*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), 8th June 2017.*** *Please see the* ***Guidelines for Applicants*** *document on the Irish Research Council website for more information on registering and submitting your form online.*

* *All sections must be completed*

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| ***Application Type:*** *(select appropriate Scheme for which you are applying)* | |
| * ***Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postgraduate Scholarship*** | 🞏 |
| * ***Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postdoctoral Fellowship*** | 🞏 |

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

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| ***Irish Research Body:*** |

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| ***Application in Irish:*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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

1. **Applicant Details**

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| ***Name:*** |

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| ***Contact Address:*** |

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| ***Orcid ID:*** |

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| ***Date of Birth:*** |

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| ***Sex:*** *(this is for internal reporting purposes only and has no impact on the application)* | |
| Male | 🞏 |
| Female | 🞏 |

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

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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 January 2018?** | |
| Yes |  |
| **No** |  |

\*‘Ordinarily resident’ denotes your place of legal and permanent residence. The answer to this question does not have a bearing on EBP eligibility or selection for the 2017 scheme

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| ***Do you currently hold or have you previously held an Irish Research Council Award?*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| ***If answering yes, please specify:***  *[Max 500 words]* | |

1. **Academic Supervisor Details**

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| ***Academic Supervisor Name:*** |

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| ***Institution:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

1. **Enterprise Partner Details**

*Enterprise Partner shall mean a business, a company, a registered charity, a Social, cultural or not-for-profit civic organization, a semi-state commercial organization or eligible public body with a physical operational base located in Ireland that will employ the Scholar for the duration of the award. Eligible Public Body shall mean: a public service body with specific scientific or cultural infrastructure that is integral to the conduct and completion of the proposed research. If a public body or HEI is a research performing organisation eligible to apply independently for IRC schemes, it is not eligible to be funded as an employment partner under this scheme.*

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| ***Organisation name:*** |

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| ***Phone:*** |

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| ***Address:*** |

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Does your application feature an employment partner that is a public body?

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| 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 500 words]* |

1. **Referee Details**

* *You must associate two Referees with your application, neither of whom may be your named Academic Supervisor/Academic Mentor/Enterprise Mentor (where relevant).*
* *A suitable Referee is an individual who knows you sufficiently well to provide you with a reference, e.g. a principal investigator, a mentor from any time in your career or education or a leader or member of a research team where you have worked.*
* *Each Referee will be required to provide an online reference as part of your application.*

**Referee 1**

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| ***Referee Name:*** |

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| ***Organisation/Institution:*** |

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| ***Position:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

**Referee 2**

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| ***Referee Name:*** |

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| ***Organisation/Institution:*** |

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| ***Position:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

1. **Enterprise Mentor Details**

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| ***Enterprise Partner (Organisation) Name:*** |

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| ***Enterprise Mentor Name:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

1. **Academic Qualifications**

**6.1 Undergraduate Qualifications – Bachelor’s Degree or Equivalent**

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| ***Institution Name:*** |

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| ***Year registered from: Year registered to:*** |

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| ***Qualification Type & Name:*** |

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| ***Grade or grade point average:*** |

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| ***Additional Information:*** *(e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)*  ***[Max 300 words]*** |

**6.2 Postgraduate Qualifications**

**Masters Degree Details**

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| ***Type:*** | |
| Taught | 🞏 |
| Research | 🞏 |

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| ***Institution Name:*** |

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| ***Date registered from: Date registered to:*** |

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| ***Qualification Type & Name:*** |

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| ***Grade or grade point average:*** |

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| ***Additional Information:*** *(e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.)*  ***[Max 300 words]*** |

**Second Masters Degree Details**

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| ***Type:*** | |
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| ***Institution Name:*** |

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| ***Date registered from: Date registered to:*** |

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| ***Qualification Type & Name:*** |

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| ***Grade or grade point average*:** |

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| ***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 500 words]*** |

**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 500 words]*** |

1. **Proposed Research**

7.1 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:*** |

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| ***Department:*** |

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| ***Registration Date:*** |

