



Irish Research Council

New Horizons Research Project Scheme 2016

Interdisciplinary Strand Award (IDR)

Please refer to the [Call Documents and FAQ's](#) for full details on this Call.

Overview

Description of the New Horizons Interdisciplinary Strand (IDR) Award

The IDR Award aims to encourage AHSS researchers to collaborate with STEM researchers on interdisciplinary projects that address societal challenges in the medium term under Horizon 2020 and assist AHSS researchers to form new connections and build on existing national and international networks to develop pilot studies, prepare preliminary findings and help establish consortia on upcoming topics across all Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges.

Description of the New Horizons Interdisciplinary Strand (IDR) Award & Eligibility Requirements

Start Date: 12th December 2016

Duration: 15-24 months

All applicants must submit a mandatory Expression of Interest template (available on the Council's website) by **4pm, Friday, 30th September 2016** to projects@research.ie.

The successful project must be led by an AHSS researcher and a mandatory STEM co-PI. (Please consult the Irish Research Council's 2016 [Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#) for a description of what is covered in Primary Areas, Disciplines and Other Research Areas).

Both the Lead Applicant and Co-Applicant must:

- Hold a contract of sufficient duration to carry out the proposed research at a recognised Higher Education Institution (HEI) or Research Performing Organisation from the project start date of 12th December 2016, until the project end date.
- Have been awarded their doctoral degrees (or equivalent) no later than 1 November 2014.
- Not have received IRC Research Development Initiative, Collaborative Research Project or Research Project Grant funding in 2014 or 2015.
- Not be in receipt of any other Council funding at the proposed start date, with the exception of New Foundations and Ulysses awards.
- Applicants should be committed to developing and submitting a future proposal to Horizon 2020 societal challenges.
- Each AHSS Lead Applicant may submit only one application. Each STEM Co-Applicant may be named on a maximum of two applications.
- Applicants may concurrently apply for an IRC 'Research for Policy and Society' award.

 Please see Full Terms & Conditions [here](#)

Funding

Value of the Programme

- €220,000 max (including overheads)

Eligible costs include:

- Staff costs: up to the following amounts (inclusive of PRSI and employer pension contribution):
 - Academic Replacement – €20,433 per calendar year, including PRSI and pension
 - Research Assistant – (as per RCSI researcher salary scales, including PRSI and pension)
 - Postdoctoral Researchers – (as per RCSI researcher salary scales, including PRSI and pension)



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The proportion of personnel costs covered by the award is between 30% (minimum) and 70% (maximum) for both AHSS and STEM applicants. All applications may include provision for team membership of researchers from institutions and organisations :- collaboration costs only (not personnel costs).

- Collaborative activities such as travel, networking and dissemination - maximum of €10,000.
- Consultancy – maximum of €5,000.
- Consumables – maximum of €1,000.
- Travel and accommodation costs.
- Overheads – up to a maximum of 25% of modified direct costs, which do not include equipment costs.
- Equipment - including computer equipment, fieldwork, data collection, archival and digitisation costs.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis by International Assessment Board (IAB)

- Quality of proposal (60%)
- Feasibility of the Implementation and Management of Project (20%)
- Research and Teaching and/or Professional Impact (10%).
- Cost and Value for Money (10%)

Application Procedure

All applicants must submit an Expression of Interest template (available on the Council's website) by **4pm, Friday, 30th September 2016** to projects@research.ie. Failure to submit an Expression of Interest form will render an application ineligible. Full applications will be submitted to IRC via their ONLINE SYSTEM.

Deadlines for Submission:

IRC Expressions of Interest deadline: **4pm, Friday 30th September 2016**

IRC FAQ deadline: **4pm, Friday 21st October 2016**

IRC APPLICANT DEADLINE: **4pm, Friday 28th October 2016**

Internal ORI Deadline: Wednesday, 26th October 2016;

Research Office endorsement deadline: **4pm, Friday 4th November 2016**

Outcome of scheme: **End November 2016**

Project commencement date: **Monday, 12th December 2016**

Procedure for candidates interested in applying to the IRC GoI Call

Please contact Clare Muckian (grantsapplicationsupport@rcsi.ie) in the ORI to advise of your interest or if you have any queries around submitting an application. This will assist us to coordinate and plan the provision of support in the preparation of applications as required.

Useful documents & links

-  [Guide for applicants](#)
-  [Terms and Conditions](#)
-  [AHSS Disciplines](#)
-  [STEM Disciplines](#)
-  [New Horizons Research Project Scheme](#)