

# University College Cork

How to access UCC's research  
expertise and talent?

Scale & Grow with UCC

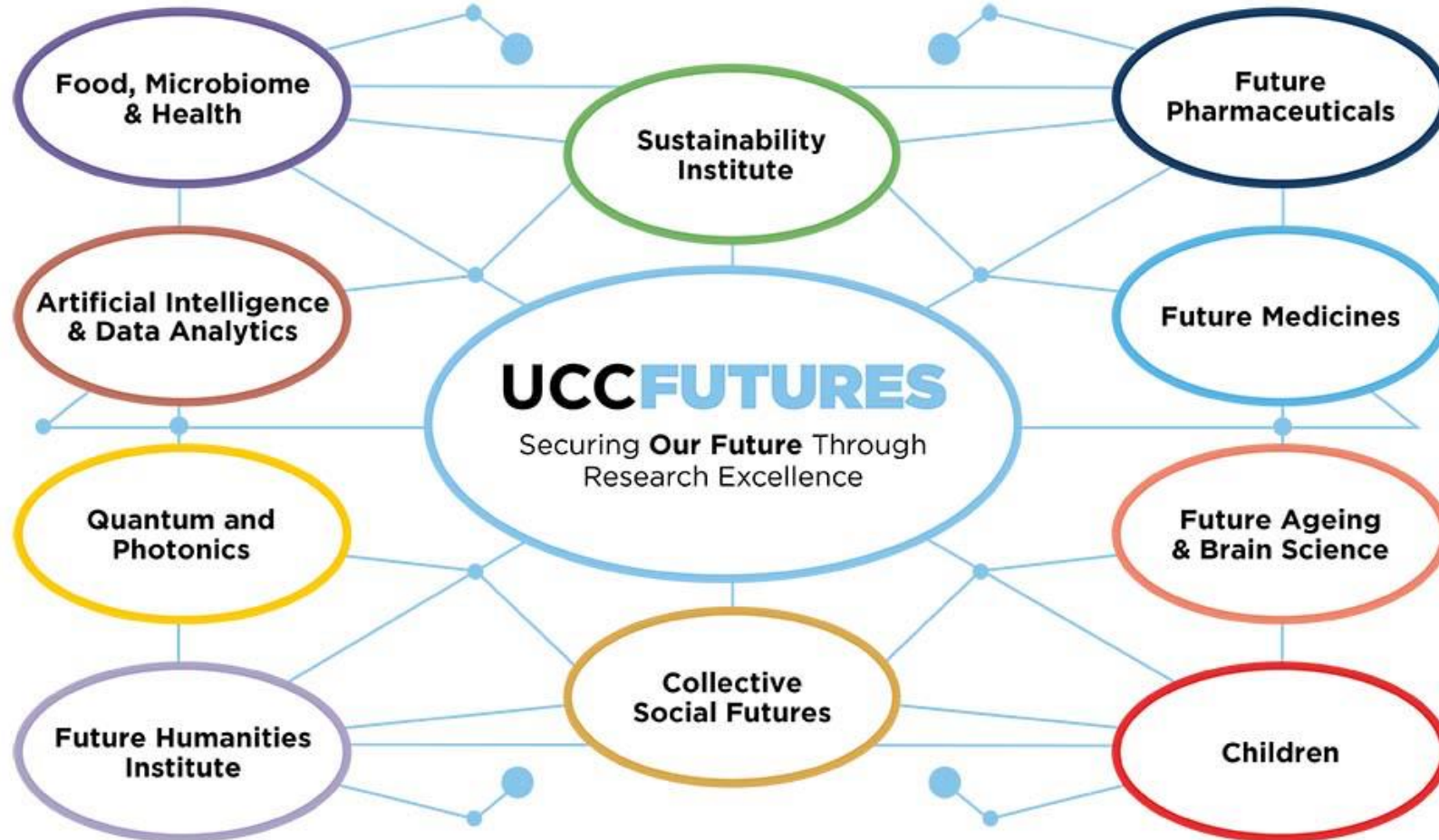
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