



IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL
An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn

Welcome
Céad Míle Fáilte

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Research landscape in Ireland



9 Universities



11 Institutes of Technology



Other research performing organisations



Funding Agencies:

Irish Research Council www.research.ie




























Science Foundation Ireland www.sfi.ie

Health Research Board www.hrb.ie

Enterprise Ireland www.enterprise-ireland.com

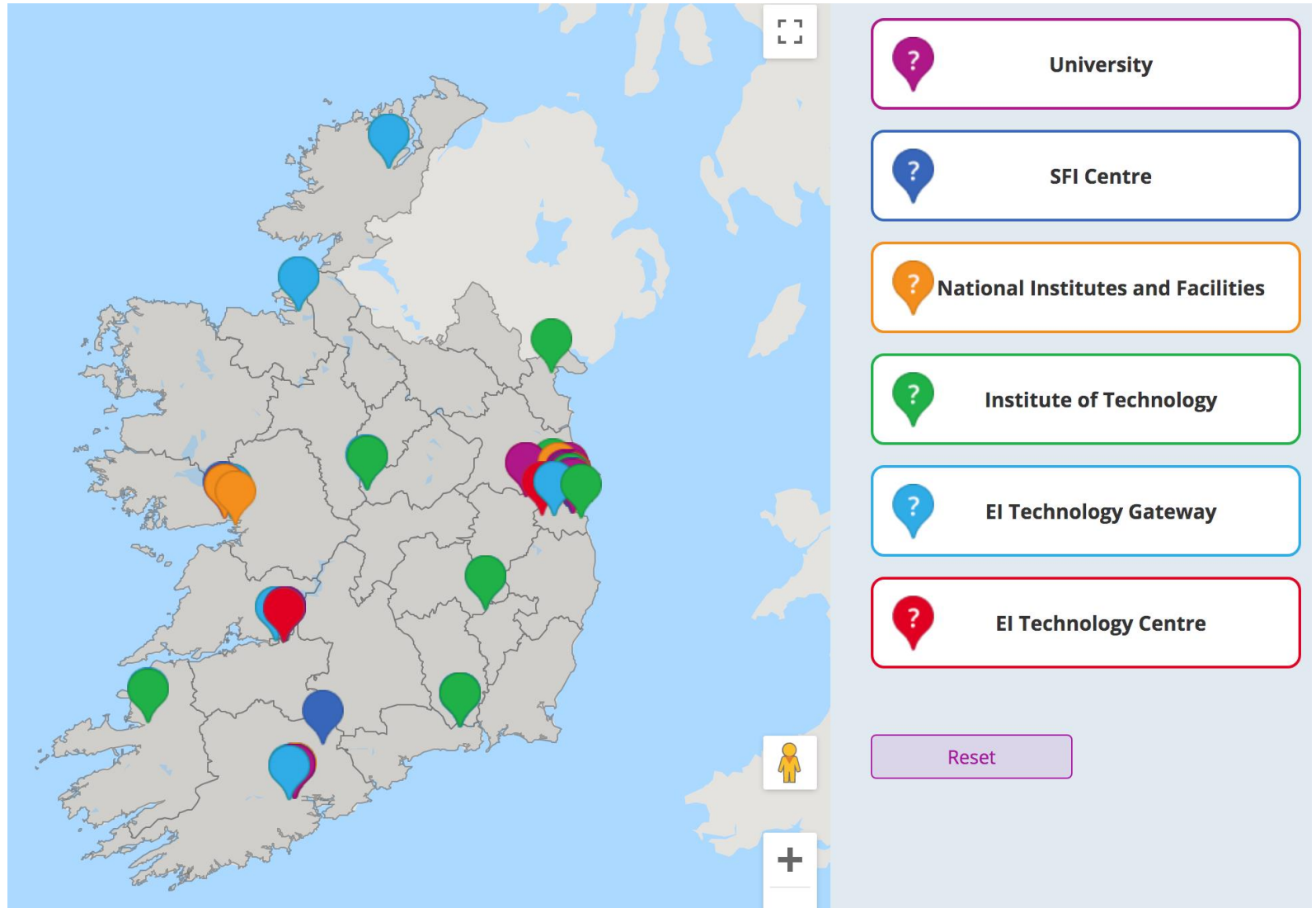
Higher Education Authority www.heai.ie

Eligible Higher Education Institutions

-  Athlone Institute of Technology
-  Coláiste Mhuire Marino
-  Cork Institute of Technology
-  **Dublin City University**
-  Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies
-  Dublin Dental Hospital
-  Dundalk Institute of Technology
-  Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology
-  Galway–Mayo Institute of Technology
-  Institute of Technology, Carlow
-  Institute of Technology, Sligo
-  Institute of Technology, Tralee
-  Letterkenny Institute of Technology
-  Limerick Institute of Technology
-  Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
-  **Maynooth University**
-  National College of Ireland
-  **National University of Ireland, Galway**
-  **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**
-  Royal Irish Academy
-  Royal Irish Academy of Music
-  **Technological University Dublin**
-  **Trinity College Dublin**
-  **University College Cork**
-  **University College Dublin**
-  **University of Limerick**
-  Waterford Institute of Technology

