



2026 INNOVATION INVESTMENT ROUND

I am based overseas – can I apply for this Investment Round?

Yes, you can apply for the fund as long as the EOI meets the minimum eligibility criteria as per the guidelines. Applications will be assessed against the following:

- Does it directly address at least one of the research challenges?
- Is the innovation applicable to common New Zealand farm systems?
- Will New Zealand be a high priority country for implementing any developed solution?
- Has the application been submitted by 2pm NZDT, 24 February 2026?

Is it compulsory for the Principal Investigator to come from New Zealand?

No, it is not compulsory for the Principal Investigator to be from New Zealand – it is an international fund.

What will the Innovation Investment Round fund?

The Investment Round will fund standard research operating costs if they relate to delivering the research outcomes, this includes staff costs, operating & consumable costs, and overhead costs.

CAPEX, other than minor items (\$5k) are excluded.

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