

NEW FOUNDATIONS SCHEME 2025

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GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS



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1. Important deadlines for this call

Call open	Monday 9 th June 2025
FAQ deadline	Thursday 10 th July 2025 (4pm Irish Time)
Applicant deadline	Thursday 17 th July 2025 (4pm Irish Time)
Endorsement deadline	Thursday 24 th of July 2025 (4pm Irish Time)
Outcome	October 2025
Project Start Date	December 2025

2. Purpose of the Guide for Applicants

This guide provides practical information to potential applicants in preparing and submitting an application to our online system, Smart Simple (OLS), for the Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland New Foundations Scheme.

Before completing and submitting applications, applicants are strongly recommended to familiarise themselves fully with the [New Foundations Call Document on the New Foundations 2025 web page](#) and also to read carefully any Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which will be uploaded to the New Foundations webpage on a weekly basis a week after the call opening.

If you have a technical issue regarding use of the online system, please read this Guide and the FAQ document available on our website. If your issue is not addressed through either of these mechanisms, only then should you email newfoundations@researchireland.ie with an outline of your technical issue.

For any technical query, please include:

- your project ID
- the browser you are using
- if appropriate, a screenshot of any error messages.

Applicants **should not** log into their profile or application form in different browsers at the same time. This may cause the system to invalidate your login session and any information you have entered will be lost.

If you enter information and do not click the ‘save draft’ button before navigating away from the page, the information will be lost.

3. Eligibility

As per the [New Foundations Call Document](#), the following eligibility criteria apply to all strands;

- Applicants must be based at an [Eligible Research Body](#).
- Applicants must hold a doctoral degree.
- Eligible applicants must, on the call deadline, hold a contract of sufficient duration with an [Eligible Research Body](#) to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until the project end date.
- Applicants may only make one application to the scheme in a given year.
- Current New Foundations grant holders are eligible provided their proposal is clearly distinct from their current New Foundations grant.
- While postgraduate scholars are not eligible to apply, their involvement in proposed projects is encouraged.
- Note there are additional eligibility criteria specific to each strand (see Call Document), and the research project must address the required thematic focus of the respective strand.

4. Using the OLS (Online System – Smart Simple)

4.1. Existing User

If you have previously registered with this system, there is no need to register again. Please log into your account at the following address [Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland](#).

If you have forgotten your password, click '**Forgot your password?**' and follow the prompts to reset your password and update your profile.

4.2. Registering as an applicant for the first time

The OLS login page includes a link to the applicant's registration page for new users:

The screenshot shows the login page for Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland. On the left, there is a 'Login' section with an 'Email' input field, a 'Password' input field, and a green 'Login' button. Below the login fields are two columns of links: 'Learn more about our Privacy & Security policies' and 'New to the System? Register here'. A red box highlights the 'Forgot Password? Login with SSO' link. On the right, there is a section titled 'Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland' which provides information about the grant management system, including a link to <https://grants.researchireland.ie/> and details about gender categories.

Before you start, please ensure you are using the **correct browser**. The OLS can only be guaranteed to be fully operational on the following browsers:

- Chrome (Latest Version)
- Safari (Latest Version)
- Firefox (Latest Version)

The link for the OLS portal is available on the [New Foundations funding page](#) from the time of the call opening.

Step 1:

Add the noreply@researchireland.ie email address to your contacts/address book before you begin the registration process.

Step 2:

Use the following link to take you to the 'Applicant registration page'

https://irishresearch.smartsimple.ie/s_signup.jsp?token=XVtQC1oGYFpFRxNZXxVSSIBSZklyGHY%3D

Please fill in the form as prompted.

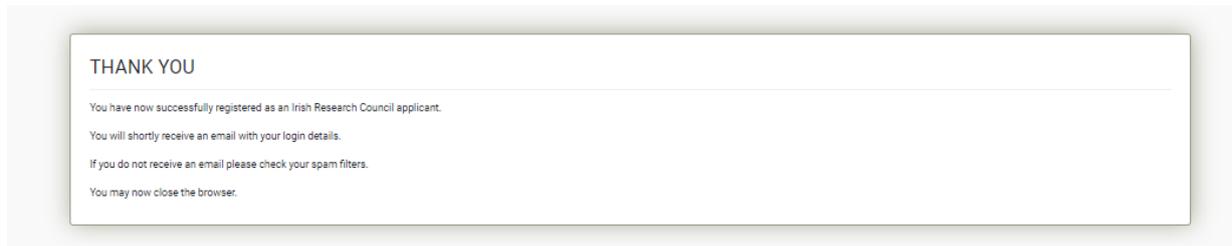
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Applicant registration page". At the top, there is a purple banner with an information icon and text: "This is the first step of the application process. After you have completed and submitted this form, you will receive an email with a username and password which will enable you to access your Irish Research Council profile and start your application. If you have previously registered with this system, there is no need to register again. Please log into your account at the following address: [http://www.irishresearch.ie](#)".

The form contains the following fields, all marked with an asterisk to indicate they are required:

- Title (dropdown menu)
- Please select the gender you identify with (dropdown menu)
- Date of birth (text input with a date picker icon and placeholder "dd/mm/yyyy")
- First name (text input)
- Last name (text input)
- Email (text input)
- Contact phone number (text input with a help icon)
- Street address 1 (text input)
- Street address 2 (text input)
- City (text input)
- Postcode (text input)
- Country (dropdown menu with "Select One" as the current selection)
- What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country? (dropdown menu)

At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" next to a reCAPTCHA logo. At the bottom center, there is a purple "Submit" button.

Once you have filled in all the requested details, click '**SUBMIT**'; the following screen will then be displayed:



An email from noreply@researchireland.ie will be automatically sent to the email address you have provided.

This email will:

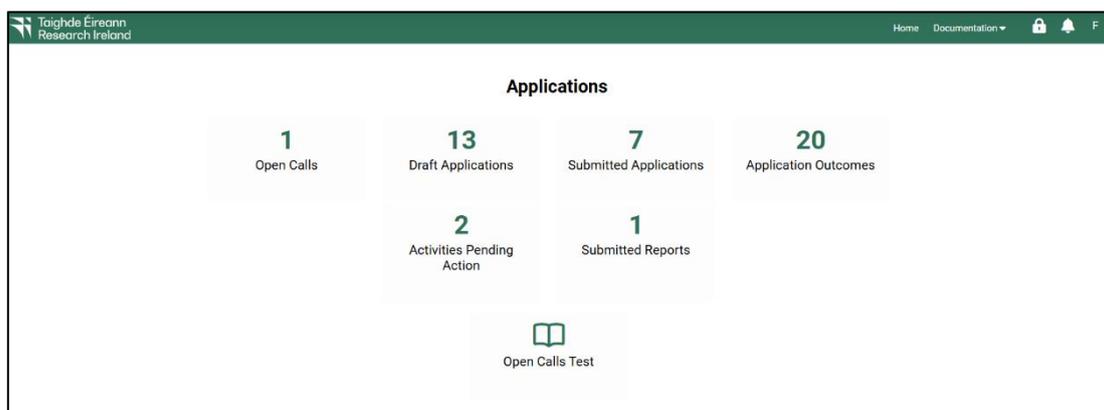
- confirm that you have successfully registered as an applicant to the Application System (OLS). You only need to do this once.
- issue you with a username.
- Provide you with a link to activate your account and set your password.

Please follow the instructions regarding Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) and accept the privacy policy when prompted.

If you do not receive this email:

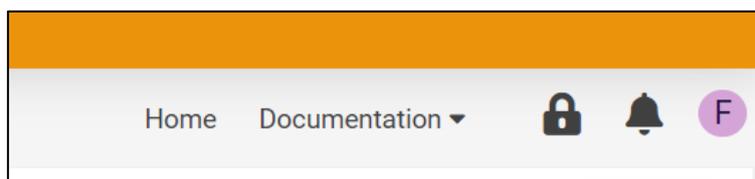
- Please check your **SPAM FOLDER**; and if you have not already done so, add the noreply@researchireland.ie email address to your contacts/address book.
- If you are using an institutional/work email account, the email may be blocked by the institution's firewall. Please contact your I.T. support to ask for the email to be released.

When you log in, you will be presented with a 'Home' screen which will be similar to the screen snapshot below. The OLS allows you to update your profile, apply for funding under an open call and access your submitted applications.

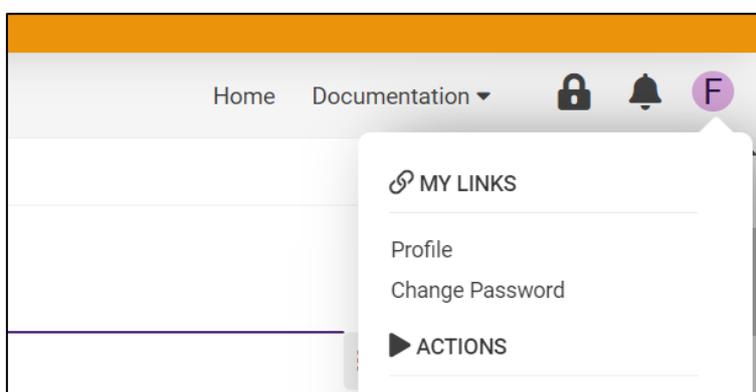


4.3. Managing your personal profile details

Access to your personal profile in the OLS is from the system's home page. You can access your profile from any screen within the OLS from the icon that has the initial of your first name provided in the upper right corner of the window.



After you click on the icon, you will see 'Profile'. The system will display information registered in your user profile in edit mode. You can also log out of the system here.



If you need to navigate to the home page while working on your application, first save any changes by clicking '**Save**' at the bottom of the form and then click '**Home**' on the top right-hand corner of the screen as indicated below.

4.4. Using the OLS to create an application

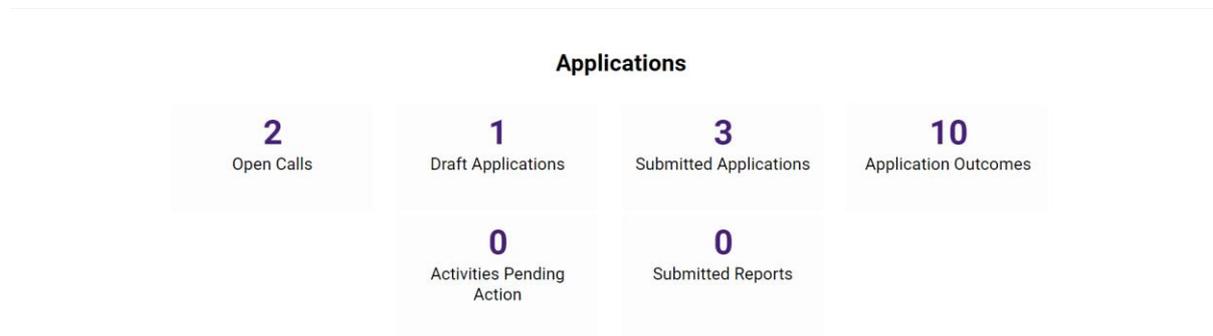
Please note the following when using the system:

- **No alterations can be made to an application once it has been submitted.** Therefore, it is important to check and re-check the application form until you are fully satisfied with all sections of your application before you click 'Submit Application'.
- If you enter information into the OLS application form and do not save before navigating away from the tabbed page, this information will be lost.

All participants must complete their forms through the OLS. Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland will not be responsible for ensuring that participant online forms are submitted on

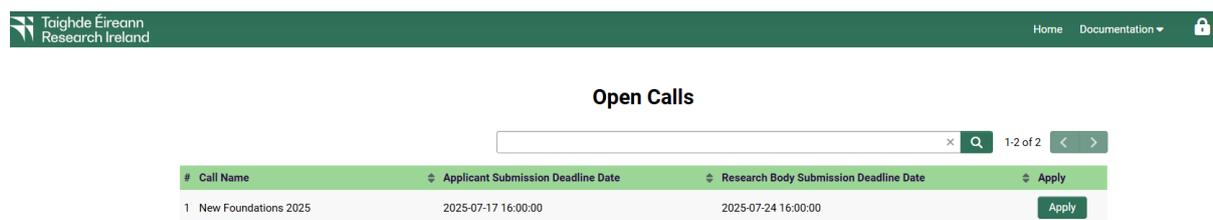
time. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure their application is submitted by the scheme deadline, **17th July 2025 at 4pm.**

When you log in, you will be presented with the following 'Home' screen:



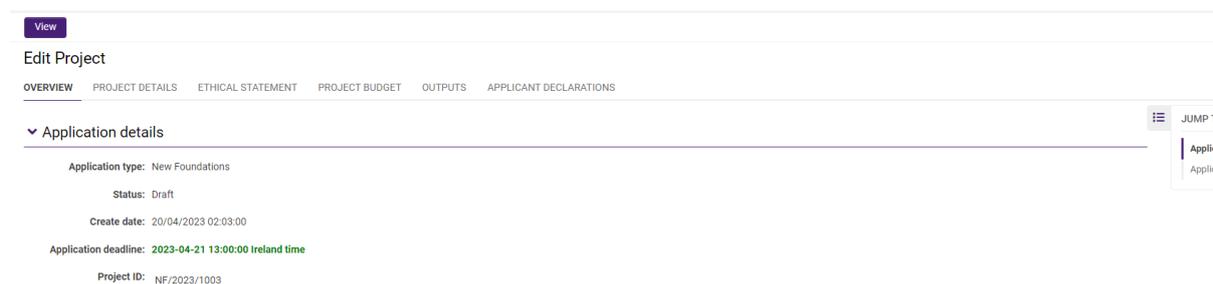
This is your 'Home Page' and you can access and edit your application prior to submission and prior to the applicant deadline through this screen.

When you select 'Open Calls'; you will be presented with the following screen:



Select the appropriate Programme and then click 'Apply'.

A blank proposal form is now created for you to fill in. The beginning of the form looks like this:

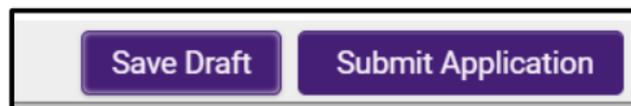


You can navigate to the different sections that need to be completed by selecting the relevant tab from the ribbon under 'Edit Project' in the image above. The Application Status will remain in 'draft' until you have submitted your proposal.

4.5. Saving Drafts

At any time, you may save your application and come back to it later, by clicking the **'Save Draft'** icon at the bottom of your screen. Never use the "back" button on your internet browser while drafting a proposal, as you may lose essential information.

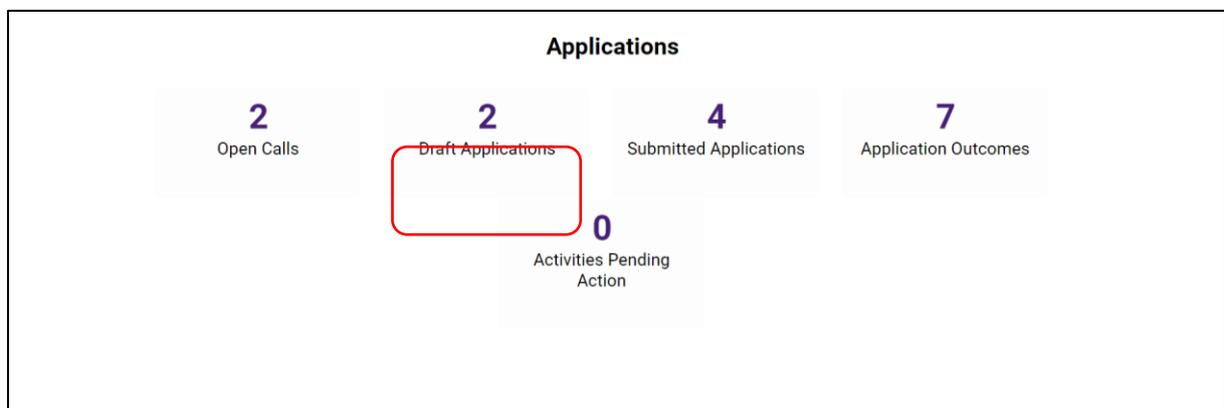
Always click "Save Draft" and navigate away from the page by selecting the "Home" button indicated below. If this icon does not appear, it may be a browser or screen resolution issue. Try minimising and maximising your screen, or changing to a different browser if this issue occurs.



After you have saved a draft, and perhaps logged out of SmartSimple, you can access the draft proposal you have created by selecting 'Draft Applications' under the Applications by Status heading on the SmartSimple homepage.

4.6 Populating and editing a draft application

To access your draft application, select the **'Draft Applications'** icon on your 'Home' page and click 'Open':



This will bring you to your draft application. OLS will be in edit mode which will allow you to add information to your draft application. You may log on, access, and edit your draft application as many times as you wish prior to the applicant Deadline so long as the application has not been submitted and remains a 'Draft Application'.

In the draft proposal, fill in your project details as appropriate. Most of the sections of the proposal form are either self-explanatory, explained on the assessment form itself or are described in the Call Document, available on the [New Foundations call web page](#).

This will bring you to the top of the ‘**Application Overview**’ page of your draft application. This page will already be in edit mode which will allow you to add information to your draft application.