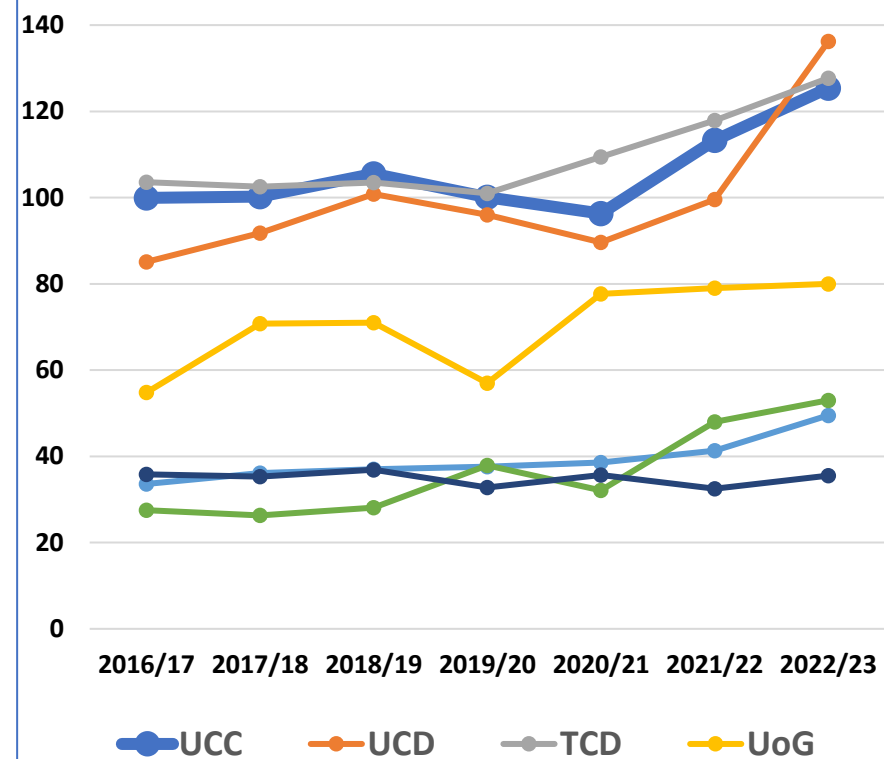
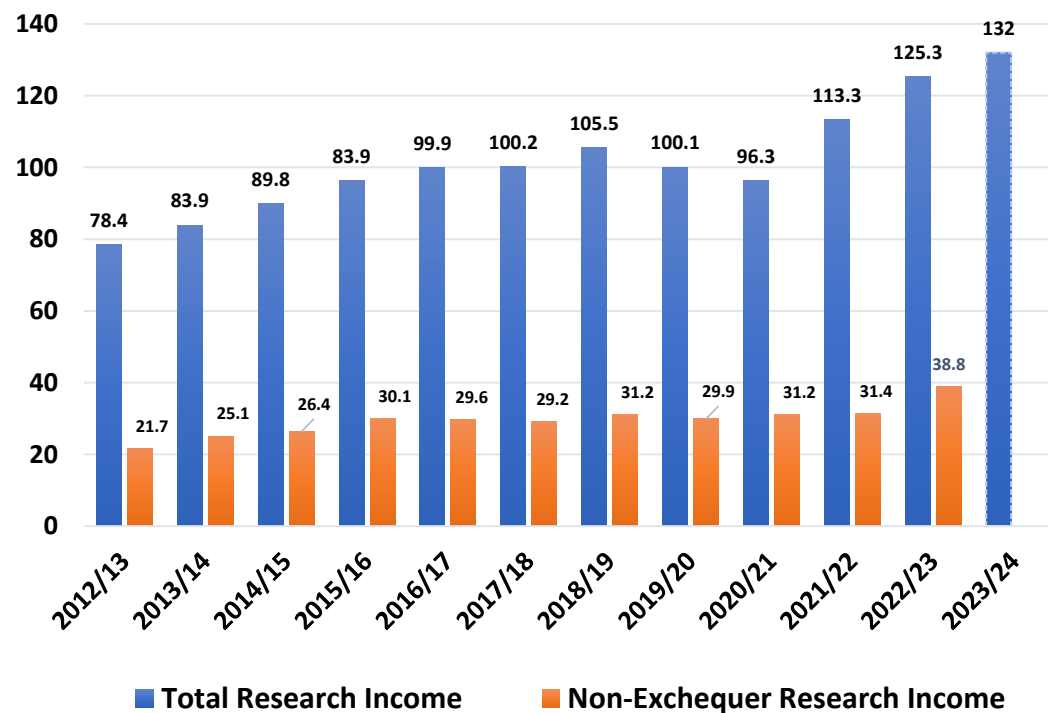
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# Research Funding Landscape – UCC

