



# IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL

## An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn

### NEW FOUNDATIONS 2024: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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**Please note:**

**If you do not find the answer to your query in the call documentation, you should contact the research office in your proposed institution, which will provide information and clarification on the call.**

**Research offices can send any queries they are unable to clarify to [newfoundations@research.ie](mailto:newfoundations@research.ie). Frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers will be posted on the Irish Research Council's website and updated once the call opens until 13th of June 2024.**

**The questions submitted during the webinar which took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, will be addressed as part of the FAQ documents scheduled to be posted on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.**

The New Foundations 2024 Call Document can be found at [New Foundations | Funding | Irish Research Council](#).

<b>1. Strand 1a-related queries</b>
Will there be a list of organisations who are keen to participate in Strand 1a?
No, a list will not be provided. Applicants are free to partner with any civic society organisation which meets the criteria outlined in the call document for this strand. It is important to note, that the civic society partner must be a charity with a CHY number and registered with the <a href="#">Charities Regulator</a> .
What does the civic partner need to submit exactly?
Under the 'endorsement form' tab on the New Foundations webpage, you will find a form specific to Strand 1a. This form is to be completed by the civic society partner organisation. The completed form needs to be signed and uploaded as part of the application onto SmartSimple by the applicant. This form is deemed as proof that the application is supported by the civic society partner organisation.
Can you give us an example of the type of project that has been funded under Strand 1a?
The full list of projects which have been granted funding under past iterations of the New Foundations scheme can be found here: <a href="https://research.ie/awardees/">https://research.ie/awardees/</a>
<b>2. Strand 1c-related queries</b>
Does the Co-PI need to be based in an Irish Higher Education Institution / Research Performing Organisation? Can the Co-PI be based outside of Ireland?
The Co-PI on the project needs to be based in an eligible Irish HEI/RPO.
How many awards will be granted for strand 1c?
As per the Call Document, up to 5 awards will be made.
<b>3. Strand 4-related queries (no queries to date)</b>
<b>4. Strand 4b-related queries (no queries to date)</b>
<b>5. Strand 10-related queries (no queries to date)</b>
<b>6. Strand 15-related queries (no queries to date)</b>
<b>7. Strand 17-related queries (no queries to date)</b>
<b>8. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE (no queries to date)</b>
<b>9. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b>
Do lead applicants need to have a PhD?
Yes, as per section 4 of the Call Document, applicants must hold a doctoral degree.
<b>10. APPLYING TO THE SCHEME</b>
You said that each applicant can only submit one application. Is this one application per strand or one application overall?
As stated on page 7 of the Call Document, applicants may only make one application to the scheme in a given year. <b>It is one application overall.</b>