

Citizens' Assembly Research Fellowship 2019
Frequently Asked Questions
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1. Is the €25k budget inclusive of the 20% overhead?

Yes, the total award of €25k includes overheads.

2. Is an Emeritus/'retired' academic eligible to apply for the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality Research Fellowship?

The Council is currently developing a policy regarding the eligibility of Emeritus/'retired' academics to apply for Irish Research Council funding. As an interim arrangement, the following will apply for the purposes of this call: an Emeritus/'retired' academic can apply for the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality Research Fellowship provided a letter signed by the Vice-President of Research (or equivalent) which confirms that there is a commitment for the duration of the award is submitted with the application. A template letter can be found below.

[LETTER TEMPLATE]

Irish Research Council,
3 Shelbourne Buildings,
Crampton Avenue,
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4,
D04 C2Y6

[DATE}

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of [HOST INSTITUTION] to confirm the following arrangements will be put in place should [APPLICANT NAME] be successful in their application to the Irish Research Council for the Citizens' Assembly for Gender Equality Research Fellowship:

- There will be a written contract of employment/statement of appointment (or similar) in place, which extends at least up to the expiration date of the award.

- They will have full access to all facilities, labs, and other infrastructure necessary to successfully complete the intended programme of research.
- They will have full signing and approval authority, in order to manage the award appropriately, and to supervise researchers as appropriate.
- They will be bound by the rules and regulations of the institution, as is the case for other faculty colleagues.
- They will be covered by the host body's indemnity insurance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything further in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Vice-President for Research (or equivalent)
[HOST INSTITUTION]

3. Can the award holder use the funds to pay researchers outside of Ireland?

The award holder on the Citizens' Assembly Research Fellowship may use the funds to pay researchers outside of Ireland, provided a full justification is given. As outlined in the Terms and Conditions, in **Proposed Costs** (page 5), *"Appropriate allocation of resources and demonstrated value for money to include a full description of costs, justification for these costs and a plan to ensure best use of resources."* The Irish Research Council transfers funds for successful projects to the host HEI/RPO. The employment of personnel and transfer of funds must align with the employment and procurement rules of the HEI/RPO.

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