**Research Ireland Enterprise Fellowships Programme 2025**

**Partnership Strand Indicative Applicant Form**

This word document is provided solely for information purposes; please note some differences between this and the final version of the online application form may occur. All applicants must complete their form through the online system by the stated deadline**.** Please see the 2025 Call Document, Partnership handbook, and the Applicant’s Guide to the Online System document on the Irish Research Council [website](https://research.ie/funding/eps-postdoc/) for further information prior to submitting your application online. All sections must be completed in full.

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| **APPLICATION OVERVIEW** |
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| **Project title:** \*The project title should be understandable to a lay reader**[Max 100 words]** |

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| **Irish research body:** \*Where the award will be held |

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| **Application in Irish:**There is the option on the online system at this point to upload a PDF of an English translation, should you wish to do so. This will accompany your application.  |
| Yes | o |
| No  | o |

There is an option on the system at this point to upload an English translation should you wish to do so. This will accompany your research proposal. If you submit an application form in Irish without submitting your own English translation, Research Ireland will arrange for an English translation of the form. The system will only accept documents in PDF format.

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| **ORCID identifier:** \*Orcid ID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher. If you do not currently have an ORCID ID, please register for one at [www.orcid.org](http://www.orcid.org) and provide us with your unique 16-digit identifier without hyphens. |

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** |

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| **Will you be in receipt of any additional awards during the funding period, e.g. scholarships, bursaries, travel grants etc.?**Yes oNo o**\* If answering yes, please specify the amount, source and duration (please include fee waivers):** **[Max 100 words]** |

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| **Do you currently hold, or have you previously held any other Research Ireland award, including formerly named Irish Research Council awards?**Yes oNo o**[If YES] If answering yes, please specify:****[Max 100 words]** |

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| **Have you submitted, or do you intend to submit, the same or a similar application to any other Research Ireland, Irish or international award programme, including formerly named Irish Research Council awards?** |
| Yes | o |
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| **[If answering YES, please specify the significant changes/alterations to the project:]****[Max 100 words]** |

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| **PRIMARY AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** |
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**IMPORTANT: Academic mentors should be contacted before being added to the application. Applications that are not endorsed by the academic mentor will be deemed ineligible and will not progress. Research Ireland is not responsible for connecting applicants with potential academic supervisors and WILL NOT assist in this process.**

**Mentor in Ireland Details:**

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| **Mentor Name:****Position:****Institution:****Telephone No:****Email Address:** |

**Enterprise Partner Details:**

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| **Organisation Name:****Email Address:****Enterprise Mentor Name:** |

**Enterprise Mentor Details:**

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| **Organisation Name:****Enterprise Mentor Name:****Title:****Email Address:** |

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| **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS** |

**Undergraduate qualifications - Bachelor’s Degree or Equivalent**

If your degree results refer to a grading system other than the Irish honours system (first class honours, upper second class (2.1) honours etc.) or the 4.0 grade point average scale, please explain the grading system being referred to in the free text box provided.

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| **Institution:****Country:****Year registered from:** **Year registered to:** **Qualification Type & Name:****Graduation Date:****Final grade or Grade Point Average:** \*Examination results as detailed here must correspond with those on official transcripts.**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. Regardless of whether they are relevant to the eligibility requirements for the programme, conditional awardees will be required to submit official transcripts for each degree listed in the application confirming the overall result, date of graduation and awarding institution. If such transcripts cannot be presented, or do not verify the information exactly as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of an award will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Host Organisation for inspection before the award can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.****Any additional information relating to this degree can be included here** (e.g. Dissertation Title, Area of Study, etc.):**[Max 300 words]**  |

