This word document is provided solely for information purposes. All Applicants must complete their form through the online system by the stated deadline: **16.00 (Irish Time), 5 September 2018.** Please see the **Guidelines for Applicants** document on the Irish Research Council website for more information on registering and submitting your form online.

**APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

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| **Project Title:**  **[Max 100 words]** |

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| **Irish Research Body:** |

**Print Form (as PDF)**

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| **Application in Irish:**  There is the option on the online system at this point to upload a PDF of an English translation, should you wish to do so. This will accompany your application. | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

**Applicant Details**

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| **Name:**  **Email address:**  **Contact telephone number:**  **Contact Address:** |

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| **Select which gender you identify with** (this is for internal reporting purposes only and has no impact on the application) | |
| Male | 🞏 |
| Female  Other/prefer not to say  **Date of Birth** (this is for internal reporting purposes only and has no impact on the application)**:**  **Postcode:**  **What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country?:** | 🞏  🞏 |

*The above fields in the Applicant Details section are populated based on your personal profile. If you would like to update this section, please click Save Draft below and navigate back to the Home screen where you can find the Manage Your Profile icon.*

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| **ORCID identifier:** |

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| **Are you a national of a European Economic Area (EEA)\* member state or Switzerland?**  Yes 🞏  No 🞏 |

\*The EEA comprises the EU member states together with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein

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| **Will you have been ordinarily resident\* in an EEA member state or Switzerland for a continuous period of three of the five years preceding 1 October 2018?**  Yes 🞏  No 🞏 |

\*‘Ordinarily resident’ denotes your place of legal and permanent residence. The answer to this question does not have a bearing on EPS eligibility or selection for the 2018 scheme

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| **Will you be in receipt of any additional awards during the scholarship period, e.g. scholarships, bursaries, travel grants etc.?** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| **If answering yes, please specify the amount, source and duration (please include fee waivers):**  [Max 100 words] | |

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| **Do you currently hold, or have you previously held an Irish Research Council Award?** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| **[If YES] Please provide further details:**  **[Max 100 words]** | |

**PRIMARY AND ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS**

**Primary academic supervisor details**

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| **Name:**  **Institution:**  **Email Address:** |

**Secondary academic supervisor details (if applicable)**

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| **Name:**  **Institution:**  **Email Address:** |

**Referee details**

Please ensure you have gained permission from your referees before adding them, as an automated email is sent as soon as you input their details. Neither referee may be your named academic supervisor/academic mentor/enterprise mentor (where relevant). Each Referee will be required to provide an online reference as part of your application.

**Referee one details**

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| **Referee’s name:**  **Position:**  **Email Address:**  **Organisation/Institution:** |

**Referee two details:**

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| **Referee’s name:**  **Position:**  **Email Address:**  **Organisation/Institution:** |

**Enterprise Partner Details**

Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for the eligibility requirements for an Enterprise Partner.

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| **I confirm I have sought permission from this organisation to support my application:**  **I confirm that the support of this organisation is a condition of the award and accept that should the organisation support be withdrawn, the award will be discontinued:**  **Organisation name:**  **Phone:**  **Address:** |

**Enterprise mentor details**

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| **I confirm I have sought permission from this mentor to act as an enterprise mentor for this application:**  **I confirm the email address is correct and understand that I may not change the email address once the application has been submitted:**  **Enterprise Partner (Organisation) Name:**  **Enterprise Mentor Name:**  **Email Address:** |

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

**Undergraduate Qualifications - Bachelor’s Degree or Equivalent**

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| **Institution Name:**  **Other Institutions Name:**  **Date registered from:**    **Date registered to:**  **Qualification Type & Name:**  **Final grade or grade point average:**  **Additional Information:** (e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)  **[Max 300 words]** |

**Second Bachelor’s Degree (if applicable)**

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| **Institution Name:**  **Other Institutions Name:**  **Date registered from:**    **Date registered to:**  **Qualification Type & Name:**  **Final grade or grade point average:**  **Additional Information:** (e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)  **[Max 300 words]** |

