



EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS: ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME 2019

- The Irish Research Council maintains the principles of impartiality, integrity and excellence in its assessment process. All applications are assessed competitively by international peer reviewers solely on the basis of excellence. Please see below for a flowchart of the assessment process.
- Applications are first reviewed by the Council for eligibility and adherence to the Terms and Conditions.
- Applications are then sent for remote evaluation to an Outer International Assessment Board (IAB). Each application is assessed by at least two remote independent, international reviewers. Each assessor submits their evaluation and the applications are ranked from the highest score to the lowest.
- The top ranked applications are then referred on to an Inner IAB where they are assessed by at least two independent, international reviewers before being discussed at an Inner IAB panel meeting.
- The primary responsibility of the Inner IAB is to determine a quantitative ranking of the applications presented to it, arrive at an overall judgement of standard and make final recommendations to Council.
- Applications are assessed under the headings: (1) project; (2) applicant; (3) environment and (4) training and career development. Assessors consider all headings and allocate scores as per the evaluation criteria detailed below. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves fully with the eligibility criteria in the Terms and Conditions and the evaluation criteria **prior to making an application** to the scheme.

Notification and feedback

- The Council is precluded from discussing results of the competition or the outcome of individual applications over the telephone or in writing. Feedback to unsuccessful candidates will consist of the quantitative score assigned by the IAB.
- Feedback will consist of a score assigned by the anonymised assessors correlating to the evaluation matrix below.
- Additional qualitative feedback will not be provided. Under no circumstance will feedback provided by the Council compromise the confidentiality of a participant or the content of any form submitted to the Council.

EVALUATION MATRIX

Postgraduate evaluation criteria & detail	Evaluation marks
<p>PROJECT: Quality of the research project including (40%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and coherence of the proposed research project. • Quality of the proposed research design and methodologies • Feasibility of the proposed milestones, deliverables and contingency plans • Consideration as to how the proposed research will advance state of the art and make a contribution to existing knowledge • Plans for dissemination and knowledge exchange of the proposed research • Consideration of the relevant ethical issues and sex/gender dimension 	40% (0-40)
<p>APPLICANT: Capability of the applicant including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track record and research potential of the applicant. • Personal statement. • Match between applicant profile and research project. • References 	30% (0-30)
<p>ENVIRONMENT: Suitability of the host organisation(s)¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitability and ability of Academic Supervisor(s) and Enterprise Mentor(s) and to provide adequate supervision. • Quality of infrastructure and facilities provided by Host Organisation(s). HEI (10%): Enterprise Partner (10%) • Match between Applicant, Academic Supervisor(s), Enterprise Mentor(s) and Host Organisation(s). 	20% (0-20)
<p>Training and Career Development aspects of proposal (10%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and quality of training and career development plan • Capacity to acquire new knowledge and skills • Potential for the development of skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector • Evidence of thought as to how the scholarship would impact on the applicant's career path 	10% (0-10)

¹The Host Organisations will be divided into the HEI (10%) and Enterprise Partner (10%).

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Applicant deadline
5 September 2018

**Supervisor, enterprise mentor
& referee deadline** 12 September
2018

Research Office deadline
19 September 2018