**Second Bachelor’s Degree (if applicable)**

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| **Institution:****Country:****Year registered from:** **Year registered to:** **Graduation Date:****Qualification Type & Name:****Final grade or Grade Point Average:** \*Examination results as detailed here must correspond with those on official transcripts.**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. Regardless of whether they are relevant to the eligibility requirements for the programme, conditional awardees will be required to submit official transcripts for each degree listed in the application confirming the overall result, date of graduation and awarding institution. If such transcripts cannot be presented, or do not verify the information exactly as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of an award will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Host Organisation for inspection before the award can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.****Any additional information relating to this degree can be included here** (e.g. Dissertation Title, Area of Study, etc.):**[Max 300 words]**  |

**Master's Degree (If applicable)**

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| **Type:**Taught oResearch o**Institution:** **Country:****Year registered from:** **Year registered to:****Graduation Date:****Qualification Type & Name:****Final Grade or Grade Point Average:** \*Examination results as detailed here must correspond with those on official transcripts.**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. Regardless of whether they are relevant to the eligibility requirements for the programme, conditional awardees will be required to submit official transcripts for each degree listed in the application confirming the overall result, date of graduation and awarding institution. If such transcripts cannot be presented, or do not verify the information exactly as detailed in the application, any conditional offer of an award will be withdrawn. Supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Host Organisation for inspection before the award can commence. All transcripts must be appropriately stamped and signed to confirm that they are official documents of the institution.****Any additional information relating to this degree can be included here:** (e.g. Dissertation Title, Area of Study, etc.) **[Max 300 words]** |

**Second Master's Degree Details (if applicable)**

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**Doctorate Degree Details**

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| **Qualification Type and Name:****Institution:** **Country:****Year registered from:****Year registered to:****Supervisor:****Doctoral thesis title:****Abstract:****[Max 300 words]****Has your doctorate been awarded?**Yes oNo o**\* [If YES] Provide date of the award of the degree.****[If NO] and you have not yet graduated, YOU MUST have completed your viva/thesis defence examination and have submitted your hardbound before the Enterprise Fellowship grant can begin,** **\* Select yes below if you have received confirmation from your PhD supervisor, and Doctoral Studies Panel if applicable, that you have or are expecting to have met this eligibility criteria.**This application will count as one of your two chances to apply for this postdoctoral fellowship. You will need to notify the Research Ireland to withdraw from the competition if it subsequently emerges that you will not meet the hardbound corrected thesis deadline. Should it emerge that the information provided was inaccurate at the submission date, you may not re-apply.Yes oNo o |

**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 provide also equivalency of the degree to the Irish National Framework of Qualifications.**

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**Research Achievements**

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| **Please add your research achievements here. Click '+' to add a item.****Research Award 1:**Title:Amount:Source: Duration: |
| **Research Award 2:**Title:Amount:Source: Duration: |

**Research Achievements Description**

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| **Please describe your research achievements since beginning a career as a Researcher (including PhD and post-PhD, if applicable). Please bear in mind this could be read by non-specialists, as well as peers, and should be written in order to communicate with them effectively:****[Max 300 words]** |

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| **PROPOSED RESEARCH** |

**Proposed Research**

This should be written by the Applicant after consulting with the proposed Mentor(s), Enterprise Partner, and Host Organisation(s)

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| **Doctoral fellowship type?****12 Month Postdoctoral Fellowship □****24 Month Postdoctoral Fellowship □** |

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| **\*Department:****Project Title:***Please consult the* [*Research Categorisation*](https://research.ie/assets/uploads/2017/07/Research-Categorisation.pdf) *for a description of what is covered in Primary Areas, Disciplines and Other Research Areas.***\*Primary Area:****Discipline:****Other Research Area:****Second Categorisation – if interdisciplinary:** \*If your proposed research is interdisciplinary please list second categorisation here (e.g. primary area, then discipline, then other research area if applicable)**\*Keywords describing proposed research:** *(<5 words OR <10 if interdisciplinary)* |

**\*Abstract:**

Please bear in mind this could be read by non-specialists, as well as peers, and should be written in order to communicate with them effectively:

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| **[Max 250 words]** |

**\*Description of Topic:**

Please provide details of your proposed research to include (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project and (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal.

