

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR IRELAND

EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY (ESS) Round 12



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Application deadline: Outcome announced: 14 October 2024 November 2024

Call Timeline

Call timeline	Dates
Call Open	02 September 2024
Application deadline	14 October 2024 at 4pm
Outcome notified	November 2024
Post Award Stage – Project timeline	
Award Start Date	01 January 2025
Preparation for Fieldwork	February 2025 - August 2025
Round 12 fieldwork period commences	September 2025
Data delivery to the ESS Data Archive (1st release	
countries)	31 March 2026
Round 12 fieldwork period ends	15 May 2026
Data preparation and processing	January 2026 - February 2027
Final Data delivery to ESS Data Archive (2nd release	30 June 2026
countries)	
Award completion	31 December 2026

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of Call Documentation

The purpose of this document is to instruct applicants in preparing proposals for role of the National Coordinator for Ireland's participation in Round 12 of the <u>European Social</u> <u>Survey</u>. This call document should be read in conjunction with <u>the ESS Round 12 Survey</u> <u>Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer and Guest Countries</u> documentation.

All queries with respect to the scheme documentation and requests for additional information should be made to <u>erics@research.ie</u>

1.2. Awarding Authority

This scheme is managed by the Irish Research Council (IRC), an associated agency of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, under the aegis of the Higher Education Authority (HEA), in its capacity as Ireland's National Representing Entity for ESS ERIC.

The Research and Innovation Bill 2024 provides for the establishment of a new National Research and Innovation Funding Agency through the amalgamation of the Irish Research Council and Science Foundation Ireland (SFI). A new national research agency, Taighde Éireann/Research Ireland, has been established by the government. The agency will amalgamate the work of the Irish Research Council and Science Foundation Ireland. The full operation of Taighde Éireann will be enabled over the coming period.

1.3. Conflict of Interest

The Awarding Authority requires that all its schemes are conducted in an open and transparent manner. In this regard applicants are required to indicate whether there is any conflict of interest or potential for same. Failure to disclose a material conflict of interest may disqualify an applicant or result in the termination of a project. The National Coordinating Institution in any such case would be required to compensate the IRC for losses incurred.

1.4. Overview of Contents

The scheme documentation contains five sections as outlined below. Section 5 requires specific proposal responses.

- **Section 1** explains the purpose of the document, provides general instruction on the preparation of proposals, gives guidance on the evaluation of the call, and provides background information on the Awarding Authority;
- **Section 2** provides background information on the European Social Survey;

Section 3 provides details of Round 12 survey specification

Section 4 gives details of the requirements for this call;

Section 5 provides instructions for applicant submissions

The Appendices to this document contain important additional information for applicants.

1.5. Instructions to Applicants

- 1.5.1. Applicants must provide all the information requested in Section 5.
- 1.5.2. Any queries relating to this Call Document, or the operation of the scheme generally, should be submitted to the relevant Research Office/Officer of the HEI or RPO in the first instance. In the interest of transparency and fairness to all applicants, the Awarding Authority executive will not discuss queries over the telephone. A list of all queries not resolved by the Research Office should then be submitted as a batch to erics@research.ie by the designated Research Officer within eligible institutions. The FAQ document on the IRC website will be updated on a weekly basis until the FAQ deadline on **07 October 2024**.
- 1.5.3. An electronic version of the application form must be submitted to meet the deadline to erics@research.ie

Deadline for receipt of proposals is 4pm, Monday 14 October 2024

- 1.5.4. The Awarding Authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and submission of response(s), including any work, effort or expenses required to complete the proposal.
- 1.5.5. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to amend or alter any information contained in these documents at any time. Participating applicants will be informed of any amendments or alterations.
- 1.5.6. Unwarranted or inappropriate attempts (including canvassing) to influence the decision of the Awarding Authority by applicants, or by any party acting on behalf of an applicant, will automatically disqualify the applicant.
- 1.5.7. During the evaluation process, the applicant may be required to give formal presentations of their proposals to representatives of the Awarding Authority. Reference site visits may also be undertaken.
- 1.5.8. Information provided in proposals, and in subsequent discussions and written communications (e.g., prices, availability dates and services offered by the applicants), will be considered to form part of the basis of any contractual arrangements, in the event of a proposal or proposals being accepted by the Awarding Authority.
- 1.5.9. The following will form part of the contract document for the proposed services of

National Coordinator:

This call documentation and

- The applicant's application to the call;
- Modifications and amendments to the above documents formally agreed between the parties to the contract;
- <u>General Terms and Conditions for Principal Investigator-led Awards</u>, provided by the Awarding Authority
- The official letter of offer and any accompanying award documentation issued by the Awarding Authority.