## Performance (Overall Income)



# Nature of Enterprise/SME Engagements

- Research Collaborations
- Placements/Internships – UG/PG/Staff
- Philanthropic Support for Research
- Service Provision/contract research
- Staff Training & Up-Skilling (accredited/bespoke)
- Consultancy
- Advisory Boards – input to curriculum development and input on strategic development

# Research Engagement

- A. Contract Research – industry-led and driven; industry owns IP; usually fully funded by enterprise partner
- B. Collaborative Research – jointly led by university and enterprise sector – financial support available from funding agencies
- C. Support for PhD students / postdocs – often the company partner has less interest in short-term research outcomes; focus is on the partnership, relationship building and development of talent.

# Scenario A: Contract Research

Timeline: a few weeks to months

- industry-led and driven, industry owns IP, usually fully funded by the enterprise partner
- Innovation Voucher: €10,000 worth from Enterprise Ireland
  - SMEs seeking innovative input
  - Up to €10,000 worth of expert time



# Scenario B: Collaborative Research

Timeline: multi-year | Long-term goals

- Innovation Partnership Programme: Up to 80% of the cost of research work
- Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF)
- Research Ireland Centre programmes
- Employment based programs
- National Challenge Funds



# Scenario C: Accessing research talent

Co-funded Opportunities to recruit PhD students/ postdocs

## 1. Enterprise Partnership Scheme

- postgrads (up to 4 years)
- postdocs (up to 2 years)

## 2. Innovate for Ireland (PhD students upto 4 years)

## 3. Industry RD&I Fellowship (Faculty, experienced or new postdocs)

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## 4. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges



Above funding calls differ in the level of industry involvement and contributions.



# European Innovation Council

Programme under Horizon Europe, designed to identify, develop, and scale up game-changing innovations.



## EIC Pathfinder

- Early-stage technology R&D (TRL 1-4)
- Aimed at researchers

## EIC Transition

- Technology validation and spin-out (TRL 3-6)
- SMEs and organisations

## EIC Accelerator

- Develop and scaleup innovations (TRL 6-8)
- Startups and SMEs

## STEP Scale Up

- Scaling up strategic technologies
- Startups, SMEs and investors

# Behind the scenes in UCC

1. Company contacts *UCC Research* ([rbadmi@ucc.ie](mailto:rbadmi@ucc.ie)) explaining their interests/ requirements
2. *UCC Research* contacts relevant research team(s) regarding the request.
3. *UCC Research* connects the Company with relevant researchers/teams to discuss the progression of the proposed engagement – including a workplan, deliverables, budget requirements and external funding opportunities to support the work.
4. The deal is done and the work begins!

# Benefits for your Company – In Summary

In collaboration with UCC researchers, we can help you:

- **Develop** innovative projects and grow your business through access to expertise, facilities, experience.
- **Build** the strongest possible consortium, with the right blend of organisation types and skills.
- **Improve** your chance of successful application through our knowledge of programmes, rules and regulations.
- **Add value** to the IMPACT and IMPLEMENTATION sections of the application.
- **Concentrate** on delivering the project while we take on the administrative and organisational burden

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