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| ***Finish Date:*** |

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| ***Project Title:*** |

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| ***Keywords describing proposed research:***  *(<5 words, <10 words if interdisciplinary)* |

*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.*

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| ***Primary Area:*** |

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| ***Discipline:*** |

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| ***Other Research Area:*** |

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| ***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)* |

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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 300 words]*** |

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| ***Description of topic:*** *to include, for example, aims, objectives and central research questions.*  ***[Max 500 words]*** |

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| ***Methodology:*** *to include, for example, investigative and analytic methods and theoretical frameworks.*  ***[Max 500 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 500 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 500 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 500 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 800 words]*** |

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| ***Please provide details of any proposed research trips of more than 4 weeks duration which you believe will be necessary:***  ***[Max 300 words]*** |

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| ***Description of dissemination plans and potential impact:***  ***[Max 500 words]*** |

There is an option on the system at this point to upload any supplementary information (e.g. diagrams/bibliography) which will accompany your research proposal in PDF format. The system will not accept any format than PDF. Supplementary 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. Supplementary material will not be included in the application word count.

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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 | 🞏 |

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| ***Description of modifications made to the proposal if the proposal has been previously submitted, but was unsuccessful under an Irish Research Council scheme.*** *Please note that unsuccessful applicants may only re-apply to the scheme on one subsequent occasion (with effect from 21 October 2009):*  ***[Max 300 words]*** |

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| ***Have you commenced the course of research for which you are applying?*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
| *If yes, please outline the source and duration of your funding (start/finish dates), and outline the progress made to date and include completed tasks, chapters etc.*  ***[Max 500 words]*** | |

1. **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 (6.17) 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 Scholarship will enhance your career in non-academic sectors.*   ***[Max 1000 words]*** |

1. **Personal Statement**

*The personal statement provides an opportunity for the applicant to highlight additional information that has not been provided elsewhere in the application. The topics outlined in following bullet points should be addressed:*

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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 500 words]*** |

1. **Ethical Statement**

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| ***Does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the relevant University/Institutional Ethics committee?*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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| ***Confirmation has been received from the Head of Department that the above statement is true:*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

10.3

***\* Please provide details on the ethical implications of your research (where ethical issues may arise). Ethical approval from your institutional ethical review committee will be required if your application is successful. If ethical issues do not arise, please enter N/A below:***

***[Max 500 words]***

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| ***Where ethical issues may arise in the research, applicants are required to submit to the Irish Research Council a written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. A full ethical report and approval from an ethical review committee will need to be received by the Irish Research Council prior to the commencement of the Scholarship or within three months of the start date. If ethical issues do not arise, please enter N/A below:***  ***[Max 500 words]*** |

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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 | 🞏 |

1. **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 | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |
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| ***If you have answered NO,*** *please explain why there is no potential sex/*  *gender dimension to be considered in your proposed research.*  ***If you have answered YES,*** *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 Guidelines for Applicants 2017.*  ***[Max 500 words]*** |  |

1. **Financial Justification**

• *Please provide the total cost for the full duration of the Scholarship.*

*• The exact amount of eligible direct research expenses to be allocated is subject to sufficient justification being made. An itemised breakdown of costs and the associated justification is required eg. list separately the cost and justification for individual pieces of computer equipment and software. Small consumables can be grouped as one item eg. general lab or stationary supplies.*

*• Software and hardware must to be obtained in the first year of the award or the first three months of a one year award. Apart from this exception, funds may not be used to purchase capital items.*

*- A maximum amount of €2,250 per annum applies.*

*- There is a limit of €1,000 for computers or laptops.*

*- Membership costs are not eligible.*

- *Subsistence/per diem/vouched expenses for meals and drinks are not an eligible cost.*

*- Living costs (e.g. rent) are not essential direct research costs and cannot be included.*

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1. **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:*** | |
| I agree | 🞏 |

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| ***Would you like the Irish Research Council to make your application available to other Funding Agencies and/or Enterprise Partners for funding consideration?*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |