**COALESCE Research Fund 2024**

**Indicative Application Form**

All applications must be submitted via the Online Application System (OLS) SmartSimple

Late applications will not be accepted.

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| Programme Name | COALESCE 2024 |
| Project ID | The OLS will generate this ID |
| Application Deadline | 30/11/23 |
| Irish Research Body |  |

**Application details**

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| **Application type:** | Research for Policy and Society |
| **Status:** |  |
| **Create date:** |  |
| **Application deadline:** |  |
| **Project ID:** |
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| **Irish research body:** |  |

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| **English translation: (upload file)**  **Print form: (print PDF)**  **Applicant Details\*** | |
| Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Gender with which the applicant identifies |  |
| Postcode |  |
| What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country? |  |
| ORCID identifier |  |

The above fields in the **Applicant Details** section are populated based on your personal profile. If you would like to update this section, please click **Save Draft** and navigate back to the **Home** screen where you can find the **Manage Your Profile** icon.

**Do you currently hold an Irish Research Council Award? Note: applicants in receipt of IRC funding at the project start date will be ineligible, with the exception of a New Foundations grant and/or Ulysses award.**

Yes/No

If yes, please provide further details including the project end date?

**Were you previously a recipient of the Irish Research Council Research Development Initiative, Collaborative Research Project, Research Project Grant funding, or COALESCE?**

\*Yes/No

Please provide further details \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a resubmission of an unsuccessful application to COALESCE?**

\*Yes/No

If yes, please provide a short description as to how you have incorporated assessors’ feedback into this proposal.

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**\* Are you an academic or researcher who, on the call deadline, holds a contract of sufficient duration with a Higher Education Institution or a recognised Research Performing Organisation (as defined in the 2024 Call Document) to carry out the proposed research from the project start date in Q3 2024 until the project end date?**

\*Yes/No

**Strand 2A Only:** Is the identified co-PI on strand 2A a STEM academic or researcher who, on the call deadline, holds a contract of sufficient duration with a Higher Education Institution or a recognised Research Performing Organisation (as defined in the 2024 Call Document) to carry out the proposed research from the project start until the project end date?

Yes/No

**Strand 2A and 2B**

**The PI is required to upload a statement (1 page PDF) outlining their track record (if any) in collaborating with the co-PI, together with a case for why the two parties are a good fit for the proposed project.**

**Strand 1L Only:** Are you an academic or researcher who has at least two years’ experience as a PI, experience of collaboration with research consortia and/or national research development projects and who has a track record in the research area of the INSTAR+ strand?

Yes/No

**Strand 2A and 2B Only:** Does any identified co-PI, academic or researcher, on the call deadline, hold a contract of sufficient duration with a Higher Education Institution or a recognised Research Performing Organisation (as defined in the 2024 Call Document) to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until the project end date?

Yes/No

**Strand 2B Only:** Are you an academic or researcher who has at least five years’ experience as a PI, experience of collaboration with research consortia with an international focus and/or international research development projects and who has a track record in research under one or more of the DFA themes for this strand? Note: if the applicant is 3 years post-PhD and has been awarded a New Foundations grant under Strand 4, funded by the DFA, the applicant will be eligible. Applicants who are eligible under the latter caveat will need to demonstrate in their application that they have the skills and experience to manage a project of this scale.

Yes/No

**Please identify your employment status**:

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| Permanent |  |
| Indefinite duration |  |
| Fixed term contract |  |
| Not currently employed |  |

**Strand 2B Only:** Is the co-PI an academic or researcher who has at least three years’ experience as a PI, experience of collaboration with research consortia with an international development focus and/or international research development projects and who has a track record in research under one or more of the DFA themes for this strand?

Yes/No

**PhD Status**

**Please specify your PhD graduation date.**

**Note 1:** As per the 2024 Call Document, applicants must hold a doctoral degree which was awarded **no later than 31st May 2022 for applicants to Strands 1L and Strand 2A**, and **no later than 31st May 2018 for applicants to Strand 2B**.