PLEASE NOTE: There are two buttons at the bottom of the screen labelled ‘Save Draft’ and ‘Submit Application’. Take caution when saving your draft that you do not accidentally submit an incomplete application.

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OVERVIEW PROJECT DETAILS ETHICAL STATEMENT PROJECT BUDGET OUTPUTS APPLICANT DECLARATIONS

Application details

Application type: New Foundations

Status: Draft

Create date: 20/04/2023 12:35:00

Application deadline: 2023-04-21 13:00:00 Ireland time

Project ID: NF/2023/1002

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Application details

Application details

Instructions ⓘ

Please select the Irish Research Body to associate with your application.

As per the 2023 Terms & Conditions, applicants must, on the call deadline of 6 June 2023, hold a contract of sufficient duration with an eligible HEI or a recognised RPO to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until the project end date.

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Save draft → Save Draft Submit Application ← Submit FINISHED complete application

4.7 Completing the application

To complete the application form, you will need to complete the following tabs:

- Overview
- Project Details
- Ethical Statement
- Project Budget
- Outputs
- Applicant Declarations

4.7.1 Overview

Some of the information appearing in the ‘Applicant Details’ section is populated from the personal profile details entered when the Applicant registered in the system for the first time.

Application details

Name: Fake Applicant3

Please select the gender you identify with: Other

* What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country?: Bahamas, The

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** below and navigate back to the **Home** screen where you can find the **Manage Your Profile** icon.

ORCID identifier

Check the information displayed in this section. If some of the details are incorrect, please update the relevant details in your profile.

The majority of details appearing in the 'Applicant Details' section lower down the page are populated based on the personal profile details entered when the applicant registered at the beginning of this process.

OVERVIEW PROJECT DETAILS ETHICAL STATEMENT PROJECT BUDGET OUTPUTS APPLICANT DECLARATIONS

▼ Applicant details

Name: Fake Applicant5

Please select the gender Woman
you identify with:

* What is your nationality, Guinea-Bissau
i.e. your passport-issuing
country?:

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** below and navigate back to the **Home** screen where you can find the **Manage Your Profile** icon.

ORCID identifier

ORCID is a digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher and, through integration in key research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission, supports automated linkages between you and your professional activities ensuring that your work is recognized. You can register for an ORCID here: <https://orcid.org/register>.

At the beginning of the application in this section, select the Irish Research Body (i.e., [the Eligible Research Body](#)) where you propose to be based for your project by selecting the 'Lookup' button;

Irish research body:  

You will then be presented with the following screen:

Select Organisation

All Columns Categories All Status All

Organisation Name	Address	City
<input type="radio"/> Atlantic Technological University	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Dublin City University	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Dundalk Institute of Technology	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Economic and Social Research Institute	.	Dublin
<input type="radio"/> Marine Institute	Marine Institute,Rinville, Oranmore	Co. Galway
<input type="radio"/> Mary Immaculate College	South Circular Road,	Limerick
<input type="radio"/> Maynooth University	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Munster Technological University	MTU - Cork / Kerry Campus,Bishopstown / Tralee	Cork / Kerry
<input type="radio"/> National College of Art and Design	.	.
<input type="radio"/> National College of Ireland	.	.
<input type="radio"/> National University of Ireland, Galway	University Road,Newcastle	Galway
<input type="radio"/> RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	.	.
<input type="radio"/> Royal Irish Academy	.	.

Select the check box next to the relevant institution name. If you cannot find your Institution name, please contact the Research Office (RO) of your [Eligible Research Body](#) to make sure they are registered in the Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland OLS.

4.7.2 Project Details (and Strand Choice)

Please select ‘Strand being applied for’ as shown below:

Strand being applied for 

- Strand 1a - Enhancing Civic Society (max €12,000)
- Strand 1c - Interdisciplinary Research Networking Awards (max €10,000)
- Strand 4b - Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development New Foundations Awards in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Irish Aid), the Department of Education and Youth and the Department of Children, Disability, and Equality (max €10,000)
- Strand 10 - Exploring Policing and Community Safety New Foundations Award in partnership with the Policing and Community Safety Authority (max €20,000)
- Strand 11 - Valuing Volunteering, in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development (max €25,000)
- Strand 15 - Social Enterprise Impact, Green Transition and Legal Form, New Foundations Award in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (max €20,000)
- Strand 17 - The Heritage Council New Foundations Award (€10,000)
- Strand 18 - Fostering democratic engagement amongst communities experiencing barriers and disengagement, in partnership with An Coimisiún Toghcháin (The Electoral Commission) (max €15,000)

Strand 1a Strand 1c Strand 4b Strand 10 Strand 11 Strand 15 Strand 17 Strand 18

Depending on which strand you are applying for, additional questions and/or upload requests will appear.

