



## 2018 CAROLINE: Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe\*

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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FAQs that have been added to this document since the last version was published are marked **\*\*New\*\***

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### 1. FELLOWSHIP TYPES

**In the case of the 2-year (Irish) Fellowship could I choose one year secondment outside Ireland and the second year in Ireland? And in the case of the 3 year (International) Fellowship, could I choose the first year in one country, the second year in another country and the third year in Ireland?**

A hybrid of the Irish and International Fellowships is not available. For the **Irish Fellowships**, fellows will be based in Ireland and the mandatory secondment in an NGO/IO (between 6 and 12 months) must be in Ireland. Additional placements might be proposed where justified and mobility rules will apply for secondments abroad. Under the **International Fellowships**, it might be possible to spend one year in one country and one in another country other than Ireland if your NGO/IO partner has physical presence in several countries. Applicants will however be required to meet the mobility rules as specified in the terms and conditions for both countries of their outgoing phase. The return phase is mandatory under the International Fellowships and fellows will be required to spend the third year based with their Irish HEI/RPO in Ireland. There is a possibility of an additional local placement where such a placement would significantly add to the impact of the fellowship.

**Can you confirm that CAROLINE is not for mobility from an RPO in Ireland to an RPO outside of Ireland?**

That is correct. Under CAROLINE, researchers will be affiliated with a RPO in Ireland, but will have an NGO/IO as their partner organisation, either in Ireland or abroad depending on the fellowship type (International Fellowship or Irish Fellowship).

**Does the period spent with the main partner NGO have to be running consecutively or can it be spread across the entire duration of the fellowship?**

A fellow's secondment with the main NGO/IO partner organisation must be taken as one consecutive period, it cannot be split into several shorter periods of secondment.

**2. ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS**

**a) Mobility and citizenship**

**I am a non-EU citizen, I have not lived in Ireland, and am interested in the International Fellowship. Are there any restrictions regarding countries for my secondment?**

All applicants for the International Fellowship regardless their citizenship can take up secondments in EU member states or associated countries. Citizens of non-EU/Associated Countries who at the time of recruitment have been **continuously active in research for five years' full-time equivalent in an EU member state or associated country, prior to the time of recruitment**, can also undertake secondments in any country (including outside of EU/associated countries).

**Can I apply from Canada?**

CAROLINE is open to applicants of any nationality, as long as they meet the applicable eligibility criteria as specified in the terms and conditions of the scheme. The entire application process will be online therefore you will be able to apply from any country.

**The research office has been approached by a potential applicant to this call who lived in Northern Ireland between Oct 2007 and July 2017 and started work in the Republic of Ireland in December 2015 where they are still currently working. Since July 2017 the applicant's residency as well as their work place are in the Republic of Ireland. Is this individual eligible to apply for this call?**

The MSCA mobility requirements applicable to the call require that researchers "*have not resided or carried out their main activity for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment*" (unless this time was part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention). Please note that relevant documentary evidence confirming compliance with mobility requirements will be required from successful applicants.

**b) Research experience / doctoral degree**

**Should I have my PhD finished by the time of application? Will having submitted my thesis and waiting for my viva be enough?**

Eligibility requirement for CAROLINE are in line with eligibility requirements applicable under Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. Applicants must be "experienced researchers" which means that they must, at a specified date (at the time of recruitment in the case of CAROLINE), be **in possession of a doctoral degree** (regardless of actual duration of the degree as long as the degree was awarded) or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience. Note that **having passed a viva is not sufficient**, the degree must be awarded by the time of recruitment.

**What kind of experience constitutes four years of full-time equivalent research experience?**

For the purposes of the scheme, research experience refers to "scientific research". While definitions vary, a key principle is that it involves systematic investigation of scientific theories and hypotheses. Some activities commonly called research, for example market research, are not considered "research experience" for the purposes of this scheme.

**Can a taught masters with a strong research component (e.g., minor dissertation of say 10-20 credits and research skills training) count as part of the 4 years of research experience required as an equivalent to a PhD?**

The time spent working on the master's thesis may count as research experience but the attendance of lectures etc. would not. Part-time research experience would be counted pro-rata. Relevant documentary evidence will be required from successful applicants.

**c) Other eligibility related**

**If a candidate has already held a MSCA experienced or early-stage researcher award, does this disqualify or disadvantage them?**

No, a previous MSCA experienced or early stage researcher award does not disqualify or disadvantage a CAROLINE applicant.

