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 create and complete their submission through the [online system](https://irishresearch.smartsimple.ie) by the relevant deadline**.** Please see the **2024 Call Document** and **the applicant’s** **Guide to the Online System** on the Irish Research Council’s [website](http://research.ie/funding/goipg/?f=postgraduate) for further information prior to submitting your application online. We recommend that applicants review the “General Application Feedback” available on the aforementioned website (under the “Frequently asked questions” tab). All sections must be completed in full.

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| **ELIGIBILITY QUIZ** |

The information you input in this quiz will determine your eligibility to apply for the 2024 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme. If you do **not** meet the eligibility criteria, you will be deemed **ineligible to apply** and the system **will prevent you from accessing the application form.**

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| **Question 1:** Do you have a first class or upper second-class honours bachelor’s degree? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |
| Bachelor’s degree results unknown at time of application | 🞏 |
| Master's degree results unknown at time of application | 🞏 |

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| *If no:* Do you have a master’s degree? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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| **Question 2:** Have you had two previous unsuccessful applications to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme (including strategic partner themes)? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| **Question 3:** Do you hold, or have you previously held, an Irish Research Council scholarship? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Was the scholarship held to complete a master’s or a PhD degree? | |
| Master’s degree | 🞏 |
| PhD degree | 🞏 |

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| *If master’s:* Is this application to complete a PhD degree? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
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| **Question 4:** Does your proposed research deal with any of the following prohibited areas?   * Research activity aimed at human cloning for reproductive purposes * Research activity intended to modify the genetics of human beings that could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be funded) * Research activities to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
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| **Question 5:** Has a primary supervisor, based in an eligible Irish higher education institution or research performing organisation, agreed to act as supervisor for the above project?  **PLEASE NOTE:**  *All applications require a primary supervisor who is willing to supervise the proposed research project. Applicants* ***MUST*** *contact their primary supervisor and research office before completing an eligibility quiz or submitting an application form. Please do****NOT****add a supervisor to your application without their prior approval.* ***THE IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSIST APPLICANTS IN FINDING AN ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR FOR THEIR APPLICATION.*** | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Please provide the name of your primary supervisor: |
| **PLEASE NOTE:**  *Please note that your application will be deemed* ***INELIGIBLE*** *if the name of the academic supervisor included in the eligibility quiz on the online system does not match that on the application form, or if you list more than one supervisor*. ***Make sure to confirm with your supervisor the name they are registered with in the online system.*** |

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| *If no:* |
| *All applications require a primary supervisor who is willing to supervise the proposed research project. Prior to creating an application, you****must****contact and discuss your research project with your proposed supervisor(s).* |

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| **APPLICATION FORM** |

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| Please select the appropriate scholarship theme for which you are applying: | |
| Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship | 🞏 |
| **Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution** | 🞏 |
| Environmental Protection Agency Postgraduate Scholarship | 🞏 |
| Postgraduate Scholarship in Childhood Disadvantage in Ireland | 🞏 |
| Met Éireann Posgraduate Scholarship | 🞏 |

In addition to the Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, a number of themed scholarships are offered in collaboration with our strategic funding partners as a mechanism to deliver on our shared national objectives. While applicants may apply for one scholarship theme only, those who choose to apply for a strategic funding partner scholarship will also be considered for a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship. Full descriptions of each of the strategic funding partner scholarships can be found in the [Call Document](https://research.ie/funding/goipg/?f=postgraduate).

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| Project title: |

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| Irish research body: |

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| Department: |

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| Application in Irish: | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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, the Irish Research Council 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.

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| What is your nationality, i.e. your passport-issuing country? |

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| If you are from the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, which county are you from? |

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| Are you a national of a European Union member state (including the Republic of Ireland) **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Ukraine or the United Kingdom? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| Will you have been ordinarily resident\* in a European Union member state (including the Republic of Ireland) **OR** Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Ukraine or the United Kingdom for a continuous period of three of the five years preceding 1 September 2024? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

\*Ordinarily resident refers to the applicant’s place of legal and permanent residence. This will not be deemed as having been interrupted if an absence from the country of ordinary residency has been caused by the training, education or employment of the applicant or the applicant’s spouse or parents.

* *If both answers ‘yes’*: YOU WILL BE ASSESSED AS A CATEGORY 1 APPLICANT (for more information see Call Document, section 7.1.8).
* *If one or both answers ‘no’*: YOU WILL BE ASSESSED AS A CATEGORY 2 APPLICANT (for more information see Call Document, section 7.1.8).