**Postgraduate Qualifications: Masters' Degree Details**

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| **Type:**  **Taught** 🞏  **Research** 🞏  **Institution Name:**  **Date registered from:**    **Date registered to:**  **Qualification Type & Name:**  **Grade or grade point average:**  **Additional Information:** (e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)  **[Max 300 words]** |

**Second Masters' Degree Details (if applicable)**

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| **Type:**  **Taught** 🞏  **Research** 🞏  **Institution Name:**  **Date registered from:**    **Date registered to:**  **Qualification Type & Name:**  **Grade or grade point average:**  **Additional Information:** (e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)  **[Max 300 words]** |

**Other Education**

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| **Please include any additional information relevant to your academic background** (e.g. training courses, please provide name, location and dates etc.).  **[Max 300 words]** |

**Research Achievements**

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| **Please provide any additional information regarding your research achievements** (e.g. publications to date, research awards achieved, creation of data sets & databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing (such as novels, poetry), creative productions, exhibitions, etc.)  **[Max 200 words]** |

**Relevant Work Experience**

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| **Please include details of any relevant work experience (including voluntary work) to date.** This should include employer names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment.  **[Max 200 words]** |

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The personal statement provides an opportunity for the applicant to highlight additional information that has not been provided elsewhere in the application, for example:

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| * Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research? * Why have you proposed this research topic? * Why are you particularly suited for this research field? * Why have you chosen an enterprise partnership scheme research award? * Discuss any additional aspects which you feel will provide a better picture of your capability, including personal skills, motivation, interests etc.   **[Max 400 words]** |

**PROPOSED RESEARCH**

**Proposed Research**

If you have already started your course, please indicate which degree you are already ready registered for and fill in the form for the full research proposal for the full duration of this degree.

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| **Degree Type:** (please check with your institution and ensure you select the correct option) | |
| 12 Month Research Masters (does not include structured programme) | 🞏 |
| 24 Month Structured Masters (includes structured programme) | 🞏 |
| 36 Month Research PhD (does not include structured programme) | 🞏 |
| 48 Month Structured PhD (includes structured programme) | 🞏 |

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| **Name of Institution:**  **Department:**  **Registration Date:**  **Finish Date:** |

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| **Will you be a new entrant to the degree for which you are seeking Council funding?** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| \* [If NO] Please detail the progress made to date. include completed milestones, tasks, chapters and publications.  [Max 250 words]  \* [If NO] Please select your current funding source (e.g. self funded, HEI bursary, other-describe)  \* [If NO] Please provide the title of this funding source (please enter N/A if self-funded) | |
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| **Project Title:** |

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| **Primary Area:**  Please consult listing provided on the Irish Research Council [website](http://www.research.ie/) for a full description of what is covered in Primary Areas, Disciplines and Other Research Areas.  **Discipline:**  **Other Research Area:**  **Second categorisation – if interdisciplinary:**  If your proposed research is interdisciplinary please list second categorisation here (e.g. primary area, then discipline, then other research area if applicable)  **Keywords describing proposed research:**  (<5 words, <10 words if interdisciplinary) |

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| **Abstract:** Please bear in mind this could be read by non-specialists, as well as peers, and should be written in order to communicate with them effectively.  **[Max 250 words]** |

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| **Description of Topic:** to include, for example, aims, objectives and central research questions.  **[Max 400 words]** |

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| **Methodology:** to include, for example, investigative and analytic methods and theoretical frameworks.  **[Max 400 words]** |

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| **Research Schedule:** to include, for example, a timeline for the completion of tasks/phases of the project and efficient management and performance of research.  **[Max 250 words]** |

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| **Description of the relationship of the project to existing state of the art:** Suggest how the project will make a new contribution to knowledge. Do not provide bibliographical lists or footnotes here.  **[Max 400 words]** |

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| **Description of any specialist knowledge/data required to undertake the project:** (e.g. language competence, technical skills, use of specialist software, etc.) Describe plans for acquiring this knowledge/data if it is not already in place. Describe how data required for this project will be accessed.  **[Max 200 words]** |

