New Foundations Scheme 2020

Including the ‘Engaging Civic Society’ Strand,
the ‘Networking & Collaboration Grant’
in partnership with The Department of Foreign Affairs,
the ‘Creative Ireland Programme Research Grants’
in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht,
the ‘Growing Up in Ireland (GUI) Networking Events’
in partnership with The Department of Child and Youth Affairs,

and

the ‘Spatial Analysis of Crime, Safety and Confidence’ Strand
in partnership with The Department of Justice and Equality.

Guide for Research Offices 2020

GUIDE FOR RESEARCH OFFICES

The deadline for submitting your research office endorsement is:
exactly 4pm (Ireland time) Thursday 29th October 2020.
1. Important deadlines for this call and General Information

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This document is provided to assist you in submitting a Research Office endorsement for applications under the 2020 New Foundations Scheme.

The Irish Research Council will only accept endorsements through the online application system. Please do not send emailed or hard copies of your endorsement to the Irish Research Council.

**The email request for Research Officer registration was sent to all Research Offices on 31/08/2020 with the subject line: ‘New Foundations 2020 Launch and Request for Research Officer Nomination’. For further details of first-time logging into the online system, see Section 2.1 (pg. 5).**

Please read this document carefully prior to completing the research office/university decision. By logging in, you will be able to view all draft applications within your institution and to access all submitted applications that are available for your endorsement decision.
2. Logging onto the system

Please note that the online system can only be successfully accessed and supported through the following browsers:

- Chrome (Latest Version)
- Safari (Latest Version)
- Firefox (Latest Version)

**WizeHive does not recommend the use of Internet Explorer due to variances in display and capabilities that may be experienced.**

The New Foundations Research Officer portal can be found in each notification email that arrives to the nominated inbox upon a new relevant application submission.

Additionally, the portal link will be included in the email response to the request for endorser nomination email sent on 21st/October/2020 with the subject ‘New Foundations 2020 Launch and Request for Research Officer Nomination’.

Once a response to the above email has been received including the full name of at least one nominated research officer, their position in the research office and their email, the New Foundations team will register the user to login to the system and reply with a confirmation and the link to the portal.

Ensure that the email addresses newfoundations@research.ie, no-reply@webportalapp.com and no-reply@email.zenginehq.com are on your ‘safe senders’ list. You may need to check
with your IT department to ensure that there is no issue with your organisation’s internal firewall.

2.1 Logging in for the first time
The New Foundations team will have registered you on the WizeHive system based on the response given to the email request sent to all Research Offices to nominate an institutional representative to endorse New Foundations applications.

If you or someone in the Research Office at your institution did not receive the request for Research Officer nomination, please contact newfoundations@research.ie with the full name of a nominated officer, their position in the Research Office, and their email address.

The nominated email contact will automatically receive an email each time an application is ready for Research Office endorsement. Each email will contain the Research Officer portal link.

On the login page, you will see Sign In/Sign Up Instructions on the left-side of the screen and a field to input the nominated Research Officer email on the right-hand side. Enter the email address and click ‘Continue’.

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**Input the email address nominated by the Research Office. This will also be the email that receives the notifications of submitted applications to endorse.**
Once you have clicked ‘Continue’, you will see a message stating that you have received a confirmation link to your email.

The email confirmation will contain a link. Click ‘Confirm Your Email to Get Started’ to complete the account setup in a new window.

Hello! Let’s Confirm Your Account...

You’ve been invited to join a Review Portal. Please use the link below to complete the confirmation process.

Confirm Your Email To Get Started

In the new ‘Sign Up’ window, you will be prompted to create and confirm a password and agree to a Privacy Notice before your account can be completed. Once you have created an approved password and agreed to the privacy notice, click the button ‘Create Account’.
Once you have clicked ‘Create Account’, you will see a listing of all the submitted applications ready for endorsement who have identified their HEI/RPO as your institution. The listed candidates have completed and submitted the application form within the deadline.

3. Endorsing Applications
Each application will state the Project ID (Record Label) and the HEI/RPO it is associated with.