1.6. Qualification process and award criteria

Applications will be evaluated by an International Assessment Board, which will make a recommendation to the Awarding Authority. Any contract that may be awarded will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposal;
- Proposed costs and budget (costs to include sub-contracting fees and any other expenses such as advertising, travel, etc.);
- Capability to meet deadlines and schedules;
- Previous relevant experience in the conduct of work of this nature and track record;
- Ability to commence the project by 01 January 2025;

1.7. Main selection criteria

The following requirements outline the selection criteria for the award of any contract:

- 1.7.1. The capability of the applicant to satisfy the requirements specified in this document, the ESS Round 12 Survey Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer and Guest Countries and the call application form.
- 1.7.2. The proven capability of the applicant to develop and deliver the services specified in this document within specified timelines and budget. Applicants are required to provide evidence of competence and experience of providing similar services by providing details of reference sites and contacts, and by demonstrating, where appropriate, the presence of a sufficient number of suitably qualified and experienced personnel to provide such services. Details of the personnel who will be undertaking this assignment and their experiences to date will be required and captured in the application form.
- 1.7.3. Evidence that the host National Coordinating Institution/Higher Education Institution endorses the application, provides the necessary resources and infrastructure, and will

provide support to the successful applicant in meeting the deliverables under the project award. Further information can be found in Appendix 1 below.

- 1.7.4. Evidence that the applicant has a good understanding of the Irish public sector (in particular, the higher education, research landscapes, and broader social sciences sectors) and experience of operating in this type of environment.
- 1.7.5. Costs including Staff, Fees, Advertising, Travel and Subsistence, and other related costs (inclusive of Value Added Tax, as appropriate).
- 1.7.6. Agreement of appropriate contractual arrangements between the applicant and the Awarding Authority.
- 1.7.7. The quality and completeness of the response provided and compliance with the specified application format.

2. Background to the European Social Survey

2.1. ESS Overview, Structure and Governance

The <u>European Social Survey (ESS)</u> is an academically driven cross-national social survey that has been conducted across Europe since its establishment in 2001. Eleven rounds have taken place to date and over 30 countries have participated in at least one round and most of these are expected to take part in round twelve.

The survey measures the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour patterns of diverse populations in more than thirty nations. The main aims of the ESS are to:

- operate a Research Infrastructure providing high quality data measuring change (and stability) over time within and between European countries in their living conditions, social structure, public opinion and attitudes;
- practice and promote the highest scientific standards in cross-national comparative research in the social sciences;
- continue the development of ESS infrastructure through ongoing methodological research and innovation;
- facilitate training in the effective use of ESS data;
- ensure the visibility, accessibility and reach of ESS data among researchers in the social sciences and beyond, policy makers and the wider public, at both the national and international level.

The ESS data and other outputs are freely available to the research and policy communities via the ESS Data Portal.

The ESS ERIC is directed by a Core Scientific Team (CST), led by ESS ERIC HQ, City St George's, University of London (UK). Other institutions represented in CST are:

- Centerdata (Netherlands)
- GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Germany)
- Sikt Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research (Norway)
- SCP The Netherlands Institute for Social Research (Netherlands)
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain)
- University of Essex (UK)
- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

For more details on ESS ERIC Structure and Governance, please visit <u>https://europeansocialsurvey.org/about/structure-and-governance</u>.

Through the ESFRI roadmap process, the IRC identified the ESS as a priority infrastructure project for the social sciences and has funded projects for Ireland's participation in previous rounds of the survey. The IRC now invites applications for a National Coordinator to oversee and implement Round 12 of the survey.

