IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL
An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn

**Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme 2021
Indicative Applicant Form**

This Word document is provided solely for information purposes. All applicants must create and complete their submission through the online system by the deadline of **16:00 (Irish time) on 29 October 2020.** Please see the **2021 Terms and Conditions** and **Guide for Applicants** on the Irish Research Council website for further information prior to submitting your application online. All sections must be completed in full.

ELIGIBILITY QUIZ FORM

The information you input in this quiz will determine your eligibility to apply for the 2021 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship (GOIPG). If you do **not** meet the 'Eligibility Criteria', your application will be deemed **Ineligible** and the system **will prevent you from completing a GOIPG Application.**

MAKE SURE YOU CLICK!

1. *'**Continue to Application**'* and then
2. *'**Save Draft**'* BEFORE CLOSING THE ELIGIBILITY QUIZ AND APPLICATION WINDOW.

FAILURE TO DO SO **WILL STOP** YOU FROM RE-SUBMITTING THE ELIGIBILITY QUIZ AND FROM OPENING A NEW APPLICATION.

The Council will not reset Eligibility Quiz or Applications.

Question 1- Do you have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree? If undergraduate examination results are not known at the time of application, the Council may make a provisional offer of a scholarship on condition that the scholar's bachelor's, or the equivalent, degree result is a first class or upper second-class honours. If a scholar does not have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor's, or the equivalent, degree, they must possess a master's degree.	
Yes	☐
No	☐
Bachelor's degree results unknown at time of application	☐
Master's degree results unknown at time of application	☐

If No: Do you have a master's degree?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

Question 2 - Have you had two previous unsuccessful applications to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship scheme (including strategic partner themes, applications to the EMBARK Scheme previously run by the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology and the Government of Ireland Scholarship Scheme previously run by the Irish Council for Humanities and Social Sciences)?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

Question 3 - Do you hold or have previously held a Council Scholarship?	
Yes – dropdown list – if yes, select the relevant Council Scholarship	☐
No	☐

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Information provided at Eligibility Quiz is **Tentative** and will not affect applicant's eligibility.

Tentative Project Title	Min. 15 characters
Primary Area	See Appendix I of Guide for Applicants
Select Discipline	See Appendix I of Guide for Applicants
Tentative Key words	
Tentative Abstract	Min. 100 / Max. 300 words

Does your proposed research deal with any of the following prohibited areas?	
- Research activity aimed at human cloning for reproductive purposes - Research activity intended to modify the genetics of human beings that could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be funded) - Research activities to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer	
Yes	☐
No	☐

Has a Primary Supervisor, based in an Irish Higher Education Institution, agreed to act as a supervisor for the above project prior to this application? *The Council strongly advise applicants to contact their primary supervisor and the Research Office before completing the Eligibility Quiz and submitting the application form.* *All applications require a primary supervisor who is willing to supervise the proposed research project.* *Prior to creating an application, you must contact and discuss your research project with your proposed supervisor(s).*	
Yes	☐
No	☐

If Yes: Type Primary Supervisor's name	
Yes	Primary Supervisor name: *Primary Supervisor Name must match the supervisor's name as registered in the online system.* **Please contact your Primary Supervisor to confirm this information.** *If the information submitted as part of the Eligibility Quiz in relation to your Primary Supervisor does not correspond to their information on the system your application will be deemed INELIGIBLE.*

	* Only list the name of your Primary Supervisor. Where an Eligibility Quiz identifies two or more Supervisors the application will be deemed INELIGIBLE.

	If No: Ineligible
No	***All applications require a primary supervisor who is willing to supervise the proposed research project.*** *Prior to creating an application, you **must** contact and discuss your research project with your proposed supervisor(s).* *Please do **NOT** add a supervisor to your application without their prior approval.* *If the information in relation to your Primary Supervisor at Eligibility Quiz does **not** correspond to their information on the system your application will be deemed INELIGIBLE.*

After completion of Eligibility Quiz form MAKE SURE YOU CLICK:

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APPLICATION FORM

Overview

Please select the appropriate scholarship theme for which you are applying:	
Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship	☐
Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution	☐
Environmental Protection Agency Postgraduate Scholarship	☐
Countess Markievicz Postgraduate Scholarship on Female Leadership	☐
Met Éireann Posgraduate Scholarship	☐

In addition to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, a number of themed scholarships are offered in collaboration with our strategic funding partners as a mechanism to deliver on our shared national objectives. While applicants may apply for one scholarship theme only, those who choose to apply for a strategic funding partner scholarship will also be considered for a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Full descriptions of each of the strategic funding partner scholarships can be found here.

