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The company must have been in business for a minimum of four years (i.e. four full twelve month financial periods)

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The company must be considered a technology company which, for this purpose, is defined as a company that:

- Owns proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology that contributes to a significant portion of the company's operating revenues;
- Manufactures a technology related product;
- Devotes a significant proportion of operating revenues to research and development of technology;
- Is technology intensive, or uses its own unique technology to solve problems.

NB: Companies using third party technology or intellectual property in a unique way does not meet this definition. Consulting companies, professional services firms, resellers and others who don't rely on proprietary technologies to generate their revenue are not eligible.

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The parent company must be Irish-owned and have its headquarters in Ireland. Companies headquartered in Northern Ireland can take part in the Irish OR the UK programme, but need to choose one or the other and cannot enter both.

NB: Subsidiaries or divisions of Irish or Northern Irish companies or multinational organisations do not qualify.

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Have base-year operating revenues of €50,000 (£44,500) and a current year operating revenue of at least €1,000,000 (£880,000).

NB: the accounts for the base-year must have an accounting period ending between **1 June 2014** and **31 May 2015**; and the accounts for the most recent financial year must have an accounting period ending between **1 June 2017** and **31 May 2018**.

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All submissions must be accompanied by signed accounts for the first and last financial year being measured in the competition. Unless a statutory exemption is being taken, these accounts must be unabbreviated and audited.

NB: We cannot accept abbreviated accounts.