**How is eligibility assessed with respect to parental leave (potential male applicant): as a fixed period or only documented days off?**

Individual days off taken over a period of time during which a person is normally working and engaging in research activities (such as when parental leave is taken as individual days over a period of time, or days of absences due to short term illness) do not constitute a career break.

**For the CAROLINE calls, how much time per child is the eligibility window extended by for maternity leave?**

Maternity leave qualifies as eligible career break for up to six months of maternity leave plus up to 16 weeks additional maternity leave per child. Only the duration of maternity actually taken will count as eligible career break, not the maximum possible duration. Please note that the Council reserves the right to require documentary evidence for any career breaks where an applicant wishes to apply beyond the specified eligibility window.

**3. MENTORS and IRISH HOST INSTITUTIONS (HEIs/RPOs)**

**Does the academic mentor have to be a member of academic lecturing staff, or can it also be a PI at a university research centre?**

It is a matter for the host HEI/RPO to determine the suitability of their staff members to act as academic mentors for CAROLINE fellowships. Mentors will need to have the required background and track record to provide guidance for the Fellow on the research project and will be expected to be the HEI's/RPO's staff member for the entire duration of the fellowship. By providing institutional endorsement to an application, the host HEI/RPO will confirm the eligibility and suitability of the proposed academic mentor to support the fellow.

**Does the primary academic mentor have to be based in the chosen Irish academic institution, or can they be based abroad with an affiliation or visiting position to that university?**

The academic mentor must be a member of staff at an eligible home host organisation in Ireland. Persons that are only affiliated with an eligible home host organisation in Ireland but not staff members of the given organisation are not eligible to be CAROLINE mentors.

**Can there be joint academic mentors; one abroad and one in Ireland?**

Only one academic mentor (associated an eligible home host organisation in Ireland at which the academic mentor is employed and through which the award will be administrated) can be formally nominated. In the event that more than one academic mentor is involved, only one academic mentor will be provided with login details to access the system and to complete the academic mentor form.

**4. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs/IOs) and SECONDMENTS / PLACEMENTS**

**Do IOs or NGOs need to have a research function/capacity to carry out research?**

Partner organisations are required to have the necessary research capacity to support the proposed fellowship, its research dimension as well as career and training development dimension. As partner organisations can vary in size and the number of separate functions within the organisation, it will not be an absolute requirement to have a dedicated research function. It will however be required that the applicant and the partner organisation demonstrate in their submissions how the organisation will support the successful implementation of the proposed fellowship.

**Am I allowed to propose an NGO of my own choice?**

Yes, applicants are free to collaborate with an eligible NGO of their choice. The Council is encouraging NGOs to express an interest in becoming a partner organisation for CAROLINE fellowships [through our website](#), however any eligible NGO can become a partner organisation for a fellowship i.e. it is not mandatory for NGOs to express interest in participating in the scheme.

**What defines the location of the NGO/IO - its headquarters or can it be one of its offices?**

The determining factor will be the location of the NGO's/IO's operational base (such as one of their offices with the necessary supporting infrastructure) in which the fellow will be placed during the secondment. It is not sufficient for the NGO/IO to just "run activities" in a certain country without having a physical operational base in that country for the fellow's physical placement.

**Does the proposed NGO/IO partner organisation have to have a PIC number?**

PIC number is not relevant to CAROLINE and the prospective NGO/IO partner organisations do not have to have a PIC number.

**Are candidates supposed to contact a placement NGO/IO in the country of proposed activity or should they choose from a list of pre-selected NGOs?**

A placement partner organisation does not have to be one of the organisations that registered their interest with the Council, as available on the Council's website. The placement partner organisation and the placement mentor will however be required to fill applicable forms using the Council's online application system. Details of the process will be outlined on the website in relevant guides (to be published shortly).

**'Is it possible for an applicant to the CAROLINE International Fellowship to go for more than one placement to the placement partner organisation provided that each placement is not longer than 6 months. In this case, the applicant plans to spend 3 months in a placement partner organisation (other than the main partner organisation) in year 1 of the fellowship, and additional 6 months in the same placement partner organisation in year 2. Can you confirm that this is allowed under the T&Cs of the CAROLINE 2018 call?**

See the Terms and Conditions of the scheme clause 3.4.2: "Placements can be up to six months in the outgoing phase and another six months in the return phase." Therefore, it is not possible to spend 3 months on a placement in year 1 of the international fellowship and 6 months on a placement in year 2 of the fellowship.

**Is there a minimum requirement of time of the 2 year secondment, considering research trips abroad, that must be spent in secondment country. For example, the research project aims to examine several regions where data collection is necessary and it is envisioned that there could be 8-10 research trips of less than 1 month. Is this possible during the secondment?**

Mandatory secondments under the International fellowships must last 2 years (year 1 and 2 of the fellowship) and it is not possible to split them into several periods. There is the potential for an optional placement (of up to six months) to a placement partner organisation in this outgoing phase, this is also expected to be taken as one single

period. Fellows must maintain actual presence with their host institutions. Only stays away from host institutions that are necessary for the successful completion of the proposed research project and implementation of the career development plan should be planned and undertaken. Relevance and appropriateness of proposed stays away will be considered by international evaluators as applications are assessed.

**Does the Secondment mentor at the main partner organisation need to have an academic background and be involved in research/have links with HEI or research organisations? Does this strengthen the application?**

The secondment mentor should be appointed *to work with the fellow and their academic mentor, to offer advice and to create a link with the main partner organisation's research efforts* (see the schemes terms and conditions clause 11.14). It is not a requirement to have an academic background. Typically, the secondment mentor would be involved in research in some extent given the nature of the scheme as “collaborative research fellowships”. It is required to indicate in the relevant submissions how the secondment mentor will support the successful implementation of the proposed fellowship.

**In the case of the International Fellowships, can you please clarify point 3.4.2 in the terms and conditions: does it mean that in the outgoing phase of the Fellowship all planned placements to a placement partner organisation (not the main partner organisation) should be no longer than 6 months in total, or does it mean that an applicant can propose a number of placements and ensure that each placement is no longer than 6 months? In other words, is there a limit on a number of placements in the outgoing phase of the International Fellowship? Could an applicant go for 3 months at the end of year 1 to a placement organisation, and go for a further 6 months to the same placement organisation in year 2?**

Only a single placement of up to six months in duration can be undertaken in the outgoing phase of a fellowship. Additionally, it is not possible to split either the secondment or any placements that are undertaken into several shorter periods – they expected to be taken as one period each.

**Can you please confirm that it is allowed under the CAROLINE International fellowship to spend the first 6 months of the International Fellowship on a local placement within Ireland? The applicant plans to spend the first 6 months in Irish NGO (placement partner organisation), 18 months international NGO (main partner organisation) and final year with Irish host organisation?**

Placements can take place in any country but are subject to same mobility requirements as specified in Clause 4.5 of the schemes terms and conditions. Therefore, a placement in Ireland under an International fellowship is possible provided that the applicant has not been in the country of placement or did not have their main activity located in the country of placement for more than twelve months in the three years prior to the time of recruitment.

**Can you please confirm that in the case of Irish Fellowships, the main partner organisation located in Ireland could only be a NGO or IO and NOT a for-profit organisation (i.e. SME). But for an optional placement (up to 3 months) a placement partner organisation could be a SME.**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Would XXX Lab at University X be considered eligible partner the 6 month period for the placement partner organisation for CAROLINE?**

See the Terms and Conditions of the scheme clause 1.22: “*Placement partner organisation shall mean any NGO/IO or a for-profit organisation which enters into an agreement with the fellow and the fellow's home host organisation for an optional placement under the fellowship.*”

**Please clarify for Irish fellowship, the main partner organization (NGOs/IOs) should be located at Ireland?**

The main partner organisation must have physical presence (an office, research facilities etc.) in Ireland so that the researcher can receive the necessary supports and experience actual intersectoral mobility. The organisation can however be legally established/domiciled outside of Ireland.



**Does the Council has a repository of contacts for NGO/IOs around the world that we can avail of to promote/facilitate engagement with potential secondment mentors? For example, if I wanted to engage with someone in World Health Org, do you guys have contact details to help us identify a suitable secondment mentor?**

A list of NGOs/IOs that expressed interest in participating in the scheme is available on our [website](#) Contacts for these organisations can be obtained via the research office of your proposed home host organisation – research offices have access to additional details. There is no repository of contacts as such, it is up to each applicant to identify and approach a suitable NGO/IO and secondment mentor.