Project title:

Irish research body:

Department:

Application in Irish:	
Yes	☐
No	☐

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

ORCID identifier:

ORCID ID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher. If you do not currently have an ORCID ID, please register for one at www.orcid.org and provide us with your unique 16-digit identifier.

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

If you are from the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, which county are you from?

Are you a national of a European Union member state (including the Republic of Ireland) **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

Will you have been ordinarily resident* in a European Union member state (including the Republic of Ireland) **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland for a continuous period of three of the five years preceding 1 September 2021?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

* 'Ordinarily resident' refers to the applicant's place of legal and permanent residence. This will not be deemed as having been interrupted if an absence from the country of ordinary residency has been caused by the training, education or employment of the applicant or the applicant's spouse or parents.

Primary and additional participants

Primary supervisor details – to be selected from a list of Primary Supervisors registered on the online system by the host institution:

Name:

Higher education institution:

Email address:

Secondary supervisor details (if applicable):

Name:

Higher education institution:

Email address:

Referee 1:

Organisation or institution:

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Position:

Email:

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you ensure the email addresses you provide for your referees are correct. If an incorrect email address is entered, your referee will NOT receive the automatic email and will therefore be unable to access the online system to complete their reference form. This will result in your application being deemed ineligible.

Confirm email:

Role:
Referee 1

Referee 2:

Organisation or institution:

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Position:

Email:

Confirm email:

Role:
Referee 2

Track record

Bachelor's degree (or equivalent):

Institution:

Graduation date:
dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

Second bachelor's degree (if applicable):

Institution:

Graduation date: dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

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Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here: *Max 300 words*

Master's degree (if applicable):

Type:	
Taught	☐
Research	☐

Institution:

Graduation date: dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

Degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the HEI must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts. If official transcripts do not confirm the applicant's overall result and date of award **exactly** as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of a scholarship will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Council for inspection before the scholarship can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.

Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here: *Max 300 words*

Second master's degree (if applicable):

Type:	
Taught	☐
Research	☐

Institution:

Graduation date:
dd/mm/yyyy

Qualification type and name:

Final grade or grade point average:

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Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:

Max 300 words

Other education:

Please provide any additional information relevant to your academic background which should include the name, location and date(s) of any training courses attended:

Max 300 words

Research achievements:

Please provide any additional information regarding your research achievements to date such as publications, research awards, creation of data sets and databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing, creative productions and/or exhibitions:

Max 300 words

Work experience:

Please provide details of any relevant work experience, including voluntary work, to date which should include employers' names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment:

Max 300 words

Personal statement

Please highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.:

- Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?
- Why have you proposed this research topic?
- Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build?
- Why are you particularly suited to this research field?
- Which of your attributes demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?

Max 500 words

Career training and development plan

Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following:

- What are your career goals and how would this scholarship help you to achieve them?
- How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills?
- How would this scholarship enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector?
- How can the scholarship transform your existing skills in those identified as being required to pursue the chosen career?
- Avoid generalisation. Be specific and detailed in both the acquisition of scientific skills and soft/transferable skills.

Max 1000 words

Proposed research

Will you be a new entrant to the degree for which you are seeking Council funding?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

If yes: Please specify the scholarship type for which you are applying:	
12-month research master's degree	☐
24-month structured research master's degree	☐
36-month traditional doctoral degree	☐
48-month structured doctoral degree	☐

If no: Please specify the degree type which you intend to complete:	
24-month structured research master's degree	☐
36-month traditional doctoral degree	☐
48-month structured doctoral degree	☐

If no: What date did you first register for this degree?

dd/mm/yyyy

It is important that the information in this field is entered correctly as the duration of funding awarded is dependent on the date of first registration

If no: Please indicate the duration of scholarship for which you are applying in order to complete the degree type specified above:	
12 months	☐
24 months	☐
36 months	☐

For scholars who have already completed part of the degree for which they are seeking Council funding, the duration of funding to be awarded is dependent on the type of postgraduate degree being pursued and the date of first registration as detailed in the Terms and Conditions

If no: Please indicate the progress of your research to date, i.e. what has been done and what still needs to be done. Please also indicate whether or not you have been confirmed on the PhD register at your higher education institution:

Max 500 words

If no: Please provide details of your current funding source:

Max 300 words

Will you be in receipt of any additional awards during the scholarship period, e.g. scholarships, bursaries, travel grants etc.?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

