

**Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme 2020  
Indicative Applicant Form**

This Word document is provided solely for information purposes. All applicants must create and complete their submission through the [online system](#) by the deadline of **16:00 (Irish time) on 31 October 2019**. Please see the **2020 Terms and Conditions** and **Guide for Applicants** on the Irish Research Council [website](#) for further information prior to submitting your application online. All sections must be completed in full.

**ELIGIBILITY QUIZ FORM**

Do you have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree? If undergraduate examination results are not known at the time of application, the Council may make a provisional offer of a scholarship on condition that the scholar's bachelor's, or the equivalent, degree result is a first class or upper second-class honours. If a scholar does not have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor's, or the equivalent, degree, they must possess a master's degree.

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| Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bachelor's degree results unknown at time of application | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Master's degree results unknown at time of application   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If No: Do you have a master's degree?*

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you had two previous unsuccessful applications to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship scheme (including strategic partner themes, applications to the EMBARK Scheme previously run by the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology and the Government of Ireland Scholarship Scheme previously run by the Irish Council for Humanities and Social Sciences)?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you had two previous ineligible applications to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship scheme?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you hold or have previously held a Council Scholarship?

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| Yes – dropdown list | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| PROJECT INFORMATION |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Project Title       | Min. 15 characters                     |
| Primary Area        | See Appendix I of Guide for Applicants |
| Select Discipline   | See Appendix I of Guide for Applicants |
| Key words           |  |
| Abstract            | Min. 100 / Max. 300 words              |

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| Does your proposed research deal with any of the following prohibited areas?   |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research activity aimed at human cloning for reproductive purposes</li> <li>• Research activity intended to modify the genetics of human beings that could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be funded)</li> <li>• Research activities to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer</li> </ul> |                          |
| Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Has a Primary Supervisor, based on an Irish Higher Education Institution, agreed to act as a supervisor for the above project prior this application?                                 |                          |
| <i>The Council strongly advise applicants to contact their Primary Supervisor and the Research Office before completing the Eligibility Quiz and submitting the application form.</i> |                          |
| Yes   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <i>If Yes: Type Primary Supervisor's name</i> |  |
| Yes   | <p>Primary Supervisor name:</p> <p><i>Primary Supervisor Name must be exactly as Supervisor's name registered in the online system. Please contact your Primary Supervisor to confirm this information.</i></p> <p><i>If the information in relation to your Primary Supervisor at Eligibility Quiz does not correspond to their information on the system your application will be deemed INELIGIBLE.</i></p> |

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| <i>If No: Ineligible</i> |  |
| No                       | <p><i>All applications require a primary supervisor who is willing to supervise the proposed research project.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to creating an application, you must contact and discuss your research project with your proposed supervisor(s).</i></p> <p><i>Please do NOT add a supervisor to your application without their prior approval.</i></p> <p><i>If the information in relation to your Primary Supervisor at Eligibility Quiz does not correspond to their information on the system your application will be deemed INELIGIBLE.</i></p> <p><i>Please refer to GOIPG Guide for Applicants page 4.</i></p> |

## APPLICATION FORM

## Overview

Please select the appropriate scholarship theme for which you are applying:

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| Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environmental Protection Agency Postgraduate Scholarship                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Department of Children and Youth Affairs Growing Up in Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> |

In addition to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, a number of themed scholarships are offered in collaboration with our strategic funding partners as a mechanism to deliver on our shared national objectives. While applicants may apply for one scholarship theme only, those who choose to apply for a strategic funding partner scholarship will also be considered for a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Full descriptions of each of the strategic funding partner scholarships can be found [here](#).

Project title:

Irish research body:

Department:

Application in Irish:

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

There is an option on the system at this point to upload an English translation should you wish to do so. This will accompany your research proposal. The system will only accept documents in PDF format.

ORCID identifier:

ORCID ID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher. If you do not currently have an ORCID ID, please register for one at [www.orcid.org](http://www.orcid.org) and provide us with your unique 16-digit identifier.

What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country?

If you are from the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, which county are you from?

Are you a national of a European Union member state **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Will you have been ordinarily resident\* in a European Union member state **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland for a continuous period of three of the five years preceding 1 September 2020?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

\* 'Ordinarily resident' refers to the applicant's place of legal and permanent residence. This will not be deemed as having been interrupted if an absence from the country of ordinary residency has been caused by the training, education or employment of the applicant or the applicant's spouse or parents.