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**\*Methodology:**

Please detail the research design and methodologies to be employed in carrying out your scholarship which should be described in sufficient detail to demonstrate your thorough understanding of the research topic.

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**\*Research Schedule:**

Please provide a schedule to include (a) milestones and deliverables for completion of the proposed research, (b) risks that might endanger reaching these deliverables and (c) the contingency plans to be put in place in order to mitigate these risks.

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**\*Description of the relationship of the project to existing state of the art research:**

Suggest how the project will make a new contribution to knowledge. Do not provide bibliographical lists or footnotes here**.**

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**\*Description of any specialist knowledge/data required to undertake the project:**

For example: language competence, technical skills, use of specialist software, etc. Describe plans for acquiring this knowledge/data if it is not already in place. Describe how data required for this project will be accessed.

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**\*Justification and demonstration of significant development:**

Outline how the proposed research is a significant development, differing from your doctoral thesis, if appropriate.

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**\*Please provide details of any proposed research trips of more than 4 weeks duration which you believe will be necessary:**

Please note, all research trips over 4 weeks duration will require completion of a request form submitted to the Enterprise programme team..

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**\*Please outline your reasons for choosing your research environment, specifically: (i) the proposed Higher Education Institution/Research Performing Organisation, (ii) the proposed academic mentor and (iii) the proposed Enterprise Partner and Enterprise Mentor for the project**

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**\*Does your application feature an enterprise partner that is a public body?**

Yes o

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\*If answering yes, please outline how the public body has specific cultural or scientific infrastructure that is integral to the conduct and completion of the proposed project, i.e. without which the project could not be realised.

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**\*Description of dissemination plans and potential impact:**

Please outline your plans for the dissemination and knowledge exchange of your research, including publications, conference attendance, poster presentations, reports and outreach activities. Details should also be provided as to how the impact of your research will be measured.

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**Supplementary Material:**

If you have supplementary information, e.g. GANTT chart, diagrams or a bibliography, which accompany your research proposal, please upload them here in PDF format. Supplementary material should only include essential information required for the interpretation and understanding of the proposed research. **Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding if they include additional information about the research proposal or applicant.** Please do not disclose your gender in uploaded PDFs, e.g. use initials instead of first names if you have a publication listed in the bibliography.

**The system will ONLY accept supplementary material in PDF format.**

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| **Have you previously submitted all or part of a proposal to a Research Ireland award, including formerly named Irish Research Council awards, and been unsuccessful?**Yes oNo o**If yes, please provide a description of modifications made to the current proposal to distinguish it from the previously unsuccessful application.** |

**\*DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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| 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.
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| **[500 words]**\*Please provide details of how data will be managed for duration of the project and after the project has been completed. |

**Training and Career Development Plan**

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| **Successful researchers demonstrate strategic thinking not only in research project design, but also in career planning and professional development. On that basis, every applicant is required to upload a Career Training and Development Plan as part of their application.The Training and Career Development Plan document should be uploaded to the online system as a PDF file [maximum 2 pages] and should outline the following:*** In this plan, you should outline both your immediate (1-2 years) and long-term goals (5 years plus) career objectives.
* Provide a description of plans for the acquisition of new knowledge and skills. For example, gaining research skills and techniques, communication skills, research management, networking, and other transferable skills etc. during the period of this Fellowship. Where appropriate include a reference to the Description of Specialist Knowledge section above.
* Please outline your reasons for choosing this Fellowship and how you feel this Fellowship programme will contribute to these goals.
* Detail how the Fellowship will enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector.
* Detail how the Fellowship will enable you to acquire competencies that improve the prospects of reaching and/or reinforcing a position of professional maturity, diversity and independence.