3. Round 12 Survey Specification

3.1. Data collection approaches

The European Social Survey Round 12 is due to be conducted across Europe in 2025-2026. There are some major changes from the Survey Specification for Round 11 (2023-2024) related to the mode of data collection, which is transitioning from fully face-to-face interviews in Round 11 to a mixed method approach in Round 12. The mixed-mode approach will comprise:

- half the sample will be interviewed in person (face- to-face)
- the other half will complete the questionnaire via web and postal modes (self-completion).

This change is being implemented ahead of the move to only self-completion modes in Round 13 (2027-2028) of the survey.

3.2. Sample size

The minimum sample size targets per approach and overall are as follows:

- Countries with eligible (15+) populations of at least 2 million: 1,600 effective achieved interviews, divided into 800 face-to-face cases and 800 self-completion cases.
- Countries with eligible (15+) populations below 2 million: 860 effective achieved interviews, divided into 430 face-to-face cases and 430 self-completion cases.

3.3. Time allocation for National Coordinator

ESS requests that Round 12 mixed mode of data collection will require additional time that the national teams spend doing fieldwork. It is anticipated that a National Coordinator will need to

spend about **10 months full-time** equivalent on their tasks in one round (over 24 months). National Coordinators completely new to the ESS will require an additional 2 months full-time equivalent to perform their tasks.

3.4. The workload of the National Coordinator

The workload of the National Coordinator will take place across four stages:

- preparation for data collection and country questionnaires, including translations,
- start of data collection and progress monitoring,
- data preparation and processing,
- dissemination of results

3.5. Fieldwork period

Round 12 fieldwork period will start on **01 September 2025**. All countries should aim to start their face-to-face fieldwork as close to this date as possible. All countries must start their fieldwork by **01 November 2025**. Self-completion data collection should start and finish within the period allocated for face-to-face fieldwork.

All Round 12 data collection must be completed by 15 May 2026.

3.6. Survey agency

National Coordinators are responsible for all tasks at national level but they may delegate these to survey agencies or other third-party suppliers as required. National Coordinators should consider the requirements for agencies based on the mixed-mode approach for Round 12.

3.7. Other Round 12 requirements include

- National teams that do not have evidence that they can deliver the self-completion approach effectively must carry out a feasibility test prior to main stage Round 12 data collection.
- Field workers that are used for the self-completion approach should receive an in-person briefing to train them in their role.
- For the self-completion approach, national teams using a postal first method are required to offer an unconditional monetary incentive. A significant non-monetary incentive will be offered if there are any barriers in offering a monetary one.
- To tackle non-response in countries using the postal first approach and an address-based sample, national teams will need to use field workers to make in person visits to non-responders.
- National teams will need to deliver a combined main data file to the ESS Data Archive including all interviews across face-to-face and self-completion approaches. It is expected that separate contact data files will need to be prepared for each approach.
- Paper self-completion questionnaires must either be keyed manually into a data entry or scanned then merged with the web data.
- The web and paper self-completion instruments will be provided centrally by <u>Centerdata</u> and use of these central tools is a mandatory requirement.

Detailed information about Round 12 Survey Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer and Guest Countries can be found <u>here</u>.

4. National Coordinator Requirements

The Awarding Authority seeks to appoint a National Coordinator to act as its agent for the supervision of Round 12 of the Ireland component of the European Social Survey. National coordinators, funded by national funding agencies, are being appointed in each participating country.

The National Coordinator will be responsible for the oversight of the survey, including the implementation of a rigorous, standardised set of procedures and methods to a pre-specified design and timetable. The National Coordinator for Ireland will agree to supervise the data collection by the survey organisation, ensure that the ESS is carried out to a comparable standard, and liaise with the Core Scientific Team (CST).

