



2023 Enterprise Partnership Scheme Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FAQs will be published every Thursday until 17 November 2022.

New questions will be marked ****New****

Updated questions will be marked ****Updated****

Questions are grouped under the following headings:

1. Eligibility
2. Applying to the programme
3. Conditions of award

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 schemes@research.ie.

1. ELIGIBILITY

2. APPLYING TO THE SCHEME

****New**** Q. Where an applicant will be jointly supervised, can the Primary Supervisor add details for the co-Supervisor in the Academic Supervisor Form e.g. contact details, numbers of PhDs supervised, academic host environment, etc.?

There can be no co-supervising. There must be a primary supervisor while a secondary supervisor is optional. If there is a secondary supervisor, both supervisors do not have equal roles. Applicants can include basic information related to the secondary supervisor in the application (name/ higher education institution/email address/contact number), however no further information is required in the Primary and Additional Participants Section.

****New**** Q. Is the graduation date the one on the academic transcript or the date of the graduation ceremony?

All graduation dates as entered in the application form should match the graduation dates as listed in official transcripts. In addition, all degree results as entered in the application form and endorsed by the host institution must be the applicant's overall results and verifiable as such on official transcripts.

3. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Q. Is it possible for an Enterprise Partner to pay the full 4 years of funding upfront to IRC?

No, this is not possible. Enterprise Partners are invoiced once a year for each year of an award.

Q: Can you confirm that an applicant from the UK will have EU fee status?

The applicant should enquire with their proposed HEI on this issue. Please note the IRC pay a maximum of €5,750 per annum towards fees.

Q. If applying for a fee waiver for a postdoc award, does the enterprise partner need to have charity status at the time of IRC application submission deadline in November, or is it simply ahead of lodging the waiver form in January?

An enterprise partner would need to have charity status at the time of the waiver form submission. Please note the latest date for waiver submission is 31 January 2023.