As per the Call Document, Strand 1a and Strand 18 applicants are required to upload a scanned pdf document of the official endorsement form signed by the civic society partner. Strand 1c applicants are required to upload a signed letter of endorsement from the Co-PI's host institution.

The partner endorsement forms are available on the [New Foundations web page](#).

Please upload the 1-page endorsement form as a **PDF** by selecting the purple text, as shown below.

*** Signed and scanned endorsement form of civic society partner for Strand 1a applications**

To be uploaded as one single PDF document. The Strand 1a Civic Society Partner endorsement template is available at <http://research.ie/funding/new-foundations/>.

 Drop files here or [browse files](#)

Maximum file size: 2 GB | Maximum number of files: 1 | Allowed file types: PDF

*** Endorsement form of civic society partner for Strand 18 applications**

Single PDF document. The Strand 18 Civic Society Partner endorsement template is available [here](#).

 Drop files here or [browse files](#)

Maximum file size: 2 GB | Maximum number of files: 1 | Allowed file types: PDF

*** Letter of Endorsement from Co-PI's Host Institution**

 Drop files here or [browse files](#)

Maximum file size: 2 GB | Maximum number of files: 1

All applicants are required to detail how their proposal is relevant to the Strand along with information on your New Foundations proposal including:

- proposed project title and abbreviation of proposed title
- the primary and secondary discipline of your proposal
- a lay and detailed proposal abstract (the detailed proposal description should include a clear description of the proposal implementation plan; timeline; and project partner's involvement in the project)
- proposal relevance to the aims of your chosen Strand
- keywords
- project partner(s) objectives
- expected outputs and outcomes
- expected impact
- references and ethical approval requirements

4.7.3 Ethical Statement

Where ethical issues may arise in the research, applicants are required to submit to Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland a written statement that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. Full ethical approval from the relevant HEI Ethics Committee is not required at the application stage. However, if the application is successful, evidence of full ethical approval (including details of data management plans/issues) will be required as part of the Award Acceptance.

▼ Ethical Statement

Does your proposed project require ethical approval?

Where a grant recipient research proposal requires approval by the Host Institution Ethics Committee or equivalent, written evidence of such ethical approval is required by Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland within three months of the commencement date of the grant.

Applicants are advised to consult the Guidance for Applicants on Ethical and Scientific Issues (see New Foundations 2025 Call Document) before completing the ethics self-assessment.

- Yes
 No

4.7.4 Project Budget

For each budgetary section, please provide an itemised breakdown and detailed justification for that expense. Below the detail text field, there is a 'total cost' field where the total amount requested under that category should be entered in EUR.

Please click on the '**Open Budget**' purple button as shown below to open the budget tool.

Budget: [Open Budget](#)

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):
Travel:		
Materials and Consumables (maximum of €1,000):		
Training:		
Dissemination:		
Staff:		
Other:		
Total:		

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Submit Application

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Note: Please ensure that the total amount requested is correct. Changes will not be accepted after submission. Please ensure that you have not requested more than the maximum amount available for your chosen strand (see maximum per strand below).

- **Strand 1a** – Enhancing Civic Society (max €12,000)
- **Strand 1c** – Interdisciplinary Research Networking Awards (max €10,000)
- **Strand 4b** – Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development New Foundations Awards, in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Irish Aid), the Department of Education and Youth, and the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (max €10,000)
- **Strand 10** – Exploring Policing and Community Safety New Foundations Award, in partnership with the Policing and Community Safety Authority (max €20,000)
- **Strand 11** – Valuing Volunteering, in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development (max €25,000)
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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):	
Travel	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text"/>
Materials and Consumables (maximum of €1,000)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text"/>
Training	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dissemination	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text"/>

The cost categories are travel (including subsistence and accommodation costs), materials and consumables, training, dissemination costs, staff costs, and other costs.

The free text fields and their corresponding total fields must not be left blank. If your project has no expenses under a particular heading, please type 'n/a' in the free textbox and '0' in the corresponding total field.