4.1. The National Coordinator will:

- be a person of standing within the social science community who is a full- time member of the staff, engaged in teaching and/or research, either on a permanent basis or a temporary contract of sufficient duration to cover the period of the proposed project;
- be based at an <u>eligible Higher Education Institution or Research Performing Organisation;</u>
- be familiar at first hand with survey methodology and procedures, in particular self-completion approaches;
- be knowledgeable about past national or sub-national studies of a similar nature;
- be fluent in spoken and written English;
- be willing to oversee the work of the survey organisation or other third parties responsible for parts of the survey life cycle;
- have experience of cross-national research;
- be accepting of the <u>ESS</u> <u>Round 12</u> <u>Survey</u> <u>Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer</u> <u>and Guest Countries</u>;
- act as a data processor in full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

NB The National Coordinator should **not** have any other key role within the ESS organisational structure (e.g. should not also represent Ireland as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board).

4.2. A national ESS Round 12 Steering Committee for Ireland shall be established, known as the National Coordinating Committee:

- this committee will be chaired by a nominee of the Awarding Authority and comprise the national coordinator, members and / or nominees of the Awarding Authority; and persons with other relevant expertise;
- The secretariat and administration of this Steering Committee will be provided by the National Coordinator

4.3. National Coordinator Activities

4.3.1. Communications

The National Coordinator will:

- serve as the link between the national survey operation, National Steering Committee and the Core Scientific Team;
- be the primary point of contact with the Core Scientific Team Country Contact (CST/CC) on all aspects of the ESS in their country for the current round for which they are appointed, as well as for previous rounds in which their country participated;
- attend meetings of the ESS ERIC National Coordinators Forum (five meetings are expected over the 2-year period covered by Round 12 preparations and delivery);
- possibly represent the National Coordinators Forum in other committees (e.g. CST, General Assembly)

4.3.2. Implementation

The National Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the implementation of the rigorous, standardised set of procedures and methods according to the pre-specified designs and timetable outlined throughout <u>ESS Round 12 Survey Specification for ESS ERIC Member,</u> <u>Observer and Guest Countries document</u>. The key tasks will include:

- Main questionnaire design
- Production of country questionnaires
- Production of communication materials for self-completion approach
- Data protection
- Sampling
- Quality assessment
- Data collection preparation
- Data collection progress monitoring
- Data preparation, weighting and deposit

4.3.3. Selecting a Survey Agency

- The National Coordinator and their team should be involved in selecting a survey agency and any other third-party contractors, should this appointment be necessary.
- National Coordinators should consider whether they have a combined tender for the faceto-face and self-completion approaches or separate tenders for each. National Coordinators may decide to tender for the face-to-face fieldwork, but to manage all or parts of the self-completion approach in-house and vice-versa.
- Where most of the implementation tasks are delegated to a survey agency it must be capable of, and ideally have a track record in, conducting national probability-based surveys to the highest standards of rigour by means of face-to-face and self-completion (web and paper).
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- The key tasks of the survey agency (where appointed) are preparing, conducting and monitoring of data collection (face-to-face and self-completion), and processing data and preparing deliverables. In some instances, the fieldwork agency may also be involved in sample design
- Survey agencies must also follow all instructions given by the Data Controller (ESS ERIC Director) and report any data breaches to ESS ERIC HQ and to the National Coordinator at once.

4.3.4. Deposit of raw data to the ESS Data Archive

- In recognition of the large amount of resources put into the collection of the ESS data, it is required that the participating countries deposit raw, unedited data (including verbatim recorded answers) to the official ESS Data Archive, in Norway.
- The raw data and sample design data will not be released to the public from the ESS website but will be stored in a safe environment in accordance with the Data Processing Agreement between the ESS ERIC and the ESS Data Archive.

NB: The National Coordinator MUST ensure that national data (including summary outcomes and overviews) are not published or reported in any way before the release of the harmonised data file comprising their national data.

4.3.5. Data protection and ethics

The National Coordinator will:

- sign a data handling agreement in their capacity as a Data Processor with the ESS ERIC Director (Data Controller) and ensure compliance within the National Coordinating team and by the survey agency with the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation);
- ensure compliance by the national team, and survey agency with the General Data Protection Regulation including documentation of all data breaches with that relevant parties are informed of any breaches;
- ensure that institutional ethical approval for the ESS is obtained where required;
- some of the tasks above may, by written agreement with the Awarding Authority, be transferred to the survey organisation, but the responsibility to the IRC for their delivery and for liaison with the CST must continue to reside with the National Coordinator;
- carry this phase of the survey with no obligations on the Awarding Authority or the appointee in respect of the coordination of any further phases of the survey;
- be appointed through an <u>eligible Higher Education Institution or Research Performing</u> <u>Organisation</u> for the receipt of research funding. The IRC's <u>General Terms and Conditions</u> <u>for Principal Investigator-led Awards</u> will apply, unless otherwise agreed

4.4. Data collection for Ireland Survey

The National Steering Committee for Ireland will be responsible for seeking applications from

survey organisations for the collection of data for the Ireland component of the survey. The National Coordinator will oversee and implement this process through the National Steering Committee Chair.

4.5. Budget

The IRC will award costs for completion of the ESS Round 12 fieldwork for the period 2025-2026. The total award will not exceed €675,000 over 24 months and this will be inclusive of staff replacement costs at rates as outlined in Appendix 1. Full eligible cost details are available in Appendix 1 below.

4.6. Institutional Endorsement

The Awarding Authority must receive formal assurance from the applicant's institution of its willingness to host the project in line with the <u>General Terms and Conditions for Principal</u> <u>Investigator-led Awards</u>, and of its readiness to provide accommodation appropriate to the project. Confirmation of the employment / contractual status of the National Coordinator must be furnished by the institution in addition to notice of the institution's agreement to participate in the proposed project.

4.7. Timeline

Applications must be submitted to the IRC by **4pm**, **14 October 2024** using the application form available on the IRC website and emailed to <u>erics@research.ie</u> to meet the deadline. The Awarding Authority will notify applicants of the process outcome shortly thereafter.

The award must commence on **01 January 2025** with a completion date of no later than **31 December 2026**. A final report will be requested by the Awarding Authority for submission by **01 February 2027**. The progress of this award must adhere to the following dates:

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This award requires that the agreed ESS work programme be carried out in full; if the ESS Round 12 process is not implemented in full by the National Coordinator, the funds will be reclaimed.

4.8. Award Reporting

Stage	Reporting task	Due date
1.	Interim progress and financial report Templates will be sent in advance	01 October 2025
2.	Interim progress and financial report Templates will be sent in advance	01 July 2026
3.	Final progress and financial report Templates will be sent in advance	01 February 2027

5. Instructions to Applicants

5.1. Proposed format

Application should be made using the application form provided and accompanying Excel costing template. Please note no other format will be accepted.

5.1. Proposal Team

Applicants must identify by name the proposed National Coordinator and any relevant people who it is proposed will be assigned to this project.

5.2. Contractual Arrangements

The applicant must abide by the Awarding Authority's <u>General Terms and Conditions for Principal</u> <u>Investigator-led Awards</u> made under the letter of offer for receipt of this funding.

5.3. Additional information and appendices

Applicants may provide additional information and appendices as they consider appropriate.

5.4. Disclosure of Interest

Applicants should declare whether they are aware of any material conflict of interests in relation to their proposal.

5.5. Freedom of Information Act

The IRC is considered an FOI body under the FOI Act 2014. Please note that, in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, information not identified as sensitive (with supporting reasons) could be released. You should accordingly identify in your proposal any

specific information which you do not wish to disclose specifying the reasons why such information is sensitive. The IRC will consult you about this sensitive information in the event of it being subject to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Appendix 1 - Additional Information for applicants