**Note 2:** For **Strand 2B**, if the applicant is 3 years post-PhD and has won a New Foundations grant under Strand 4, funded by the DFA, the applicant will be eligible. Applicants who are eligible under the latter caveat will need to demonstrate that they have the skills and experience to manage a project of this scale.

For the purposes of this condition, a certified copy of the PhD graduation certificate will be taken into account and will be required upon conditional offer of award.

If you have not yet graduated, YOU MUST have all the requirements for the award of a doctoral degree, including the submission of the hardbound corrected thesis within the required timeline. Please indicate the year of submission below.

**PhD graduation date (indicate date)**

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| **With respect to the earliest award (PhD or equivalent), do you require an extension to the eligibility window? Please see the Call Document for more information about eligible career breaks.** |

Yes/No

**\*Have you informed the Research Office in the (proposed) host institution of your intention to submit an application to the COALESCE Programme?**

\*Applicants must inform the Research Office of their intent to submit an application to this programme.

Yes/No

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| **\* Select if you comply with ALL of the above eligibility requirements** |
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**Project Details**

\*Please select the appropriate funding strand for which you are applying:

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| Strand 1L | Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (INSTAR+) PROGRAMME | Funded by NMS of the DHLGH in partnership with the HC |
| Strand 2A | Open call for interdisciplinary research addressing national or global societal challenges led by AHSS PI with STEM co-PI | Funded by IRC |
| Strand 2B | Department of Foreign Affairs Research Award: Better Worlds Award | Funded by DFA |

**Award duration**

Proposed award duration in number of months:

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Please consult the Irish Research Council’s Annex A and Annex B on our [website](https://research.ie/funding/coalesce/?f=principal-investigator-led) for a description of what is covered in Primary Areas, Disciplines and Other Research Areas

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| **Project Title** |
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| **\* Please select the appropriate funding strand for which you are applying** |

**Strand 1L**

**\***Proposed award duration in number of months

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| **\***Primary Area |  |
| **\***Discipline |  |
| Other Research Area |  |

**\*Keywords** describing proposed research (<10 words)

**\*Abstract**. Please provide a short description of the proposed research project. Please note that the abstract will be shared with potential reviewers.

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**\*Lay Abstract.** Please provide a short description of the proposed research project which will be used to inform a non-expert reader.

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**\*Identify any project partners**

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* **For strand 1L**, outline the added value collaboration with the Strategic Funding Partner for this strand will bring to the project and the associated policy area.
* **For strand 2A**, outline of the value that collaboration with the STEM Co-PI on this strand will bring to the project.
* **For strand 2B**, outline of the value collaboration with the Strategic Funding Partner on this strand will bring to the project.

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\* **For strand 1L only**, applicants are expected to form research consortia from **three or more of the following groups**: reference research partnerships, the archaeological consultancy/SME sector, academic institutions on the island of Ireland, international academic and research bodies, State bodies and local community groups.

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**STRAND 2A**

**\***Proposed award duration in number of months

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| Other Research Area |  |

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* **For strand 2B**, outline of the value collaboration with the Strategic Funding Partner on this strand will bring to the project.

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**\* Name the co-PI**

**Note:** The lead PI on strand 2A (AHSS PI) will be housed in the host institution. The host institution will take full responsibility for award management, reporting and administration.

**Strand 2A allows the participation of a co-PI at a second eligible HEI/RPO. Where relevant identify the eligible partner institution.**

**Note:** The lead PI on strand 2A (AHSS PI) will be based at the host institution. The host institution will take full responsibility for award management, reporting and administration.

**\* Identify the STEM research area involved in the project**

Please consult Annex B for a description of primary areas and disciplines.

