**SFI-IRC Pathway 2024**

**UCD Expression of Interest Proposal Template**

**Instructions – read carefully before proceeding**

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| * This template is intended to help candidates applying for the SFI/IRC Pathway Programme to prepare their Expression of Interest (EoI) proposal. This document must be uploaded to RMS, either by the applicant or their mentor, by **2pm 22nd January 2024**. * The formatting requirements are as follows:   + Font: Minimum size 11 points, in Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman.   + Margins: 2cm top and bottom, 1.5cm left and right (as have been set in this template).   + The final document must be saved **as a PDF** with the following filename format:     - *ApplicantFirstName\_ApplicantSurname\_Pathway\_2024\_EoI\_Proposal*   + Double click the header section and change *[ApplicantFirstName ApplicantSurname]* to your first name and surname.   + The word count where specified must be adhered to – exceeding the word count could result in your application being deemed ineligible.   + The page limit indicated for each section must be adhered to – exceeding the limits could result in your application being deemed ineligible.   + Only 1 (optional) figure is permitted. Figure labels must be legible to the same level as the main body text (i.e. equivalent to 11 points). * Instruction text for each section and guidance text highlighted in yellow for the CV section can be deleted. * **In preparing the CV section of your EoI proposal, you may wish to look at the** [**UCD Research guidance on writing a narrative CV**](https://intranet.ucd.ie/research/portal/howtowriteanarrativecv/index.html)**.** * **Delete this cover page once you are ready to submit your proposal.** |

**Applicant details**

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| *Applicant name* |  |
| *Current host institution* | [Insert your current host institution if it is not UCD, otherwise leave this box blank] |
| *UCD School* | [Insert the planned UCD School that would host the award] |
| *Proposed Mentor* |  |

**Proposal title** *(max. 30 words)*

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**Abstract** *(max. 200 words)*

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**Keywords** *(max. 5)*

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**Research proposal** *(max. 2 pages)*

Applicants are requested to provide sufficient detail for peer reviewers to comment on the quality of the proposed ideas. Describe clearly and concisely the specific aims and objectives of the proposal. These aims should be coherent, well-planned and should be linked with real deliverables. Explain the background and significance of the problem. Does the study address an important research problem? How and why is the proposed work important for the field? Ensure that the novelty of the approach is clearly explained, again with reference to the state of the art. The methodology of the proposed programme should be well developed, and how this proposed methodology advances the current state of the art should be described in detail. You can delete this instruction text.

**Personal statement** *(max. 0.5 page)*

Provide a personal statement about your research career to date, how you intend to build your independent research career and how this award would help you to achieve that. You can delete this instruction text.

**Applicant’s CV and track record in DORA format (As below)**

Please do not include any type of journal or publication metrics, e.g. impact factor, h-index, etc., or refer to the total number of papers you have authored or co-authored. Deviating from these instructions may result in the redaction of these details or make your application ineligible for review. For each section of the CV – delete any guidance highlighted in yellow like this (including this line), before finalising your EoI proposal. You can also delete this instruction text.

