**Research Ireland Infrastructure Programme 2025**

**Expression of Interest**

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**Section 1: For submission to Research Ireland**

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| **PROPOSAL TITLE:**  *(Indicate name of infrastructure item requested; max. 30 words)*  *(UCD added text from call guidance) The proposal title should clearly convey the nature of the infrastructure request. The titles of funded proposals are published by Research Ireland and therefore should not contain personal information.* |
| **LEAD RESEARCH BODY:**  *(Include name of Research Body)* |
| **COLLABORATING RESEARCH BODIES:**  *(Include name of collaborating Research Bodies and the associated PI/ research groups)*  *(UCD added text from call guidance) A Collaborating Research Body is a proposed major user of the infrastructure requested, where the sharing of resources by the collaborating Research Body can be clearly measured. In the case of a distributed infrastructure (such as a testbed) the collaborating Research Body may host part of the infrastructure. The collaborating Research Body may either be an eligible Research Body in the Republic of Ireland or a Research Body in Northern Ireland. It is recognised that collaborating Research Bodies will play a role in the shared oversight and management of the research infrastructure in certain cases. In order to ensure there are no duplication of bids to the call, Research Ireland recommends Research Bodies to engage in discussions related to proposed bids in advance of submission.* |

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| **ITEM REQUESTED** | ***Name of each item requested*** | ***(UCD added text from call guidance) Provide a detailed breakdown of the requested infrastructure, including specific equipment components, models, and specifications. Each individual piece of equipment that forms part of the overall infrastructure request must be clearly listed.*** |
| **LEAD APPLICANT & EMAIL ADDRESS** | ***Name one key investigator who will be responsible for the item requested & their email address*** |  |
| **DETAILS OF AWARD HELD BY LEAD APPLICANT TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY** | ***Title and code of award*** |  |
| **RESEARCH KEYWORDS** | ***Up to 15 keywords*** |  |
| **ESTIMATED TOTAL COST** | ***€ (incl. VAT, delivery and associated costs)*** | ***(UCD added text from call guidance) Indicate the total cost of the infrastructure (it must not be less than €550,000).*** |
| **TOTAL REQUEST TO RESEARCH IRELAND** | ***€*** |  |
| **% COST SHARE (CASH) OF TOTAL REQUEST TO RESEARCH IRELAND** |  |  |
| **TOTAL CASH COST SHARE AMOUNT** | ***€*** |  |
| **CURRENTLY BEING BID FOR ELSEWHERE** | ***include grant code and expected decision date or state n/a*** |  |
| **DISTRIBUTED INFRASTRUCTURE** | ***Choose Yes/No if the proposed location of the infrastructure is distributed*** |  |
| **LOCATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE** | ***e.g., Department, Centre and RB*** | ***(UCD added text from call guidance) Research Bodies applying for funding must demonstrate that they have allocated a dedicated space to host the requested infrastructure. This space must be appropriate for the requirements of the equipment and suitable for its intended usage patterns. In the event of distributed infrastructure, please indicate the locations of all items.*** |
| **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**  ***(max. 300 words)*** | | |
| *(****UCD added text from the call guidance) Each application must include a robust infrastructure installation implementation plan that clearly outlines the timeline and procedures for setting up the infrastructure, including any planning permission requirements, building modifications, installation works, and anticipated timeframes for such activities. For further details on this refer to page 28 of the call guidance document.*** | | |
| **LAY ABSTRACT**  ***(max. 150 words)*** | | |
| ***(UCD added text from the call guidance) Please provide a succinct and accurate summary of the requested infrastructure in lay, non-technical language.*** | | |
| **SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT**  ***(max. 250 words)*** | | |
| ***(UCD added text from call guidance) Provide technical details on the infrastructure (e.g., components, function, etc.) and an overview of alignment of the infrastructure with the objectives of this call, where relevant. This should not contain confidential information.*** | | |
| **STATEMENT ON STRATEGIC NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE**  ***(max. 250 words)*** | | |
| ***(UCD added text from call guidance)***  ***Describe proposed research infrastructure alignment with your institution's strategic research priorities and enhances its research capabilities and the potential impact of the infrastructure. Explain how the infrastructure aligns with Ireland's national strategic goals, with reference to relevant national strategies (e.g., Impact 2030, National Development Plan). Outline the anticipated impact of the infrastructure in terms of research outputs, partnerships, economic benefits, and talent development. Applications will be evaluated on the strength of these strategic alignments and the credibility of the potential impacts.***  ***Keep in mind the review criteria:***   * ***Potential long-term benefits and impacts of the proposed infrastructure to enhance the current research activities of Research Ireland-funded researchers in Ireland*** * ***Contribution to the research strategy of the Lead Research Body and any collaborating Research Bodies*** * ***Potential for leveraging non-Exchequer funding (e.g., future Horizon Europe or “FP10” calls)*** * ***Proposed industry usage of infrastructure (both SMEs and MNCs)*** * ***Potential for supporting the recruitment of world-leading researchers and international competitiveness*** | | |

**Section 2: Additional information needed for UCD panel review**

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| **Justification of need (max. 250 words)** |
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| **Potential for broad usage and access across Ireland (max. 250 words)** |
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| **Management and sustainability (max. 250 words)** |
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| **Please provide detail of any potential co-financing where applicable – please contact UCD Proposal Support Team if clarification is needed (max. 150 words)** |
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| **In kind support: Research Ireland expects that at least one dedicated technical staff member is available to manage each piece of infrastructure. Please outline how this support will be provided for your bid. (max. 150 words)** |
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