**Concerning the international fellowship, is it possible to have 2 NGO partners for the 1st and 2nd year and then come back in the 3rd in Ireland?**

Mandatory secondments under the International fellowships must last 2 years (year 1 and 2 of the fellowship) and must be undertaken with a single main partner organisation. There is the potential for an optional placement(s) (of up to six months) to a placement partner organisation(s) in both the outgoing phase and the incoming phase of international fellowships. Any proposed placements must be justified and their benefit demonstrated within the application.

**Can you confirm that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is eligible as the secondment partner for an Irish Fellowship?**

The Environmental Protection Agency does not meet the criteria of the scheme applicable to main partner organisations.

**Can a researcher undertake an international fellowship in reverse, ie. one year in the home host institution in Ireland and two years with the main partner organisation abroad?**

No, international fellows must spend the first two years of the fellowship seconded to their main partner organisation outside Ireland, with a mandatory one-year return phase at their home host organisation in Ireland.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Can the IRC confirm if the University XXX is an eligible main partner organisation? I understand that education institutions are not eligible, but I noticed that the University ZZZ is listed as a potential partner on Smartsimple (but not on the list of eligible partners on the CAROLINE webpage).**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Higher education institutions are not eligible to act as main partner organisations. There is no guarantee that an organisation listed in the online system as possible CAROLINE partner organisation is eligible to act as main partner organisation. Eligibility of organisations assigned to applications is only verified when an application to which they are assigned is submitted and the relevant documentary evidence reviewed by the Council. However, eligibility of organisations listed as interested in participating in the scheme on our website [here](#) has been verified and only eligible organisations are included. The two registrations are explained in the Guide for applicants on our website [here](#).

## 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

**Who prepares the application - the NGO or the researcher or both?**

CAROLINE fellowships are individual fellowships and the applicant has the overall responsibility for various components of the application. Due to the nature of the scheme, it is expected that the applicants will engage with their academic mentors and partner organisations during the proposal preparation process. The NGO/IO will have to make a submission in support of the proposed fellowship.

A graphical representation of the applicant's, academic mentor's and secondment mentor's is available in the Guide for applicants available on the [Council's website](#).

**This question concerns the SDGs and the following section of the online application system: “Please indicate which category/categories of Sustainable Development Goals will be addressed by your proposed research.” Does an applicant have to pick one goal or can an applicant choose a combination of goals and their objectives if the proposal in question applies across multiple goals?**

Applicants can pick either one goal or a combination of goals.

**Does the application need to detail research trips to other countries, outside of the host or secondment country, that are less than 4 weeks during the secondment?**

The Council is not in the position to advise on a content of individual fellowship proposals. Only stays away from host institutions that are necessary for the successful completion of the proposed research project and implementation of the career development plan should be planned and undertaken. Relevance and appropriateness of proposed stays away will be considered by international evaluators as applications are assessed.

**Should the application work packages focus on the research methods or should they also include work packages for: 1) Project Management, 2) Training, Career Development and Transfer of Knowledge, and 3) Communications and Dissemination? Or are these accounted for in the application.**

The Council is not in the position to advise on a content of individual fellowship proposals. Applicants should adhere to practices usual in their research area and they should take into consideration best project management practices.

**\*\*NEW\*\* There has been a delay with finalizing arrangements for my secondment and I am not sure if can submit my application on time. Is there is any chance of an extension to the application deadline?**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** The application deadline of 4pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October will not be extended. The online system will stop accepting applications exactly at 4pm on that day. Any application remaining in “draft” after 4pm will be excluded from the competition.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Please change the secondment mentor for application CLNE/2018/XXX to <mentor name>.**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** It is up to applicants to make changes in their application, including changes of mentors and referees. No changes can be made in applications after they are submitted. The Council cannot make any amendments in applications. Applicants are advised to follow the Guide for applicants and the Guide to the online system available at <http://research.ie/funding/caroline2/information-for-applicants/>

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

**How will my salary be paid?**

Your salary will be paid through your Irish host institution (HEI/RPO) which will be employing you for the duration of the fellowship.

**Can you please specify which year's country correction coefficient will apply?**

Horizon 2020 MSCA 2014-15 country correction coefficients will apply ([https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014\\_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-msca\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-msca_en.pdf))

**Could you please give some information on eligible research costs? E.g. would there be funds for research assistants, such as translators etc.?**

There will be allocations made to the fellow’s host HEI/RPO for research, training, and networking related costs of €9,600 per annum. You can use these for translation services however additional staff such as research assistants cannot be funded from the allocation for research expenses. Reagents and other lab expenses are eligible costs.