If yes: Please provide further details, including the value of these additional awards:

Max 300 words

Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any other Irish Research Council awards?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

If yes: Please provide further details:

Max 300 words

Applicants for a research master's scholarship must not currently hold, or have previously held, a Council Postgraduate Scholarship. Applicants for a doctoral degree scholarship must not currently hold, or have previously held, any Council Postgraduate Scholarship other than that which would enable them to obtain a research master's degree

Have you previously submitted all or part of this proposal to an Irish Research Council scheme and been unsuccessful?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

If yes: Please clearly describe the modifications to your research proposal since it was previously submitted:

Max 300 words

Please note that unsuccessful applicants may only re-apply to the programme on one subsequent occasion (with effect from 21 October 2009)

Primary area:

Discipline:

Other research area(s):

Second categorisation – if interdisciplinary:

If your proposed research is interdisciplinary, please list its second categorisation here i.e. primary area and discipline

Keywords describing proposed research:

Please provide a lay abstract for your proposed research, which will be used to inform a non-expert audience:

Max 300 words

Please provide details of your proposed research to include (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project, (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal and (c) how the project will advance state of the art and make a contribution to existing knowledge:

Max 500 words

Please detail the research design and methodologies to be employed in carrying out your scholarship which should be described in sufficient detail to demonstrate your thorough understanding of the research topic:

Max 500 words

Please provide a schedule to include (a) milestones and deliverables for completion of the proposed research, (b) risks that might endanger reaching these deliverables and (c) the contingency plans to be put in place in order to mitigate these risks:

Max 500 words

Please describe any specialist knowledge or data required to undertake your proposed research, such as language competency, technical skills or use of specialist software. If this knowledge or data is not already in place, details should be provided as to how it will be acquired over the course of the scholarship:

Max 500 words

Please outline your plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured:

Max 500 words

Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed (a) academic supervisor(s) and (b) higher education institution making particular reference to how the chosen supervisor and insitution
- can support the acquiring of methods and knowledge necessary to completing the proposed project
- can provide any facilities and infrastutures or other supports relevant to completing the proposed project
- consider highlighting the HEI's training programme, which is expected to be comprehensive
- where applicable, mention the HEI's Athena Swan awards, as additional markers of the HEI's quality and investment in gender issues.

Avoid using only an institutional template and include a personal justification explaining why the facilities are appropriate for the researcher, the proposed project and the knowledge, support and expertise require dto complete the project. .

Max 400 words

Please provide details of any proposed research trip(s) of more than four weeks' duration which you believe will be necessary for the successful completion of your scholarship:

Max 300 words

The following question applies ONLY to applicants to the Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution, EPA Postgraduate Scholarship, Countess Markieviecz Postgraduate Scholarship on Female Leadership or Met Éireann Postgraduate Scholarship . Please outline the reasons for choosing your specific theme, including how your proposal explicitly aligns with the specific requirements as outlined in the theme information:

Max 500 words

If you have supplementary information, e.g. diagrams or a bibliography, which accompany your research proposal, please upload them here in PDF format. Supplementary material should only include essential information required for the interpretation and understanding of the proposed research. Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding if they include additional information about the research proposal or applicant

Ethics:

Does your research proposal 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 your research proposal require approval by the relevant institutional Ethics Committee?	
Yes	☐
No	☐

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 address these over the course of your scholarship:

Max 500 words

Sex/gender dimension:

Does your proposed research involve any of the following?	
Humans as the research focus	☐
Animals as the research focus	☐
Human samples and/or data	☐
Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials	☐
Research on animals, animal samples and/or data	☐
Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers	☐

Please provide a statement detailing whether there is a potential sex/gender dimension to be considered in carrying out your research. If your research involves any of the above, please 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 Guide for Applicants:

Max 500 words

Data management:

> Please provide a data management plan which addresses the following:
>
> - How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse?
> - How data will be curated and preserved?
> - If applicable, how do you plan to make data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)?
> - If data cannot be made available, why?
>
> *Max 300 words*

Applicant declaration

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:	
I agree	☐

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 entirely my own work and understand that it will be subject to plagiarism checks. Please note that random sampling for evidence of plagiarism will be carried out during the assessment process. Applicants who have been found to plagiarise will be prohibited from applying for Irish Research Council funding in the future. Suspected instances of plagiarism will be brought to the attention of the higher education institution:	
I agree	☐

Would you like the Irish Research Council to make your application available to other funding agencies and/or enterprise partners for consideration?	
Yes	☐
No	☐