**The**[**VITAE WEBSITE AND RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers-professional-development)**is an excellent career development resource that you may find useful when preparing your Career Training and Development Plan.**The Career Training and Development Plan document should be uploaded to the online system as a PDF file.**[Max 2 pages]** |

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| **EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION** |

Collaborative research project must be an ‘effective collaboration" as set out in paragraph 28 of the European Commission’s Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/01) (the “Framework”) **[[1]](#footnote-1)** and satisfy one of the conditions set out in paragraphs 29 and 30 (as appropriate) of the Framework. The applicant will be required to document and provide appropriate evidence clearly demonstrating compliance with these requirements, both upfront and during the lifetime of the project. Further details around this obligation will be provided in the Letter of Offer and in separate correspondence, as necessary, prior to the Grant being awarded.

With the following questions, Research Ireland is seeking to verify ex-ante (i.e., upfront) that each collaborative research project will be entered into will comply with the relevant provisions of the Framework concerning ‘effective collaboration’. Please review the Call Document for further context around and guidance on what is required in response to each of these questions.

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| **Please describe how the research project will comply with conditions of “effective collaboration” and that the conditions relating to the allocation between the parties of the results and/or intellectual property rights arising from the collaboration comply with one of the conditions set out in paragraph 29 and 30 (as appropriate) of the Framework. Please review the Call Document for further context around and guidance on what is required in response to each of these questions.**(max. 1000 words) |

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| **Please confirm that the CRA (incorporating the above conditions) will be agreed by all parties and signed prior to the start of the research project.**Yes oNo o |

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| **Please confirm that the research project will not involve contract research or the provision of research services within the meaning of section 2.2.1 of the Framework.**Yes oNo o |

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| **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE** |

Please provide details of your relevant work experience in reverse chronological order, starting with your most recent post. Include details of e.g., any postdoctoral research, research assistant posts, relevant teaching posts and/or enterprise employment.

**DO NOT INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL DETAILS IN THIS SECTION**, i.e. undergraduate or postgraduate (MSc or PhD) research. These should be detailed only in the section Academic Qualifications. If you do not have Relevant Work Experience you can leave this section empty.

**Current Position**

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| **Place of employment:****Please specify name of place of employment:****Country:****Date employed from:****Date employed to:****Department or school:****Research Mentor:****Brief description of work experience, duties and responsibilities:** **[Max 100 words]**  |

**Previous Position:**

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| **Previous Place of employment:****Please specify name of previous place of employment:****Country:****Date employed from:****Date employed to:****Department or school:****Research Mentor:****Brief description of work experience, duties and responsibilities:** **[Max 100 words]** **Research Project Title and Abstract (if applicable)****[Max 300 words]**   |

**Other Relevant Work Experience**

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| **Job Title:****Company:****Address:****Date employed from:****Date employed to:****Please include details of any other relevant work experience (including voluntary work, organising conferences etc.) to date.** This should include employer names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment.**[Max 100 words]** **Please explain why such work is relevant to your research proposal:** **[Max 300 words]** **Have you at any time taken a prolonged break (> 3 Months) from your research career (e.g. any periods spent working in an enterprise setting where you were unable to publish)?****[Max 300 words]**  |
| **PUBLICATIONS & OTHER RESEARCH OUTPUTS** |

**Publications & Other Research Outputs**

Peer Reviewed Publications

**Please provide details of your top 5 peer-reviewed publications** (including peer-reviewed journals, articles, books/book chapters etc.). Please explain why each publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content and your contribution to each publication. Publications **in press** can be included in this section but submitted or in preparation publications strictly cannot be included. If you have no peer-reviewed publications, please leave this section blank and continue down to the **Other Publications and Research Outputs** section of this page.