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| **Primary and additional participants** |

**Primary supervisor details – to be selected from a list of primary supervisors registered on the online system by the host institution:**

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| Name: |

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| Irish research body: |

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| Email address: |

**Secondary supervisor details (if applicable):**

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| Name: |

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| Higher education institution: |

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| **Track record** |

*Please refer to the* [*National Framework of Qualifications*](https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/the-qualifications-system/national-framework-of-qualifications) *for the classification of all degrees.*

**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: |

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| Graduation date:  dd/mm/yyyy |

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| Qualification type and name: |

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| Is this degree complete? | Yes: 🞏 No: 🞏 |

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| *If yes*: Final grade or grade point average: |

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| *If no:* Please include the grade from the last completed year of the degree in question: |

*Please note that any conditional offer will be dependent on the final grade for this degree meeting the eligibility requirement of the programme.*

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 Irish Research Council 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.

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| Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:  *Max 300 words* |

**Second bachelor's degree (if applicable):**

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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| Qualification type and name: |

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| Is this degree complete? | Yes: 🞏 No: 🞏 |

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| *If yes*: Final grade or grade point average: |

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| *If no:* Please include the grade from the last completed year of the degree in question: |

*Please note that any conditional offer will be dependent on the final grade for this degree meeting the eligibility requirement of the programme.*

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. If requested,supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Irish Research Council 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.

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| Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here:  *Max 300 words* |

**Master's degree (if applicable):**

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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| Is this degree complete? Yes: 🞏 No: 🞏 |

*If this degree is unfinished at the time of the application, evidence of successful completion will be required through the submission of transcripts.*

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| *If yes:* Final grade or grade point average: |

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. If requested, supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Irish Research Council 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.

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| Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here, including whether a transfer from this master’s degree to a PhD programme is being considered:  *Max 300 words* |

**Second master's degree (if applicable):**

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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| Is this degree complete? Yes: 🞏 No: 🞏 |

*If this degree is unfinished at the time of the application, evidence of successful completion will be required through the submission of transcripts.*

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| *If yes:* Final grade or grade point average: |

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. If requested, supporting, non-returnable material must be forwarded to the Irish Research Council 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.

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| Any additional information relating to this degree or your final grade can be included here, including whether a transfer from this master’s degree to a PhD programme is being considered:  *Max 300 words* |

**Other education:**

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| Please provide any additional information relevant to your academic background which should include the name, location and date(s) of any training courses attended:  *Max 300 words* |

**Research achievements:**

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| Please provide any additional information regarding your research achievements to date such as publications, research awards, creation of data sets and databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing, creative productions and/or exhibitions:  *Max 300 words* |

**Work experience:**

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| Please provide details of any relevant work experience, including voluntary work, to date which should include employers’ names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment:  *Max 300 words* |

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| **Personal statement** |

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| Please highlight any additional information which has not been included elsewhere in the application, e.g.:   * Why do you wish to pursue a higher degree by research? * Why have you proposed this research topic? * Why do you feel there is a specific demand for the skill set that you wish to build? * Why are you particularly suited to this research field? * Which of your attributes demonstrate your capability to be a good researcher, e.g. motivation, commitment, thirst for knowledge?   *Max 500 words* |

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| **Career training and development plan** |

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| Please provide a career training and development plan which addresses the following:   * What are your career goals and how would this scholarship help you to achieve them? * How will you go about acquiring the expert knowledge and transferable skills necessary for your professional development, e.g. technical skills, communication skills, analytical skills? * How would this scholarship enable you to gain skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector? * How can the scholarship transform your existing skills in those identified as being required to pursue the chosen career?   *Max 1000 words* |

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| **Proposed research** |

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| If successful, will you be a new entrant to the degree for which you are seeking Irish Research Council funding on 1 September 2024? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Please specify the scholarship type for which you are applying: | |
| 12-month research master’s degree | 🞏 |
| 24-month structured research master’s degree | 🞏 |
| 36-month traditional doctoral degree | 🞏 |
| 48-month structured doctoral degree | 🞏 |

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| *If no:* Please specify the degree type which you intend to complete: | |
| 24-month structured research master’s degree | 🞏 |
| 36-month traditional doctoral degree | 🞏 |
| 48-month structured doctoral degree | 🞏 |

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| *If no:* What date did you first register for this degree? |
| dd/mm/yyyy |

**It is important that the information in this field is entered correctly as the duration of funding awarded is dependent on the date of first registration.**

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| *If no:* Please indicate the duration of scholarship for which you are applying in order to complete the degree type specified above: | |
| 12 months | 🞏 |
| 24 months: *only visible to applicants who selected 36-month or 48-month structured doctoral degree* | 🞏 |
| 36 months: *only visible to applicants who selected 48-month structured doctoral degree* | 🞏 |

**For applicants who have already completed part of the degree for which they are seeking Irish Research Council funding, the duration of funding to be awarded is dependent on the type of postgraduate degree being pursued and the date of first registration as detailed in the call document.**