Discipline:

**\* Indicate which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be addressed in the proposed project**

Consult the Call document for details of SDGs

No poverty

Zero hunger

Good health and well being

Quality education

Gender equality

Clean water and sanitation

Affordable and clean energy

Decent work and economic growth

Industry, innovation, and infrastructure

Reduced inequalities

Sustainable cities and communities

Responsible consumption and production

Climate action

Life below water

Life on land

Peace, justice, and strong institutions

Partnerships for the goals

**Strand 2B**

**\***Proposed award duration in number of months

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| **\***Primary Area |  |
| \*Discipline |  |
| Other Research Area |  |

**\*Keywords** describing proposed research (<10 words)

**\*Abstract.** Please provide a short description of the proposed research project. Please note that the abstract will be shared with potential reviewers.

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* **For strand 2B**, outline of the value collaboration with the Strategic Funding Partner on this strand will bring to the project. The PI is required to upload a statement (1 page PDF) outlining their track record (if any) in collaborating with the co-PI, together with a case for why the two parties are a good fit for the proposed project.

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Peace, justice, and strong institutions

Partnerships for the goals

**\***Identify the co-PI

**\***Identify the partner country

**\***Identify the HEI/RPO in the partner country

**\***Please provide a short outline of the value collaboration with the identified partner country will bring to the project (200 words)

**Detailed Project Description for all strands:**

To be uploaded as one single PDF document (**strictly maximum 18 pages, with two pages at a minimum to be dedicated to methods and analysis.**)

**Detailed Research Proposal:**

The research proposal must provide a detailed description of the scholarly, scientific and/or technical aspects of the proposal, demonstrating the originality and novelty of the research, the proposed research methodology (including key risk and contingency plans) and its potential impact. Outline the alignment of the proposed research with the specific funding strand for which you are applying. The proposal must include a detailed budget justification. Explicit and clear justification should be provided for each budget category. References count towards the page limit. The research proposal should include the following:

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| ***Aims and objectives****:*   * Clearly specify the objectives of the proposal; it should be indicated how and why the proposed work is important for the field, and what impact it will have if successful, such as how it may open up new research horizons or opportunities. * Specify any particularly challenging or unconventional aspects of the proposal, including multi- or inter-disciplinary aspects.   ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  ***Methodology:***   * Describe the proposed methodology in detail, including as appropriate, key intermediate goals. * Explain and justify the methodology in relation to the state-of -the-art, including any particularly novel or unconventional aspects addressing 'high-risk/high-gain' balance. * Highlight any intermediate stages where results may require adjustments to the project planning.   ***CV – 2 pages max***:   * The CV should include the standard academic and research record including current funding awards. * Applicants should comment on any actual or apparent overlaps with current funding awards to demonstrate that, if successful, there will be no double funding in respect of the same activities.   ***Track Record***   * Applicant(s)' research and other expertise relevant to the project proposal. * Research achievements including current and previous research awards. * Key Outputs including Publications (e.g. published reports, creation of data sets and databases, exhibitions, etc.) * Evidence of previous evidence-based policy research.   -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  ***Outputs and Impact***   * Outline the potential outputs and impacts of the proposed research. Outputs are identified as the planned activities based on the allocation of resources. Outcomes are the anticipated short-term results of the research project and its outputs. Impact is defined by the Irish Research Council as how research benefits society and may occur in the shorter or longer term. Please see The Campus Engage guide ‘Engaged Research Planning for Impact’, here:   <https://www.campusengage.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Updated-Final-PBS10581-IUA-Engaged-Research-Planning-for-Impact-Framework-2022-Update_V5.pdf>   * The potential impact of the proposed research project on the individual/team/research programme, including the potential for further research activity, the alignment with identified SDGs and the Institutional/organisational research and teaching strategy. The possible impact on the teaching programme, including courses taught and students supervised or the potential impact on the development of capability in the Host Organisation. * Plans for dissemination and knowledge exchange activities. In particular, the direct outputs envisaged, evidence of collaboration and impact on policy in the relevant area. * The potential broader societal impact of the proposed research. |