<http://research.ie/funding/eligible-higher-education-institutions-and-research-performing-organisations/>

Research map of Ireland



Irish Research Council

- ✿ We enable and sustain a vibrant research community in Ireland by supporting excellent researchers across all disciplines and career stages.
- ✿ No limitations re: disciplines/interdisciplinarity or nationalities
- ✿ Only national funder of Arts, Humanities and Social Science (AHSS) research
- ✿ Special emphasis on funding PhD and postdoctoral researchers
- ✿ Gender equality (50.2% current awardees male, 49.8% female)

IRC – International profile

- ✿ International mobility and collaboration (40% current awardees non-Irish)
- ✿ National Contact Point for ERC (AHSS)
- ✿ We support Ireland-based ERC applicants
- ✿ We support the Irish Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office
- ✿ We participate in HERA (handling agency), NORFACE, CHIST-ERA, GenderNET-Plus, DARIAH-EU

Selected IRC programmes

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| Postgraduate scholarships | Government of Ireland (GOIPG) | Next call opens Q3 2020 |
| | Enterprise Partnership Scheme | Q4 2020 |
| | Employment-Based Programme | Now open |
| Postdoctoral fellowships | Government of Ireland (GOIPD) | Q4 2020 |
| | Enterprise Partnership Scheme | Q4 2020 |
| Principal Investigator-led | Starting Laureate | Q2 2021 (to be confirmed) |
| Networking / collaboration grants | New Foundations | Q2 2020 |
| | Ulysses (Ireland-France) | Q3 2020 |
| | IRC-SPRINT (Ireland-São Paolo) | Opens today |
| | AHRC-IRC (UK-Ireland) | Now open (networking) + Q3 2020 (research grants) |
| | ESRC-IRC (UK-Ireland) | Being developed |

GOI Postdoctoral Fellowships

- ✿ Any discipline / interdisciplinary
- ✿ Full-time 1-year or 2-year fellowship
- ✿ Held at an eligible HEI or RPO in the Republic of Ireland
- ✿ Value of award: Salary €31,275 + social insurance and pension contributions
- ✿ Eligible direct research expenses <€5,000 per annum



Enterprise Partnership Scheme

- ✿ 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship
- ✿ Based in an eligible HEI/RPO in Ireland + placement with Enterprise Partner
- ✿ Enterprise Partner can be a company, public body, cultural/heritage organisation, registered charity... in or outside Ireland
- ✿ Value of award: Salary €31,275 + social insurance and pension contributions
- ✿ IRC funds 66% + Enterprise Partner funds 33%
- ✿ Eligible direct research expenses <€5,000 per annum






Eligibility for GOI & EPS Fellowships

Must

-  have completed doctoral degree within 5-year period before call deadline
-  have authored or co-authored at least 1 peer-reviewed research publication or equivalent intellectual property output, or submit sample of written work

Must not

-  hold/have held a GOI or EPS Postdoctoral Fellowship before
-  have been a postdoc for >5yrs
-  be a permanent member of staff at a HEI or RPO

Looking ahead: Starting Laureate

- ✿ Principal Investigator awards for experienced researchers: must have completed PhD 3-8 years before application deadline.
- ✿ Any discipline, any nationality – but must obtain contract from an eligible HEI/RPO host in Ireland for the duration of the award.
- ✿ If successful, must apply for an ERC grant. IRC Laureate Awards have been developed to prepare world-class researchers based in Ireland to be strong ERC candidates.

Steps to submitting a fundable proposal



Preparing a GOI/EPS application

- ✿ **Read the T&Cs and Guide for Applicants!**
- ✿ Set aside time to plan, prepare & submit application (through online system)
- ✿ Make early contact with potential Academic Mentor in Ireland/Enterprise Partner/2 Referees
- ✿ Develop and refine proposed project to meet all criteria/answer every question
- ✿ Seek feedback from your proposed Mentor(s)
- ✿ Submit questions to the Research Office in your proposed HEI/RPO

When writing research proposals

- ✿ Keep prose simple, declarative and precise in all sections – do not write in ‘essay mode’. Use jargon-free language.
- ✿ Focus on research excellence (track record), originality and potential.
- ✿ The IRC budget is extremely limited & we get thousands of applications.
How can you make your application stand out?
Think about potential outputs/dissemination.

Assessor comments

(why applications do/don't get funded)

- ✿ Awareness of ethical considerations
- ✿ Feasibility
- ✿ Need for clear methodological approaches
- ✿ Relevant skills
- ✿ Choice of Mentors & HEI – Are they the most appropriate for your project?
- ✿ Presentation – Proofread your completed application carefully before submitting.

Info on moving to Ireland as a researcher:

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