### Primary and additional participants

#### Primary supervisor details:

Name:

Higher education institution:

Email address:

#### Secondary supervisor details (if applicable):

Name:

Higher education institution:

Email address:

#### Referee 1:

Organisation or institution:

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Position:

Email:

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you ensure the email addresses you provide for your referees are correct. If an incorrect email address is entered, your referee will NOT receive the automatic email and will therefore be unable to access the online system to complete their reference form. This will result in your application being deemed ineligible.

Confirm email:

Role:

Referee 1

**Referee 2:**

Organisation or institution:

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Position:

Email:

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you ensure the email addresses you provide for your referees are correct. If an incorrect email address is entered, your referee will NOT receive the automatic email and will therefore be unable to access the online system to complete their reference form. This will result in your application being deemed ineligible.

Confirm email:

Role:

Referee 2

## Track record

### Bachelor's degree (or equivalent):

Institution:

Graduation date:

dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

### Second bachelor's degree (if applicable):

Institution:

Graduation date:

dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

### Master's degree (if applicable):

Type:

Taught

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Research

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Institution:

Graduation date:

dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

### Second master's degree (if applicable):

Type:

Taught

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Research

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Institution:

Graduation date:

dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

### Other education:

Please provide any additional information relevant to your academic background which should include the name, location and date(s) of any training courses attended:

Max 300 words

**Research achievements:**

Please provide any additional information regarding your research achievements to date such as publications, research awards, creation of data sets and databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing, creative productions and/or exhibitions:

*Max 300 words*

**Work experience:**

Please provide details of any relevant work experience, including voluntary work, to date which should include employers' names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment:

*Max 300 words*

**Personal statement**

Please highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.:

- Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?
- Why have you proposed this research topic?
- Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build?
- Why are you particularly suited to this research field?
- Which of your attributes demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?

*Max 500 words*



### Career training and development plan

Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following:

- What are your career goals and how would this scholarship help you to achieve them?
- How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills?
- How would this scholarship enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector?

Max 1000 words

### Proposed research

Will you be a new entrant to the degree for which you are seeking Council funding?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If yes: Please specify the scholarship type for which you are applying:

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| 12-month research master's degree            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24-month structured research master's degree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36-month traditional doctoral degree         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48-month structured doctoral degree          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If no: Please specify the degree type which you intend to complete:

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| 24-month structured research master's degree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36-month traditional doctoral degree         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48-month structured doctoral degree          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If no: What date did you first register for this degree?

dd/mm/yyyy

It is important that the information in this field is entered correctly as the duration of funding awarded is dependent on the date of first registration

If no: Please indicate the duration of scholarship for which you are applying in order to complete the degree type specified above:

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| 12 months | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24 months | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36 months | <input type="checkbox"/> |

For scholars who have already completed part of the degree for which they are seeking Council funding, the duration of funding to be awarded is dependent on the type of postgraduate degree being pursued and the date of first registration as detailed in the Terms and Conditions

*If no:* Please indicate the progress of your research to date, i.e. what has been done and what still needs to be done. Please also indicate whether or not you have been confirmed on the PhD register at your higher education institution:

*Max 500 words*

*If no:* Please provide details of your current funding source:

*Max 300 words*

Will you be in receipt of any additional awards during the scholarship period, e.g. scholarships, bursaries, travel grants etc.?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If yes:* Please provide further details, including the value of these additional awards:

*Max 300 words*

Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any other Irish Research Council awards?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If yes:* Please provide further details:

*Max 300 words*

Applicants for a research master's scholarship must not currently hold, or have previously held, a Council Postgraduate Scholarship. Applicants for a doctoral degree scholarship must not currently hold, or have previously held, any Council Postgraduate Scholarship other than that which would enable them to obtain a research master's degree

Have you previously submitted all or part of this proposal to an Irish Research Council scheme and been unsuccessful?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*If yes:* Please clearly describe the modifications to your research proposal since it was previously submitted:

*Max 300 words*

Please note that unsuccessful applicants may only re-apply to the programme on one subsequent occasion (with effect from 21 October 2009)

