

Innovation Investment Round

WHAT IS THE INNOVATION INVESTMENT ROUND?

The Innovation Investment Round is a competitive funding opportunity run by the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre (NZAGRC) and AgriZeroNZ.

WHY DOES THE INNOVATION INVESTMENT ROUND EXIST?

To develop or accelerate research, tools and technologies for the mitigation of agricultural greenhouse gases (GHG).

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE FUND?

New Zealand and international research providers, organisations and companies.

WHO FUNDS THE INNOVATION INVESTMENT ROUND?

NZAGRC and AgriZeroNZ as part of their work to provide New Zealand farmers with a suite of fit for purpose tools and technologies to cost effectively reduce GHG emissions.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

- Total funding of up to NZ\$4million available.
- Individual projects have a maximum duration of two years and a maximum value of NZ\$1M per project.

WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES FOR THE ROUND?

Innovation Investment Round opens	31 st March
2025 Round closes	2pm, 12 th May
Successful stage 1 applicants notified	23 rd June
Stage 2 applications submitted	21 st July
Successful applicants notified and contract negotiations initiated	18 th August

DOES THIS INVESTMENT ROUND INCLUDE REDUCING METHANE EMISSIONS FROM DAIRY EFFLUENT PONDS IN ITS SCOPE OR IS IT SPECIFIC TO DIRECT ANIMAL EMISSIONS?

The current round is focused on reducing methane emissions from enteric fermentation in grazing ruminants, so does not include reducing methane emissions from dairy effluent ponds in its scope.

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:

- Is the innovation applicable to New Zealand farm systems?
- Does it directly address at least one of the research topics?
- Will New Zealand be a high priority country for implementing any developed solution?
- Has the application been submitted by 2pm NZST, 12th May 2025?

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.

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