Click on the blue ‘Review’ button on the right-hand side of each application to view it and approve or decline your endorsement.
By clicking on the ‘Review’ button, you will see two Viewing Forms: NF Application (Primary) and Applicant Details. You can select both by clicking on the dropdown and/or the arrows.

Begin reviewing the application and submit your endorsement.
3.1 Viewing Forms

I. ‘Applicant Details’ form contains information as completed by the applicant.

II. ‘NF Application’ form contains the applicant’s New Foundations application as completed by the applicant and any ‘Form Attachments’ relevant to their chosen strand.

N.B. Applicants to Strands 1a and 4 are required to upload a signed and scanned endorsement form relevant to their Strand. No upload is required by applicants under Strands 5, 6 and 7.

Click on ‘Print’ to print a pdf of the application.
Click here to view any required endorsement forms uploaded by the applicant.

You may print the application by clicking here.

New Foundations 2020 Application

Higher Education Institution (HEI)/Research Performing Organisation (RPO)

Your HEI/RPO

As per the 2020 Terms & Conditions, applicants must, on the call deadline of 20th October 2020, hold a contract of sufficient duration with an eligible HEI or a recognised RPO to carry out the proposed research from the project start date of 1st March 2021 until the project end date.

Position in HEI/RPO:
Associate Professor

Type of current contract:
Permanent

Strand being applied for:
Strand 1a: Enhancing Civic Society within a national context (max €12,000)
Applicant Research Outputs, including Publications:

In the following boxes, please provide information for up to 5 selected research outputs, which may include publications. This selection may be a list of the applicant's most recent outputs or a selection of the outputs that are most relevant to the aims of the selected New Foundations Strand. The IRC is a signatory of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA, as of the 9th of December 2016), where research is assessed on its own merits rather than based on the journal in which it is published. http://research.ie/assets/uploads/2019/02/IRC-position-on-Plan-S_Final.pdf. The IRC also recognises the importance of all research outputs; e.g., creation of data sets, databases and software; conference papers presented; patents granted; excavations; public broadcasts; stage performances, creative writing (such as novels, poetry); creative productions; exhibitions, etc. These may be included here. If you do not have any research outputs/publications, leave this section blank.

Output Type:

Output Title:
Test

Output Year
2020

Relevance/significance of the publication:
Testing

Would you like to add a second publication?
Yes

Output Type

Output Title:
Test 2

Output Year
2019

Relevance/significance of the publication:
Testing 2

Would you like to add a third output?
Would you like to add a fifth output?
Yes

Output Type

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Test 5

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2017

Relevance/significance of the publication:
Testing 5

All Applicants: Please provide a summary of other relevant research-related achievements to date. This can include but is not limited to previous awards won, conferences organised, contributions to teaching & learning, public engagement activities, etc.
Use this space to provide further evidence of a relevant research track record.
Test

Project Details

Title of proposed project:
test

Abbreviation of proposed title:
This short title or acronym will be used to identify your proposal in this call. It should be no more than 12 characters.
TEST

Primary area/Discipline of proposal:
For further information and definitions of the research categories, see the Irish Research Council Research Categorisation Publication, here:  http://research.ie/assets/uploads/2017/07/Research-Categorisation.pdf
Biological Sciences A

Secondary area/Discipline of proposal:
Environmental Biotechnology

The lay abstract should provide a clear understanding of the objectives of the proposal and how they will be achieved. Please be advised that the lay abstract will be used by the Council for dissemination purposes and therefore please be mindful to use accessible language to engage all audiences. It will be used as the short description of the proposal in the assessment process. It must not contain confidential information.
Environmental Biotechnology

The lay abstract should provide a clear understanding of the objectives of the proposal and how they will be achieved. Please be advised that the lay abstract will be used by the Council for dissemination purposes and therefore please be mindful to use accessible language to engage all audiences. It will be used as the short description of the proposal in the assessment process. It must not contain confidential information.