1. Eligible costs

Staff Costs Research Assistant (can be pro-rata) Postdoctoral Researcher (can be pro-rata)	Please provide details of any staff costs (to include details of post(s) and the salary levels being applied. HEIs should use the institutional researcher salary scale for research assistants and postdoctoral researchers. These costs must be clearly justified in the application form. The salary requested must include provisions for PRSI, and Employer Pension Contribution, if applicable. As part of the award acceptance process, the Research Office must confirm that the requested salary is in line with the institutional researcher salary scale and provide documentary evidence.
Staff Replacement Costs	Costs may include staff replacement costs which facilitate participation in the project, provided that these costs do not exceed ONE THIRD of the total award per year of award. These are used to alleviate the awardee's commitments and to facilitate their participation as a principal investigator. Costs may be requested to facilitate the reallocation of existing commitments of the awardee (e.g., teaching) in order that they can devote appropriate time and effort to successfully completing the award. A value equal to point 1 on the IUA salary scale for postdoctoral researchers may be charged to the project to facilitate the awardee's leadership of the awardee are fully replaced, this money can be charged to the project to recruit one whole-time person, e.g., a postdoctoral fellow, to discharge the awardee's commitments. As part of the reporting requirements, the awardee will be required to report on how the replacement costs have been allocated.
Travel Costs	Costs for travel, subsistence and accommodation may be requested. Details on the number of trips, location, purpose, and duration of the trips should be provided by team members involved. Requests for travel and accommodation should be in line with institutional rates and norms for travel and accommodation. Business class travel is NOT an eligible cost.
Materials and Consumables	Where relevant to the viability of the proposal, detailed costs up to a maximum of €1000 per annum may be included.

Equipment	Details and justification of the items which will be purchased during each year of the project. Computer equipment, fieldwork, data collection, archival and digitisation costs may be included under this heading.
Collaboration	Details of proposed expenditure incurred through any collaboration.
Dissemination and Knowledge Transfer	Detailed costing and information on which channels to be used for dissemination.
Overheads	These must NOT exceed the maximum of 20% of modified direct costs. Equipment costs are not applicable. In collaborative and cross-institutional projects, overhead costs must be shared proportionately between partners. This must be agreed prior to the commencement of the project and noted in the application.
Subcontracting data collection	Costs associated with the fieldwork agency recruited to complete the survey.

2. Institutional Endorsement

For this call, the Head of Department and Vice-President for Research (or equivalent, or their authorised signatory) must endorse the application. If the applicant is the Head of Department, then a higher authority, such as the Head of School, must endorse the application instead.

By signing and endorsing an application the PI's institution agrees to accommodate and participate in the proposed project should funding be awarded and agrees to be bound in full by the <u>General Terms and Conditions for Principal Investigator-led Awards</u>. In addition, this signature will verify the contractual/employment status of the PI (Principal Investigator).

3. ESS National Coordinator Ireland and team

The successful ESS National Coordinator and their team will be funded in accordance with the detailed eligible costs, as set out in Appendix 1, and will undertake the duties as described in the invitation to proposal.

Applicants are advised that they must be in a position to devote adequate time to the management and realisation of their projects. Where a successful applicant's circumstances change (i.e change in time commitments or diminution in ability to carry out award) in the period between submission of an application and receipt of offer of an award from the Awarding Authority, they must bring this to the attention of the

Awarding Authority prior to signing any letter of acceptance. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to withdraw an offer of an award where, in the opinion of the Awarding Authority, information in the application and the basis on which it was assessed is no longer valid.

Principal and Associate Investigators are also advised that in submitting applications in their own names, they undertake to develop the project themselves, with due attention and viable commitments of time and without subcontracting the project to another party or parties. Applicants are required to list all other research projects, funded from whatever source, for which they are contracted, and demonstrate that they will have adequate time to realise the proposed project(s). The scope of involvement by the Principal Investigators will be considered by the International Assessment Board (IAB) in their evaluation of the expertise of the proposed research team.

4. ESS National Steering Committee

In accordance with conditions outlined in Section 4.2 of the proposal, applicants to the call will propose a suggested National Steering Committee in their application. Applicants must have prior agreement of all members named in the proposal. Letters of evidence are not required at proposal submission phase; however, named members may be contacted by the Awarding Authority for endorsement of their role as positioned in the proposal.

Appendix 2 - General Terms and Conditions for Principal Investigator-led Awards

The successful applicant for the award of European Social Survey Round 12 National Coordinator for Ireland, and their host institution, are subject to the <u>General Terms and</u> <u>Conditions for Principal Investigator-led Awards</u>. All applicants should read these Terms and Conditions in full prior to applying for this award. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Any such amendments will be notified to participating host institutions and will also be posted on the Awarding Authority's website.