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| *If no:* Please indicate the progress of your research to date, i.e. what has been done and what still needs to be done. Please also indicate whether or not you have been confirmed on the PhD register at your host institution:  *Max 500 words* |

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| *If no:* Please provide details of your current funding source:  *Max 300 words* |

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| Will you be in receipt of any additional awards during the scholarship period, e.g. scholarships, bursaries, travel grants etc.? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Please provide further details, including the value of these additional awards:  *Max 300 words* |

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| Have you previously submitted a proposal to an Irish Research Council scheme and been unsuccessful? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Did it contain all or part of the present proposal?  *Yes* 🞏  *No* 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Please clearly describe the modifications to your research proposal since it was previously submitted:  *Max 300 words* |

Please note that unsuccessful applicants may only re-apply to the programme on one subsequent occasion.

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| Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any other Irish Research Council awards? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| **No** | 🞏 |

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| *If yes:* Please provide further details:  *Max 300 words* |

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| Primary area: |

Please consult the [research categorisation document](http://research.ie/assets/uploads/2017/07/Research-Categorisation.pdf) available on the Irish Research Council website for further descriptions of primary area, discipline and other research area

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| Discipline: |

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| Other research area(s): |

Please consult the [research categorisation document](http://research.ie/assets/uploads/2017/07/Research-Categorisation.pdf) available on the Irish Research Council website for further descriptions of primary area, discipline and other research area

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| Second categorisation – if interdisciplinary: |

If your proposed research is interdisciplinary, please list its second categorisation here i.e. primary area and discipline

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| Keywords describing proposed research: |

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| Please provide a lay abstract for your proposed research, which will be used to inform a non-specialist audience:  *Max 300 words* |

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| Please provide details of your proposed research to include (a) aims, objectives and central research questions of the project, (b) how existing literature on the topic has been used to inform the proposal and (c) how the project will advance state of the art and make a contribution to existing knowledge:  *Max 500 words* |

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| 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:  *Max 500 words* |

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| 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:  *Max 500 words* |

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| Please describe any specialist knowledge or data required to undertake your proposed research, such as language competency, technical skills or use of specialist software. If this knowledge or data is not already in place, details should be provided as to how it will be acquired over the course of the scholarship:  *Max 500 words* |

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| 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:  *Max 500 words* |

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| Please outline **your** reasons for choosing your proposed (a) academic supervisor(s) and (b) higher education institution making particular reference to how the chosen supervisor and institution:   * can support the acquisition of methods and knowledge necessary to completing the proposed project * can provide any facilities and infrastutures or other supports relevant to completing the proposed project * can provide an appropriate and comprehensive training programme   *Max 400 words* |

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| Please provide details of any proposed research trip(s) of more than four weeks' duration which you believe will be necessary for the successful completion of your scholarship:  *Max 300 words* |

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| **The following question applies ONLY to applicants to the Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution, Environmental Protection Agency Postgraduate Scholarship, Alice Lister Postgraduate Scholarship in Childhood Disadvantage in Ireland or the Met Éireann Postgraduate Scholarship.** Please outline the reasons for choosing your specific theme, including how your proposal explicitly aligns with the specific requirements as outlined in the theme information:  *Max 500 words* |

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.**

**Ethics:**

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

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| Does your research proposal require approval by the relevant institutional Ethics Committee? | |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No | 🞏 |

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| Please provide a statement detailing the careful consideration you have given to the ethical implications of the proposed research (where ethical issues may arise) and how you plan to address these over the course of your scholarship:  *Max 500 words* |

**Sex/gender dimension:**

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| Does your proposed research involve any of the following? | |
| Humans as the research focus | 🞏 |
| Animals as the research focus | 🞏 |
| Human samples and/or data | 🞏 |
| Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials | 🞏 |
| Research on animals, animal samples and/or data | 🞏 |
| Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers | 🞏 |

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| Please provide a statement detailing whether there is a potential sex/gender dimension to be considered in carrying out your research. If your research involves any of the above, please indicate how potential sex/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 Guide for Applicants:  *Max 500 words* |

**Data management:**

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| Please provide a data management plan which addresses the following:   * How will data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse? * How data will be curated and preserved? * If applicable, how do you plan to make data FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)? * If data cannot be made available, why?   *Max 300 words* |

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| **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 and Terms and Conditions on the Irish Research Council [website](http://research.ie/funding/goipg/?f=postgraduate): | |
| I agree | 🞏 |

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| I confirm that the information supplied in this application 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 | 🞏 |

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| I hereby declare that this application is entirely my own work and understand that it will be subject to plagiarism checks. Please note that random sampling for evidence of plagiarism will be carried out during the assessment process. Applicants who have been found to plagiarise will be prohibited from applying for Irish Research Council funding in the future. Suspected instances of plagiarism will be brought to the attention of the higher education institution: | |
| I agree | 🞏 |