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| **Please note, all research trips over 4 weeks duration will require completion a request form submitted to the Council.**  **[Max 200 words]** |

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| **Please outline your reasons for choosing (i) the proposed Higher Education Institution, (ii) the proposed Academic Supervisor and (iii) the proposed Enterprise Partner and Enterprise Mentor for the project.**  **[Max 300 words]** |

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| **\* Does your application feature an employment partner that is a public body?** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| **If answering yes, please outline how the public body has specific cultural or scientific infrastructure that is integral to the conduct and completion of the proposed project, i.e. without which the project could not be realised.**  **[Max 200 words]** | |

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| **Description of dissemination plans and potential impact:**  **[Max 250 words]** |

Please upload your bibliography here in PDF format. Supplementary information that is essential to interpreting your research (e.g. equations, scientific images and visuals) may also be uploaded. The system will only accept supplementary material in PDF format. Material should only include essential information required for the interpretation and understanding of the proposed research, rather than additional information about the research proposal or applicant. **Items uploaded that are non-essential to the interpretation of the research can result in an application becoming ineligible.**

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| **Have you previously submitted all or part of a proposal to an Irish Research Council Scheme and been unsuccessful?** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| **\* [If YES] Description of modifications made to the proposal if the proposal has been previously submitted, but was unsuccessful under an Irish Research Council scheme**  **[Max 200 words]** | |

**Career Training and Development Plan**

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| **The Career Training and Development Plan should outline the following:**   * Provide a description of plans for the acquisition of new specialist knowledge and skills, and generic knowledge and skills e.g. where appropriate include a reference to the Description of Specialist Knowledge section above. * In terms of career aspirations, what do you expect to do upon completion of the postgraduate degree? * How will the postgraduate degree assist you in achieving your goals? * Detail how the award will enhance your career in non-academic sectors. * Detail how this opportunity may enhance your employability. * If you intend to collaborate with European or international research groups, you can include this information here and how it may impact your development.   **[Max 400 words]** |

**Data management plan**

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| What standards will be applied?   * How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse? If data cannot be made available, why? * How data will be curated and preserved? * If applicable, how do you plan to make the research data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable). * Applicants should be cognisant of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and any other national guidelines that may be applicable in your jurisdiction. Funded proposals should meet the required standards in this regard.   **[Max 300 words]** |

**ETHICAL AND GENDER STATEMENTS**

**Ethical Statement**

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| **Does your research involve any of the following ethical issues of special relevance?** | |
| Informed consent | 🞏 |
| Human embryonic stem cells | 🞏 |
| Privacy and data protection | 🞏 |
| Use of human biological samples and data | 🞏 |
| Research on animals | 🞏 |
| Research in developing countries | 🞏 |
| Dual use (possible military/terrorist application) | 🞏 |
| None of the above | 🞏 |
| **Does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the relevant University/Institutional Ethics committee?** |  |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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| **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 to address these over the course of your scholarship.**  **[Max 200 words]** |  |

**Sex/Gender Dimension**

Please read carefully the section on ‘Sex/Gender Dimension’ in the Guide for Applicants for help in answering this question.

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| **Does your proposed research programme involve any of the following?**   1. Humans as the research focus 2. Animals as the research focus 3. Human samples and/or data 4. Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials 5. Research on animals, animal samples and/or data 6. Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
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**APPLICANT DECLARATION**

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| **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**](http://www.research.ie/)**:** | |
| I agree | 🞏 |
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| **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 my own work and understand that it will be subject to plagiarism checks. Random sampling will be carried out during the assessment period for evidence of plagiarism. Applicants who have been found to plagiarise will be prohibited from applying for Council funding in the future. Proven instances of plagiarism will be brought to the attention of the research office.**  I agree  **I recognise that financial support from the enterprise is a necessary condition for the continuation of this scholarship. I accept that should the enterprise partner default in their payments, that the award will be terminated.**  I agree | 🞏  🞏  🞏 |