**Peer Reviewed Publication 1**

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| **Publication Date:****Title:****Author Role:****Journal Name, Year, Volume and Page Numbers:****Please explain why this publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content. Please specify your contribution to this publication.****[100 words]** |

**Peer Reviewed Publication 2**

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| **Publication Date:****Title:****Author Role:****Journal Name, Year, Volume and Page Numbers:****Please explain why this publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content. Please specify your contribution to this publication.****[100 words]** |

**Peer Reviewed Publication 3**

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| **Publication Date:****Title:****Author Role:****Journal Name, Year, Volume and Page Numbers:****Please explain why this publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content. Please specify your contribution to this publication.****[100 words]** |

**Peer Reviewed Publication 4**

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| **Publication Date:****Title:****Author Role:****Journal Name, Year, Volume and Page Numbers:****Please explain why this publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content. Please specify your contribution to this publication.****[100 words]** |

**Peer Reviewed Publication 5**

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| **Publication Date:****Title:****Author Role:****Journal Name, Year, Volume and Page Numbers:****Please explain why this publication is significant, focusing particularly on research content. Please specify your contribution to this publication.****[100 words]** |

**Additional or Other Research Outputs**

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| **Please provide details of up to 15 other publications or research outputs** (e.g. publications to date, research awards achieved, creation of data sets, databases and software, conference papers presented, patents granted, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing (such as novels, poetry), creative productions, exhibitions, etc.). Publications in press can be included in this section, but submitted and in-preparation publications strictly cannot be included. Publications submitted and in preparation will not be considered as part of your research track record.Information supplied here will be considered as part of your track record in recognition of the value and impact of all types of research outputs.If you have no publications or other research outputs please leave this section blank.**Please provide the details of additional or other research outputs in the table below.**  |

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| **Type:****Publication date:****Title:****More details:****Role:****Please specify your contribution:** |

**Samples of Other Written Work**

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| **Samples of written work:** If you have no Significant Peer-reviewed Publications or Other Publications and Research Outputs, please upload samples of your written work as follows: * Doctoral thesis: Table of contents
* One chapter from your Doctoral Thesis
* One further sample of written research work, as you see fit

**\* Please upload your Doctoral thesis table of contents here****\* Please upload one chapter from your Doctoral thesis here****\* Please upload one further sample of written research work here****Please do not upload any other documentation here than what is outlined above.** |

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| **ETHICAL AND GENDER STATEMENT** |

**Ethical Statement**

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| **\*Does your research involve any of the following ethical issues of special relevance?** |
| Informed consent | o |
| Human embryonic stem cells | o |
| Privacy and data protection | o |
| Use of human biological samples and data | o |
| Research on animals | o |
| Research in developing countries | o |
| Dual use (possible military/terrorist application) | o |
| None of the above  | o |

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

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| Where ethical issues may arise in the research, applicants are required to submit to Research Ireland a written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. A full ethical report and approval from an ethical review committee will have to be submitted to Research Ireland prior to the commencement of the project or at a specified date with the prior agreement of Research Ireland. If ethical issues do not arise, please enter N/A below:**[Max 300 words]** |

**Sex/Gender Dimension**

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| Please read carefully the section on ‘Biological Sex/Gender Dimension’ in the Guide for Applicants for help in answering this question.  |
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| **\*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

Yes oNo o |

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| [If NO] Please explain why there is no potential biological sex and/or gender dimension to be considered in your proposed research.**[Max 300 words]**[If YES] Please 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 Call Document.**[Max 300 words]** |

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| **DECLARATION** |

**Applicant Declaration**

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| **\*I hereby declare that I have read and accept the Applicant requirements as set out in the Call Document for the Enterprise Fellowship Programme** I agree**\*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)**I agree**\*I hereby declare that this application is my own work, and the information provided is correct.**I agree**\*Is there any potential conflict of interest between the applicant, enterprise/employment partner, enterprise/employment mentor or supervisor? A conflict of interest arises when an individual holds a direct or indirect personal interest which, in the opinion of a reasonably-informed and well-advised person, is sufficient to call into question the independence, impartiality and objectivity that the individual is obliged to exercise in the performance of his/her duties. Conflicts of interest may be financial, non-financial or both. For example, if your academic supervisor is the founder of the Enterprise Partner.**YES/NO**If yes, please outline the nature of the potential conflict of interest and explain how this will be managed.** [200 words] \*Disclose any prior relationship (e.g. consultancy role, founder) that may exist. | oooO |

1. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2022.414.01.0001.01.ENG> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)