Primary area:

Please consult the [research categorisation document](#) available on the Irish Research Council website for further descriptions of primary area, discipline and other research area

Discipline:

Please consult the [research categorisation document](#) available on the Irish Research Council website for further descriptions of primary area, discipline and other research area

Other research area(s):

Please consult the [research categorisation document](#) available on the Irish Research Council website for further descriptions of primary area, discipline and other research area

Second categorisation – if interdisciplinary:

If your proposed research is interdisciplinary, please list its second categorisation here i.e. primary area and discipline

Keywords describing proposed research:

Please provide a lay abstract for your proposed research, which will be used to inform a non-expert audience:

*Max 300 words*

Please provide details of your proposed research to include (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project, (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal and (c) how the project will advance state of the art and make a contribution to existing knowledge:

*Max 500 words*

Please detail the research design and methodologies to be employed in carrying out your scholarship which should be described in sufficient detail to demonstrate your thorough understanding of the research topic:

*Max 500 words*

Please provide a schedule to include (a) milestones and deliverables for completion of the proposed research, (b) risks that might endanger reaching these deliverables and (c) the contingency plans to be put in place in order to mitigate these risks:

*Max 500 words*

Please describe any specialist knowledge or data required to undertake your proposed research, such as language competency, technical skills or use of specialist software. If this knowledge or data is not already in place, details should be provided as to how it will be acquired over the course of the scholarship:

*Max 500 words*

Please outline your plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured:

*Max 500 words*

Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed (a) academic supervisor(s) and (b) higher education institution:

*Max 400 words*

Please provide details of any proposed research trip(s) of more than four weeks' duration which you believe will be necessary for the successful completion of your scholarship:

*Max 300 words*

**The following question applies ONLY to applicants to the Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution, EPA Postgraduate Scholarship or DCYA Growing Up in Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship.** Please outline the reasons for choosing your specific theme, including how your proposal explicitly aligns with the specific requirements as outlined in the theme information:

*Max 500 words*

If you have supplementary information, e.g. diagrams or a bibliography, which accompany your research proposal, please upload them here in PDF format. Supplementary material should only include essential information required for the interpretation and understanding of the proposed research. Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding if they include additional information about the research proposal or applicant

**Ethics:**

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| Does your research proposal involve any of the following ethical issues of special relevance? |                          |
| Informed consent  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Human embryonic stem cells  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Privacy and data protection   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Use of human biological samples and data  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research on animals   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research in developing countries  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dual use (possible military/terrorist application)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| None of the above   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Does your research proposal require approval by the relevant institutional Ethics Committee? |                          |
| Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please provide a statement detailing the careful consideration you have given to the ethical implications of the proposed research (where ethical issues may arise) and how you plan address these over the course of your scholarship:

*Max 500 words*

**Sex/gender dimension:**

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| Does your proposed research involve any of the following?     |                          |
| Humans as the research focus                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Animals as the research focus                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Human samples and/or data                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research on animals, animal samples and/or data               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please provide a statement detailing whether there is a potential sex/gender dimension to be considered in carrying out your research. If your research involves any of the above, please indicate how potential sex/gender issues will be handled. In particular, you are asked to reference the points mentioned in the 'checklist for sex/gender in research content' in the Guide for Applicants:

*Max 500 words*

**Data management:**

Please provide a data management plan which addresses the following:

- How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse?
- How data will be curated and preserved?
- If applicable, how do you plan to make data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)?
- If data cannot be made available, why?

*Max 300 words*

### Applicant declaration

I hereby declare that I have read and accept the applicant requirements as set out in the Terms and Conditions and Guide for Applicants on the Irish Research Council [website](#):

I agree ☐

I confirm that the information supplied in this application is correct and recognise that should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible:

I agree ☐

I hereby declare that this application is entirely my own work and understand that it will be subject to plagiarism checks. Please note that random sampling for evidence of plagiarism will be carried out during the assessment process. Applicants who have been found to plagiarise will be prohibited from applying for Irish Research Council funding in the future. Suspected instances of plagiarism will be brought to the attention of the higher education institution:

I agree ☐

Would you like the Irish Research Council to make your application available to other funding agencies and/or enterprise partners for consideration?

Yes ☐

No ☐