Researcher of the Year Awards 2021

**Category TWO** — **EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR**

This award will be made to an early-career researcher currently working in research in a Higher Education Institution (HEI) or a Research Performing Organisation (RPO), who is, or previously has been, a named awardee of the Irish Research Council (IRC), and who has demonstrated an exceptional level of achievement in their field at this stage in their career (see Guidance document [here](https://research.ie/what-we-do/researcher-of-the-year-awards/)).

Applications should be concise, written in plain English and avoid the use of acronyms, jargon or overly technical language. A word limit is suggested for each section (Arial, 10.5). Completed forms should be sent to the designated research officer within your HEI/RPO for their consideration. Nominees not currently based in a HEI/RPO should forward their forms to the designated research officer at the HEI/RPO where they held their IRC award.

**SECTION one** — **NOMINEE details**

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| **Title:** |  |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Gender:** |  |
| **PhD completion date[[1]](#footnote-1):** |  |
| **ORCID (where relevant):** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Current position:** |  |
| **Current employer:** |  |

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| **Please provide a brief description of your field of expertise:** |
| 100-200 words |

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| **Please provide details of any IRC award(s) received in your own name, including the year(s) and project ID(s):** |
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**SECTION TWO** — **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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| **Please provide an overview of your academic career to date:** |
| Up to 250 words |

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| **Please provide details of any major publications, acknowledgements, other research awards, fellowships or medals achieved to date:** |
| Up to 600 words |

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| **Please outline how you have demonstrated the potential to become a leader in your field, for example through researcher supervision, institutional and teaching responsibilities, collaborations:** |
| Up to 500 words |

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| **Please outline how you have demonstrated a commitment and ability to communicate the nature and impact of your work, both within and beyond academia, for example through conferences, outreach activities, community or industry engagement:** |
| Up to 500 words |

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| **Please outline the impact of your work on your field of expertise and how you have demonstrably contributed to the advancement of knowledge, society or innovation:** |
| Up to 500 words |

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| **Please outline how your award(s) from the IRC enabled you to get to where you are today:** |
| Up to 250 words |

1. For the purposes of this award, the date of conferring will be taken as the PhD completion date. Where the applicant does not have a PhD, the date of conferring of his/her highest postgraduate qualification should be inserted here. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)