**What country correction coefficient will apply when a CAROLINE fellow is on a placement?**

See Terms and Conditions of the scheme clause 1.20: *“The country correction coefficient to apply to the fellow’s salary while on placement will be that of the country in which the*

*fellow would be residing if the placement had not taken place.*” In other words, the country of placement is not taken into consideration for the purposes of calculating the value of the award.

**Is the €200 mobility allowance given as a scholarship stipend, or taxed?**

The living allowance, mobility allowance and family allowance are paid to fellows as salary and as such are subject to taxes and relevant statutory deductions. Fellows are advised to liaise with their proposed home host organisation to ascertain the applicable deductions (human resources, payroll department).

**In relation to the Indicative Budget, can you please clarify if Conference travel and participation (Funding Category 5) covers the costs of both applicant and mentor, or applicant only?**

Eligible costs incurred by the fellow only can be covered under the award.

**7. OTHER**

**Would you help me to figure out in which goal (out of 17 sustainable goals) I am eligible to apply?**

The Council is not in the position to advise on a content of individual fellowship proposals. It is up to each prospective applicant to consider the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and to establish relevance between their research interests and the goals. Text of the relevant resolution as adopted by the United Nations’ General Assembly is available at

[http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&Lang=E](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&Lang=E)

**What is the definition of ‘family’, does a husband and no children count as ‘family’ in this case?**

**For the family allowance, does that mean you can get it once you are married?**

Family is defined as persons linked to the researcher (i) by marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country or region where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) as dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher. Therefore, a husband with no children still constitutes a ‘family’ in this case.

Family status of a researcher will be determined at the deadline for applicants and will not be revised during the lifetime of the fellowship.

**As a Project Investigator, can I apply to CAROLINE with a research group located in Ireland?**

No. CAROLINE will support individual fellowships only; it will not provide project grants for research groups. Project investigators/mentors cannot apply to the scheme for a block sum of money and then hold their own competitive funding calls to employ individual researchers.

**Does applying for a CAROLINE Fellowship count as one of the two opportunities to apply for a Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship?**

No, applicants can re-apply once to each scheme, as long as they meet the applicable eligibility criteria.

**Are CAROLINE Fellowships completely independent of MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF) and in addition to the MSCA call?**

Yes, CAROLINE is an independent scheme. Candidates may apply to both CAROLINE and an MSCA IF call if they wish, but may only take up one fellowship if they are successful with both applications.

**Who owns the IP (patents etc.) generated from the fellowship?**

The Council does not make any claim to intellectual property arising from fellowships. IP ownership will have to be agreed by the participating institutions in line with the National IP Protocol 2016 available at

<http://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/ManagingIP/KTI-Protocol-2016.pdf>.