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| **CV Section 1 – Applicant details** *(max. 3 pages)*  **NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS**  **CAREER PROFILE (Education and Employment)**  Please outline your education and employment history, provide details of any periods of leave from research (for example, due to parental leave, long-term absence through illness or working in industry) or periods of part-time work.  **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESEARCH EXCELLENCE & IMPACT**  Please describe your most important professional achievements. These may be from any stage of your research career. The aim of this section is to enable a rounded recognition of your career to date by providing a holistic overview of your academic and professional profile. For each example, provide an outline of the stated achievement, what **specific** role you played, why you think it is important, any benefit to the field and, where relevant, the resulting impact. It is understood that applicants may not necessarily have experience under all of these headings. The information provided will be assessed in the overall context of your career stage and the objectives of this programme.  *Describe the* ***significance and / or impact*** *of up to 3 key achievements per category below.*   1. **Key Achievements in the Generation of Knowledge**   *[Please describe how you have contributed to the generation of new ideas and hypotheses, and the significance and / or impact of the latter, including but not limited to, preprints, open data sets, monographs, software, publications, innovation and commercialisation activities (e.g. verified invention disclosures, patents, licences, novel assays and reagents), policy publications, and evidence synthesis pieces. Highlight if these are openly available and include a DOI if available.]*   1. **Key Achievements in the Development of Individuals**   *[Please describe your role in the supporting the development of others. You may wish to refer to how you have supported individuals in progressing their education, training, or career development or how you have been integral to the success of a group or team (including supporting equality, diversity and inclusion in a team and mentoring). You may also wish to refer to contributions you have made to the success of consortia, collaborations, academic activities (e.g. teaching and workshops).]*   1. **Key Achievements Supporting Broader Society & the Economy**   *[Please describe your key achievements in supporting society and knowledge exchange, such as engagements with the public sector, private sector and/or the broader public, including but not limited to: policy changes, spin-out activities, inclusion and/or collaboration of the public in research processes, cultural / creative activities, community education and public engagement, efforts to advise policy makers, positive stakeholder feedback, or the provision of information to the press.]*   1. **Key Achievements Supporting the Research Community**   *[Please describe your key achievements supporting the wider research community, such as editing, reviewing, and evaluation of researchers and applications for funding. Your response can also include activities such as organising events that benefited the research community, improving research culture (including, but not limited to, ethics, research integrity, equality, diversity and inclusion).]*  Examples include, but are not limited to, H-index, i10-index, G-index, H(2)-index, HG-index, Q2-index, AR-index, M-quotient, M-index, W-index, Hw-index, E-index, A-index, R-index, W-index, J-index |

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| **CV Section 2 – Publication details** *(max. 2 pages)*  *Please* ***do not*** *exceed the maximum number of publications requested. Deviating from these instructions may result in the redaction of these details or make your application ineligible for review. Please briefly describe the importance/impact of your publication and whether these publications are openly available.*   1. **SELECTED SENIOR-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS**   *Detail up to 3 peer-reviewed, senior-author (that is, first, joint-first or last author) primary-research publications, which will confirm,* ***where relevant****, that you meet the eligibility requirements for publications for this programme. Refer to the appropriate section of this call document for details on senior-authorship requirements. Preprints may only be included where a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is quoted.* ***Note that publications where the applicant claims joint-first authorship will only be accepted as senior-author publications where the article clearly verifies this****.*      4. **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**   *You should list up to 7 other publications (where you are a senior author or otherwise) that you wish to be considered in the assessment of this application. You should ensure that your primary research outputs are prioritised; however, any other secondary-research publications relevant to this application should also be listed.*          2 Number of citations is appropriate in this instance. |

**Potential impact and value to Ireland** *(max. 0.5 page)*

This should describe the potential benefits of the proposed research including (but not limited to) societal, economic, cultural, knowledge, political, health, technological, environmental and educational impacts by answering the following overarching questions: i) Who will benefit from this research and how? ii) How will you engage with relevant beneficiaries and stakeholders? iii) What plans will you put in place to increase the chances of impact from the proposed research? iv) Over what timeframe might the benefits from your research be realised? v) How will the impact be demonstrated (what evidence will you collect)? Please consult the [SFI Impact website](https://www.sfi.ie/funding/award-management/research-impact/) and the [UCD Impact Toolkit](https://www.ucd.ie/impacttoolkit/) for assistance in drafting this section. You can delete this instruction text.

**Quality of institutional and mentor support and infrastructure provided** *(max. 0.5 page)*

**Collaborators, If applicable** *(max. 0.5 page)*

Clearly describe the role and added value of any collaborations. It is expected that the number of collaborators is kept to a minimum and that their role within the research programme is clearly defined. You can delete this instruction text.

**References** *(max. 0.5 page, optional)*

**Figure** *(max. 1, optional)*