**\*Detailed Project Description Upload**

**\*List of Research Projects which the Principal Investigator is currently involved in or has responsibility for (including details of the project title, the source of award, the funding amount and the award duration).**

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**\*Has a Steering Group or Advisory Committee for this project been identified?**

Yes/No

**If Yes - Please provide details; If no - Are there plans to develop a Steering Group or Advisory Committee? Please provide details.**

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\***Research Schedule (including a detailed timetable for the project commencement, and a plan for the efficient management and reporting of the research project).**

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You may upload a GANTT chart to illustrate the project timelines, milestones and deliverables. **The system will only accept a PDF file for upload**.

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| **Data Management Plan**  500 words  Please provide details of the following:   * What standards will be applied? * How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse? If data cannot be made available, why? * How will data be curated and preserved? * If applicable, how do you plan to make the research data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable). Applicants should be cognisant of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and any other national guidelines that may be applicable in your jurisdiction. Funded proposals should meet the required standards in this regard. |

**Ethical Statement**

**Please read carefully the section on Research Ethics in the Terms and Conditions.**

**\*Does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the relevant University/Institutional Ethics committee?**

Yes/No

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| **\* If funded, any ethical issues relating to your proposed research programme will be subject to the rules and regulations of your Irish Host organisation. You must agree to abide by these rules and regulations, including any full ethical review which it requests prior to embarking on your research programme.** |
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**Project budget**

**Budget: Open budget**

**Advisory Note on Staff Costs and Staffing Requirements:** Costs may include staff-replacement costs which facilitate participation in the project, but these must be clearly justified. All staff replacements ('buy-out' costs) must be accounted for according to approved Irish Research Council staff rates.

The recruitment of any staff to this project must be openly recruited through public advertisement. Staff must be recruited for the specific project and awarded topic only. The only exception to this is the STEM Co-PI on strand 2A applications; due to being a named participant on the project, this post need not be advertised publicly.

Please consult the Call Document for the specific budget limits/requirements for each strand.

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| **Eligible costs** | **Total Cost requested for the full duration of the award** | **Justification. Please provide itemised breakdown of costs and reason needed (justification fields cannot be left blank. Enter ‘n/a’ if necessary):** |
| **Personnel/Staff** |  |  |
| **Collaboration** |  |  |
| **Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange** |  |  |
| **Travel costs** |  |  |
| **Consumables: Maximum €2,000 on Strand 1L and Strand 2A; Maximum €5,000 on Strand 2B** |  |  |
| **Consultancy: Maximum €20,000 on Strand 1L; Maximum €10,000 on Strand 2A and 2B** |  |  |
| **Publications and research outputs** |  |  |
| **Access to Research Infrastructure** |  |  |
| **Overheads** |  | 25% of direct costs excluding equipment |
| **Equipment** |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |

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**Academic qualifications**

Note: Examination results, qualification names and other information provided in this section must correspond exactly with that on relevant official transcripts. Successful applicants will be required to provide official transcripts/parchments before awards are confirmed. In case of discrepancies between results provided in the application form and those on official transcripts, offers of awards will be withdrawn.

If the language of a transcript/parchment is not English, the name of the degree and overall result if expressed verbally (such as “mention très honorable avec félicitations du jury” or “отлично/otlichno”) must be provided in the language of the transcript/parchment as well as in English. It is not sufficient to provide only English translation/equivalent of the name of the degree or result.