## CAROLINE 2018 FAQ DOCUMENT

<p>A copy of the relevant agreement will have to be submitted to the Council before the fellowship commences.</p>
<b>Is there a particular preference on the part of the IRC to have European based data in the studies that they fund?</b>
<p>There is no preference or research prioritisation, as long as the proposed research project addresses priorities set in the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>
<b>Does the IRC recommend any education providers or general courses for career development and training?</b>
<p>The Council does not make recommendations regarding education providers or courses.</p>
<b>Is it possible to let us know who was successful in call #1?</b>
<p>Information about awards made under CAROLINE call 1 will be published on our website within approximately two weeks. Information about CAROLINE call 1 fellowship awards is available at the <a href="#">scheme website</a>.</p>
<b>Is there a cap on how many research trips an applicant can take during the course of the fellowship?</b>
<p>No. It needs to be noted that only stays away from host institutions that are necessary for the successful completion of the proposed research project and implementation of the career development plan should be planned and undertaken. Relevance and appropriateness of proposed stays away will be considered by international evaluators as applications are assessed.</p>
<b>Is there a cap on the duration of a research trip?</b>
<p>No, however applicants are required to justify trips exceeding four weeks of duration in the application form and fellows are required to obtain the Council's permission in advance of undertaking any such trip. Relevance and appropriateness of proposed stays away will be considered by international evaluators as applications are assessed.</p>
<b>Can applicants take research trips outside of the EU, for example, in the US?</b>
<p>The terms and conditions of the scheme do not include any restrictions regarding research trip destinations.</p>
<b>Is an applicant eligible to apply as an Experienced researcher type 2, if they have the eligible years of research experience and are currently enrolled on a PhD which is due to be completed after the start of the CAROLINE award? Would they be allowed to complete their PhD while also holding the CAROLINE award, or do you have other recommendations for them?</b>
<p>Applicants without a doctoral degree who qualify as experienced researcher type 2 at the time of recruitment can apply for the fellowship, including those currently pursuing doctoral studies (provided that all other scheme requirements are met). CAROLINE fellows <i>"must be fully dedicated to the research training activities of their fellowship"</i> and <i>"must engage full-time in fellowship-related activities during the funding term"</i> (clauses 6.10 and 6.11 of the Terms and Conditions of the scheme). Also see clauses pertaining to additional awards (6.15). Should a current Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship (GOIPG)/Postdoctoral Fellowship (GOIPD) holder be successful with their CAROLINE application, their GOIPG/GOIPD will terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, it is not possible to hold these awards concurrently with CAROLINE fellowships.</p>
<b>Is an applicant with a disability required to submit an application via the online application system?</b>
<p>The Irish Research Council is committed to ensuring equal opportunities including enabling applications to CAROLINE by people with disabilities. For operational reasons, all applications must be submitted via the online application system. Potential applicants with disabilities should engage with the Research Office and/or Disability Office of their proposed Irish home host organisation. Should an applicant require a copy of the guide for applicants or other call documentation in large print, or if similar special provisions are required, please contact the Council by emailing <a href="mailto:caroline@research.ie">caroline@research.ie</a>. Please note</p>

<p>that such requests need to be addressed to the Council well in advance of the application deadline.</p>
<p><b>What type of visa does a researcher apply for the USA and what is the experience of previous researchers in attaining this visa?</b></p>
<p>The Council is not in the position to advise on immigration matters (see Terms and Conditions, clause 4.12: “for all fellowships, arrangements with respect to immigration and the entitlement to work in Ireland will be a matter for settlement between the fellow and their host institution(s) and the relevant authorities of the State as applicable.”) Applicants are encouraged to consult EURAXESS website <a href="https://www.euraxess.ie/">https://www.euraxess.ie/</a> and they can also approach the Irish EURAXESS office individually with specific enquiries (<a href="https://www.euraxess.ie/ireland/ireland-network">https://www.euraxess.ie/ireland/ireland-network</a>) .</p>
<p><b>Will there be subsequent calls for proposals after the Oct. 2017 deadline? If so, when may the next call likely be released?</b></p>
<p>The CAROLINE scheme was established with funding for two calls only and a third call is not planned. If funding becomes available, an additional call might be open for Irish fellowships only.</p>
<p><b>**NEW** For the current CAROLINE call, it’s clear that applications should address the UN SDGs. One of the SDGs relates to “Good Health and Well-being”. I’m wondering whether this relates to the health of developing countries only or whether diseases that affect developed countries as a result of western diets would be within the scope of the call?</b></p>
<p><b>**NEW**</b> The Council cannot advise on the content of applications. Applicants should refer to the call documentation. The Terms and Conditions of the scheme (Clause 3.1) specify that “The aims of the fellowships are to support suitable highly qualified experienced researchers in any discipline to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conduct research relevant to the overarching theme of global sustainable development as set out under the United Nations 2030 Agenda for shared economic prosperity, social development, and environmental protection”. The UN General Assembly’s resolution by which the Agenda 2030 was adopted states, in its Preamble, the following: “This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan.”</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&amp;Lang=E">http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&amp;Lang=E</a></p>
<p><b>**NEW** (Addendum) What documentation exactly will be given to evaluators (Outer IAB and Inner IAB)? Will they have access to the entire data forwarded with the application? How will anonymity of applicants be guaranteed, if examiners see e. g. the list of publications or the list of past work places?</b></p>
<p><b>**NEW** (Addendum)</b> The evaluators will have access to the application form and documents uploaded by the applicant, but not to the applicant’s personal details (such as the applicant’s full name, contact details, sex and date of birth). The Council does not make any amendments to applications; text and data entered into fields that evaluators have access to is made available to them exactly as submitted by applicants. The assessors are briefed about avoiding bias before the assessment process commences.</p>