4.7.5 Outputs

This selection may be a list of the applicant's most recent outputs or a selection of the outputs that are most relevant to the aims of the selected New Foundations strand.

Please click on the **'Open'** purple button as shown below to open the applicant research outputs, including publications, tool.

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OVERVIEW PROJECT DETAILS ETHICAL STATEMENT PROJECT BUDGET **OUTPUTS** APPLICANT DECLARATIONS

Applicant Research Outputs, including Publications

In the following boxes, please provide information for up to 5 selected research outputs, which may include publications. This selection may be a list of the applicant's most recent outputs or a selection of the outputs that are most relevant to the aims of the selected New Foundations Strand.

Research Ireland is a signatory of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) and, as such, is aligning its review and evaluation processes with DORA principles. Research Ireland has reinforced its commitment to the core principles by joining DORA as a member. To this end, all types of research output are recognised, and Research Ireland is committed to assessing the quality and impact of research through means other than journal-based indicators/metrics and research performance-based indicators/metrics such as impact factors and H-index. In the spirit of supporting open research and as a signatory to Ireland's National Action Plan for Open Research 2022-2030 and a signatory of Plan S, Research Ireland will also consider a commitment to making data and other types of research open and accessible. To complement these activities and further reinforce Research Ireland's commitment to the overarching objectives of the Narrative CV, Research Ireland is a signatory to the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment and is a member of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA).

Open

Please provide a summary of other relevant research-related achievements to date. This can include but is not limited to previous awards won, conferences organised, contributions to teaching & learning, public-engagement activities, etc.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME, COLLABORATORS NAMES, GENDER or SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA. Taighde Eireann - Research Ireland will never request you to disclose Special Category Data, as defined under Article 9 of the GDPR including health-related information.

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i Add up to 5 outputs

Output Type	Output Type (Other)	Output Title	Publication Status	Output Year	Relevance/significance of the output
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You may add up to five research outputs, including publications by clicking ‘+’ as shown in the above image. Please select your ‘Output Type’ from the drop-down menu, or type in your output type in the ‘other’ box. You will also be asked to provide a summary of other relevant research-related achievements to date, in the free text below.

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a signatory to the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment and is a member of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA).

4.7.6 Applicant Declaration and Submission

Declarations concerning the accuracy of the information included in the application, permission for Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland to verify any of the information supplied in the application and permission to make your application available to other Funding Agencies and/or Enterprise Partners for funding consideration.

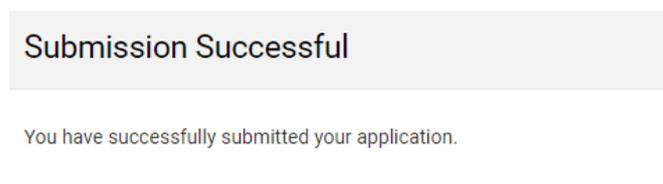
All applicants must answer the questions on this tab and confirm that all information provided is accurate before submission.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Project' page with the 'APPLICANT DECLARATIONS' tab selected. The page contains three sections of declarations, each with a red header, a note, and an 'I Agree' checkbox.

- Section 1:** Header: "Would you like the Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland to make your application available to other Funding Agencies and/or Enterprise Partners for funding consideration?". Options: Yes, No.
- Section 2:** Header: "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)". Option: I Agree.
- Section 3:** Header: "I agree that if I disclose Special Category Personal Data, I give explicit consent for this data to be processed and stored by Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland with the Taighde Éireann - Research Ireland Data Protection Notice and Retention Policy.". Option: I Agree.

The form can be saved as draft and edited as many times as necessary within the submission deadline.

Once the form is complete, 'Save' the information and click 'submit application' when the form will be ready for submission. You will see the following screen upon successful submission.



Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered and will not progress for further endorsement or assessment.

Click the 'Logout' button at the top-right of the screen to safely log out and leave the website.

4.8 Notification and feedback

Once the assessment process is complete, applicants will be informed of the outcome by email and their status will be updated on the OLS. For reasons of transparency and fairness to all applicants, Research Ireland will not enter into written or telephone correspondence with any individual about the assessment process or their eligibility to apply.

If you have a technical issue regarding use of the OLS, please read these guidelines and the FAQ document available on our website. If your issue is not addressed through either of these mechanisms, please email newfoundations@researchireland.ie with an outline of your technical issue.

Quantitative feedback will be provided to applicants on request.