**Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme 2026**

**Indicative Mentor in Ireland Form**

This word document is provided solely for information purposes; please note some differences between this and the final version of the online form may occur. All mentors must complete their form through the online system by the exact stated deadline**.** Please see the Academic Mentor’s **Guide to the Online System** document on the Research Ireland [website](https://www.researchireland.ie/funding/government-ireland-postdoctoral/) for more information on registering and submitting your form online.

* All sections must be completed

**Mentors are reminded that they may support no more than one applicant to the Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship programme.  As such, Mentors should endorse only one submitted application. If the Research Office endorses multiple applications with the same Mentor, all applications will be deemed ineligible.**

Applicants are instructed by Research Ireland to gain the consent of any proposed mentor before adding them to an application. While the majority of applicants follow these instructions, there are instances where applicants assign mentors to applications without obtaining their consent. **If you have received this email in error and do not know the applicant**, they may have mistakenly associated you with their application. You may find it reassuring to know that the applicant’s error will not have any detrimental effect on future Research Ireland applications submitted by you, or on applications that are legitimately assigned to you. In cases where applications have not received a mentor reference, they do not proceed to the Research Office endorsement decision stage nor the assessment stage.

**Form in Irish:** Yes/No

There is the option on the online system at this point to upload an English translation, should you wish to do so, which will accompany your submitted mentor form. Should you submit a mentor form in Irish without submitting your own English translation, Research Ireland may arrange for a translation of the form. The online system will only accept documents in PDF format.

**Applicant Details**

**Applicant Name:**

**Project Title:**

**Primary Area:**

**MENTOR DETAILS**

Position or job title:

Name of head of school, department or principal investigator if applicable:

Work address:

**MENTOR EXPERIENCE**

How have many research master’s students have successfully completed their degrees under your supervision?

How many doctoral students have successfully completed their degrees under your supervision?

How many postdoctoral fellows have you mentored?

How many researchers do you currently supervise or mentor?

* + Senior Research Fellows:
	+ Postdoctoral Researchers:
	+ Postgraduate students:
	+ Other:

*If an eligible career break has been taken in the last five years, mentors may refer to their top research outputs outside of the last 5 years for a period equivalent to the duration of the eligible career break that has been taken. Eligible career breaks include maternity leave, paternity leave, adoptive leave, parental leave, parent’s leave, extended sick leave and carer’s leave.*

I have taken an eligible career break in the last five years such that the top research outputs I am referring to in the question below are taken from the last 5-year period, plus any additional time allowed as outlined in the guideline above:

Yes/No

Please list your top research outputs over the last five years\*, e.g. publications to date, research awards achieved, creation of data sets and databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing, creative productions, exhibitions etc., and describe the impact of this work on your field of research: ***Max 500 words***

\*If an eligible career break has been taken in the last 5 years, mentors may refer to research outputs in the last 5-year period, plus any additional time allowed as outlined in the guideline above.

**RECOMMENDATION**

I know the applicant:

 Very well

 Well

 Slightly

I was the applicant’s:

 Adviser

 Lecturer

 Tutor

 Other

If other, please provide further details:

From: dd/mm/yyyy to :dd/mm/yyyy

How does this applicant compare to other researchers, at the same academic or professional level, that you have interacted with over the past five years?

 Poor

 Well

 Very well

 Excellent

 Exceptional

Please provide your observations on the characteristics and achievements of the applicant and comment on their suitability for a career in research. Please include an assessment of the applicant’s suitability for the proposed research and details as to why you decided to work with this particular applicant: ***Max 500 words***

Research Ireland maintains ‘gender-blinding’ of applications for evaluation purposes to mitigate any gender bias in the assessment of excellence. As such, our assessors review applications that are anonymous and free from pronouns or other words which would identify the applicant’s gender. In order to comply with these guidelines, we ask that you use ‘the applicant’, ‘s/he/they’ and ‘his/her/their’ when providing your observations rather than the person’s name or pronouns which would identify their gender.

**ACADEMIC HOST ENVIRONMENT**

Please provide details about the academic host environment including (a) the training and career development opportunities that will be provided to the applicant (b) confirmation that the necessary resources, e.g. books, equipment, are available to progress the research and (c) confirmation that the applicant will receive assistance to help them integrate into their new environment: ***Max 500 words***

**MENTOR DECLARATION**

Please note that a mentor at an Irish Research Body is **NOT** permitted to support more than one application to the Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Do you agree to mentor and host the applicant should they be successful in the current funding competition: Yes/No

I hereby declare that I have read and accept the mentor requirements for this programme as set out in the 2026 Call Document and Terms and Conditions on the Research Ireland website: I agree

Does the research proposal outlined in this application require approval by the relevant institutional Ethics Committee: Yes/No

I confirm that I have used ‘the applicant’, ‘s/he/they’ and ‘his/her/their’ when providing my observations rather than the person’s name or pronouns which would identify their gender: I agree

I confirm that the information supplied in this mentor form is correct and recognise that should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible: I agree