## FAQs will be published every Thursday until 13th January 2022 except when no new FAQs are submitted.

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1. Eligibility
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### 1. Eligibility

**New** In relation to the eligibility criteria below, does "academic researchers" refer to all levels of research, including post-graduate students?

'Academic researchers’ refers to all levels of research, including post-graduate students in eligible third level institutions or publicly-funded research institutions. The Irish Research Council has a list of eligible higher education institution and research performing organisations [here](#).

### 2. Applying to the programme

**New** Can you confirm that electronic signatures/institutional stamp will be acceptable again this year.

Yes, electronic signatures/institutional stamp will be acceptable this year.

**New** Can you please clarify if the bibliography is included in the 2-page limit for the project proposal?

The bibliography is not included in the 2-page limit for the project proposal.

### 3. Conditions of award