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| Doctoral Degree  Or degree equivalent to the Doctoral Degree level 10 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications NFQ, see <http://www.nfq-qqi.com/index.html>. |
| \*Qualification type and name |
| \*Institution |
| \*Country |
| \*Supervisor |
| \*Doctoral thesis title |
| \*Abstract  300 words |
| **Other Education** |
| Please provide any additional information relevant to your academic background which should include the name, location and dates for each relevant course listed. For major awards, also provide equivalency of the degree to the Irish National Framework of Qualifications.  300 words |
| **Research Achievements** |
| Please provide any additional information regarding your relevant research achievements since beginning a career as researcher (since you completed the degree that qualifies you to embark on doctoral studies in Ireland or in the country of the proposed secondment/placement).  300 words |

**Ethical Statement and Sex / Gender Dimension Statement**

**Ethics Issues Table**

**1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES**

\*Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? Yes/No

\*Does your research involve the use of human embryos? Yes/No

\*Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues/cells? Yes/No

**2. HUMANS**

\*Does your research involve human participants? Yes/No

\*Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants? Yes/No

**3. HUMAN CELLS/TISSUES**

\*Does your research involve human cells or tissues (other than from Human Embryos/Foetuses, i.e. section 1)? Yes/No

**4. PERSONAL DATA**

It should be noted that:

1. “Personal data” can be defined as identifiers: any information that could, in any way, lead to the specific identification of one unique person, such as name, social security numbers, date of births, address, mails IPs etc.
2. Any data you are using should be taken into account, regardless of the method by which they are/were collected: for example, through interviews, questionnaires, direct online retrieval etc.
3. Processing should be understood to not only include data usage, but also merging, transformation, transfer and, more generally, as all actions using data for research purposes.

\*Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing? Yes/No

\*Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)? Yes/No

**5. ANIMALS**

\*Does your research involve animals? Yes/No

**6. THIRD COUNTRIES**

\*Does your research involve non-EU countries? Yes/No

\*Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? Yes/No

\* Do you plan to import any material from non-EU countries into the EU? For data imports, please fill in also section 4. For imports concerning human cells or tissues, fill in also section 3. Yes/No

\*Do you plan to import any material from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, please fill in also section 4. For exports concerning human cells or tissues, fill in also section 3. Yes/No

\*If your research involves low and/or lower middle income countries, are benefits-sharing measures foreseen? Yes/No

\*Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk? Yes/No

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

\*Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants? For research involving animal experiments, please fill in also section 5. Yes/No

\*Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas? Yes/No

**8. DUAL USE**

\*Does your research have the potential for military applications? Yes/No

**9. MISUSE**

\*Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist abuse? Yes/No

**10. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES**

\*Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Yes/No

\*Please provide a statement detailing the careful consideration you have given to the ethics issues identified as relevant to your proposed fellowship and how you plan to address these.

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**Sex/Gender Statement**

**Note: Please read carefully Appendix 5 - Sex/Gender Dimension in Research in the Call Document for help in answering this question.**

**Does your proposed research programme involve any of the following?**

1. Humans as the research focus.
2. Animals as the research focus.
3. Human samples and/or data.
4. Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials.
5. Research on animals, animal samples and/or data.
6. Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers.

**If your proposed research programme involves one of the above, note that your proposed research may have a potential biological sex or social gender dimension. Yes/No**

\* If you have answered NO to the questions above, please explain why there is no potential biological sex and/or gender dimension to be considered in your proposed research. If you have answered YES to the questions above, indicate how potential biological sex and/or gender issues will be handled. In particular, you are asked to reference the points mentioned in the ‘Checklist for sex/gender in research content’ in the Irish Research Council’s Call Document.

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**Applicant Declaration**

\* Would you like the Irish Research Council to make your application available to other Funding Agencies and/or Enterprise Partners for funding consideration?

\*I hereby declare that I have read and accept the Applicant requirements as set out in the Call Document on the Irish Research Council website.

\*I confirm that the information supplied in this application is correct.

**Note:** Should it become apparent that any of the information provided in the application is inaccurate or is not verifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible.

**\*Have you had an allegation of bullying and/or harassment upheld against you for which there is a current disciplinary warning or sanction in place?** Note, this section refers to institutional allegations in a current or former workplace. It does not refer to criminal proceedings. Do not answer ‘yes’ if you have had a criminal conviction for bullying and/or harassment. (yes/no)