The Scottish Aquaculture Innovation Centre (SAIC) is one of eight Innovation Centres established by the Scottish Government in the past 18 months. Based at the University of Stirling, the SAIC is tasked with promoting and funding innovation, and has funding for the aquaculture sector based around four priority areas.

The fund is a new undertaking for the SAIC it has recently issued it’s first call for Expressions of Interest in industry-led research projects in sea lice control using cleaner fish. More information is available on their website. Contact them directly for more information, and to sign up for ‘Connect+Collaborate’ emails that will keep you up to date with all developments regarding this funding stream.

The SAIC have identified four areas of strategic focus. These are:

- Fish & Shellfish Health & Welfare
- Breeding and Stock Improvement
- Feeding, Quality and Nutrition
- Engineering Solutions

Within these areas, the industry members of the SAIC consortium have identified four Priority Innovation Actions (PIAs). These are:

- Improved sea lice control in Scottish aquaculture
- Alternative sustainable feeds for finfish
- Rapid detection methods for viral pathogens and diseases
- Development of secure health-certified Scottish mollusc spat production systems
### Contact details for applicants

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### Contact details

The SAIC website has 'Contact Us' details.
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### Useful websites and where to go for other information

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