  | €307 |
| RTÉ  | €302 |
| South East Technological University  | €270 |
| National College of Ireland  | €255 |
| Junior Achievement Ireland Ltd.  | €239 |
| Marine Institute  | €236 |
| Cosmos Education Ltd. t/a Blackrock Castle Observatory  | €171 |
| Mary Immaculate College  | €163 |
| Cork City Council t/a Lifetime Lab  | €148 |
| The Institution of Engineering and Technology  | €146 |
| The Rediscovery Centre  | €126 |
| Royal Dublin Society  | €122 |
| National Youth Council of Ireland  | €90 |
| Other | €705 |
| Reimbursements from co-funding partners | -€4,621 |
| **Grand Total** | **€225,780** |

Table note:

1. The ‘Other’ category represents smaller payments made to 31 other institutions.