Lay Proposal Abstract:
Confidential information is personal data including, but not limited to: email address, date of birth, personal details of other participants, nationality. See:

Keywords:
We would recommend that you use keywords to describe the technology, science, sector, content or nature of result and potential uses of your result. (Tip: Which keywords would you search for to find a project/finding like yours?)

This detailed proposal description should include a clear description of the aims and objectives of the proposal; the proposal implementation plan; the expected outputs and outcomes of the proposal; the potential impacts and benefits of the proposal.

Detailed Proposal Description
Applicants to Strand 8 (Creative Ireland Research Grants) are welcome to note here any team members who will be involved in the proposed research.

Involved in the proposed research.

Objectives

Expected Outputs and Outcomes

Does your proposed project require ethical approval?
Please also consider issues around data collection, management and processing when assessing the ethical requirements of your project.

Yes

If Yes, please provide details of the ethical implications and how they will be addressed:

In the event of a successful outcome to this application, where relevant, written evidence of such ethical approval must be received by the Research Council before activities for which ethical approval are required commence, but no later than three months after the start date of the award.

How is your proposal relevant to the aims of Strand 1a: Engaging Civic Society within a national context?
Demonstrate relevance to the particular strand themes and detailing the specific partnerships proposed. Evidence of input from partners should be incorporated into the proposal.

Supply clear evidence of input by Civil/Voluntary Organisation (CVO) / Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) partners into the proposal, details on how project will result in expected benefits for the CVO; evidence/reference to future research opportunities.

Signed and scanned endorsement form of proposed charity, CVO or NGO Partner for Strand 1 Applications
File must be a PDF. Downloadable form available at: http://research.ie/funding/new-foundations/.

Proposed Budget

In the following text boxes, please provide itemised descriptions of your proposed costs in each category. Below each description, enter the total price in EUR for that category. These fields may not be left blank. If you have no expenses under a particular heading, please type ‘N/A’ in the text box and ‘0’ in the corresponding total fields. The total amount requested will be calculated automatically.

Please provide itemised breakdown of travel (including accommodation costs) and reason needed:

Total travel cost requested for the full duration of the award:
€1,000.00

Please provide itemised breakdown of research consumables and reason needed (MAX €1,000.00):

Total research consumables cost requested for the full duration of the award:
The MAXIMUM allowed amount for research consumables is €1,000.
€1,000.00

Please provide itemised breakdown of dissemination costs and reason needed:

Total dissemination costs requested for the full duration of the award:
€5,000.00

Please provide itemised breakdown of general and/or specialist disciplinary skill costs and reason needed:
When you have reviewed the application, click the blue ‘+Endorsement’ button in the upper, right-hand corner to complete your review.
Once clicked, the option to provide your endorsement and either save a draft or submit your endorsement will appear.

3.2 Submitting a Research Office Endorsement Decision
By selecting ‘Yes’, the Research Officer endorses the application and, in so doing, confirms the following statement:

‘I declare that all of the information in this form is correct. I confirm that should it become apparent that any of the information herein is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible.’

If the Officer selects ‘No’, they must provide precise details as to why they are not endorsing the application in the textbox that appears.

When you are satisfied with your response, click the blue ‘Submit’ button to complete the endorsement process for that individual application.

This endorsement decision is final and cannot be altered after you click ‘Submit’.
Once you click ‘Submit’, the following message will appear, confirming that it has been submitted successfully.
To return to the listing of your applications to endorse, click the blue word ‘Listings’ in the upper left-hand corner.

Applications that have been endorsed will display a green ‘Done’ button where the blue ‘Review’ button had previously been.

You may view endorsed applications at any point by clicking the ‘Done’ button, but you cannot alter your endorsement submission.

You can return to this portal at any time to endorse newly submitted applications and view applications that have been endorsed by entering your email address and the password you created during your registration process.

Your email address will receive a notification each time an application is ready for your endorsement.
4. Technical Queries & Next Steps
If you experience any technical problems, please clear the cache in your browser and continue.

Please contact newfoundations@research.ie, should you experience any technical difficulties.

The outcome of the call will be sent to all Research Offices and Applicants in January 2021.