

2019 Irish Research Council – European Space Agency Traineeship Scheme Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Eligibility

I only have a bachelor's degree. Am I eligible?

Eligible nominees must have completed a master's degree no later than 30 September 2019 in an eligible Irish HEI. This call is restricted to Irish HEI master's graduates as described in the individual opportunities (See call webpage for full details).

Is an applicant with a master's degree from an eligible Irish HEI and resident in the Republic of Ireland for the last two years eligible for the scheme?

No, nominees must have Irish or ESA member State nationality and be resident in the Republic of Ireland for three of the past five years.

Do I need to speak another European language?

No, English is the main language of work in the ESA Stations.

2. Applying to the programme

Where can I find the link to the online application system?

The Research Office in your higher education institution will only share the link with you if they have nominated you for the 2019 IRC-ESA Traineeship Scheme.

Can I apply without an Academic Referee or a Research Office endorsement?

No, before creating a profile and completing the Nominee's form, applicants must have been nominated by the Research Office in the higher education institution they completed their master's degree. Applications without an academic reference will **not** be considered. Applications with an academic reference but without the final endorsement of the Research Office will **not** be considered.

Who should be my Academic Referee?

All nominees will need to provide the details of one academic referee who can provide academic references written in English. Your application will not be considered until the academic referee has submitted his/her reference in the online system. If the references are not received by the given deadline, your application will be withdrawn.

If you are currently studying (or have recently finished studying) at postgraduate level, your academic referee should be a tutor or supervisor from your postgraduate degree course. If you have finished studying in the last five years, your academic referee should be a member of academic staff from your most recent postgraduate course.

How many training opportunities can I apply for?

Nominees may apply for up to two training opportunities and indicate their preference in the Nominee's form.

Should I send the hard copy of the documents uploaded on the online system?

No, the Council will **only** accept applications through the online system. Statement of Motivation and Curriculum vitae (two-page limit) must be uploaded on the online system in pdf. format for assessment. Scanned coloured copies of the original undergraduate and master's degree transcripts must also be uploaded in pdf. Format.

3. Conditions of award

Can my traineeship start after October 2019?

Deferral of the commencement of the traineeship is not permitted.