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| **Title**  | **Max 30 words** that should clearly convey the nature of the research to be undertaken and should not contain confidential details, given that the titles of funded proposals are published by Research Ireland. |
| **Duration of Award** | **48 Months** |
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| **Research Idea**  | **Max 1 page*** Please outline the question(s) your proposed research would address.
* Please discuss the importance or significance of addressing the question(s);
* The potential originality or novelty of the question(s);
* Why the question(s) has(have) not been addressed, or adequately addressed, by previous or current research.

**Score weighting: 50%**Reviewers will assess clarity, importance/significance, and originality/novelty of the question(s). If gaps in knowledge are being addressed and if the research area is well understood.  |
| **Research Plan**  | **Max 3 pages*** Please provide a brief research plan to address the proposed question(s).
* Please outline key aims and the objectives/work packages intended to achieve these aims.
* Please also outline any key methods or approaches your research will use.
* You may discuss background information, state of the art, or preliminary data, if relevant.
* You may also discuss a programme timeline; please be aware that all grants are for a 48 month period.
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| **References** | **Max 1 page** ofappropriate references and citations for the proposed research must be provided in a separate PDF document. |
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