**Appendix 1:**

**ADAPTED VERSION OF IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL PG APPLICATION FORM**

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| ***Project Title:***  ***Max 100 words*** |

1. **Applicant Details**

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| ***Title:***  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. |

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| ***First Name:*** |

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| ***Contact Address:*** |

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| ***Contact Number:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

1. **Academic Supervisor Details**

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| ***Academic Supervisor Name:*** |

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| ***Department:*** |

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| ***Email Address:*** |

1. **Referee Details**

* *You must associate one referee with your application, not your named Academic Supervisor in the previous section.*

**Referee**

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| ***Organisation/Institution:*** |

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| ***Referee Name:*** |

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| ***Position:*** |

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1. **Academic Qualifications**
   1. **Undergraduate Qualifications – Bachelor’s Degree or Equivalent**

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| ***Institution Name:*** |

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| ***Country:*** |

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| ***Year registered from: Year registered to:*** |

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| ***Qualification Type & Name:*** |

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| ***Grade:*** |

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| ***Additional Information:***  ***(e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.) Max 200 words*** |

* 1. **Postgraduate Qualifications**

**Master’s Degree Details (Taught or Research)**

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| ***Type:***    ***Taught***    ***Research*** |

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| ***Institution Name:*** |

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| ***Country:*** |

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| ***Date registered from: Date registered to:*** |

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| ***Qualification Type & Name:*** |

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| ***Grade:*** |

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| ***Additional Information:***  ***(e.g. Project Title, Area of Study, etc.) Max 200 words*** |

**Other Education**

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| ***Please include any additional information relevant to your academic background (e.g. training courses, please provide name, location and dates etc.).***  ***Max 200 words*** |

**Research Achievements**

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| *Please provide any additional information regarding your research achievements (e.g. publications to date, research awards achieved, creation of data sets & databases, conference papers, patents, excavations, public broadcasts, stage performances, creative writing (such as novels, poetry), creative productions, exhibitions, etc.)*  ***Max 250 words*** |

**Work Experience**

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| *Please include details of any relevant work experience (including voluntary work) to date. This should include employer names, job titles, nature of duties and responsibilities, as well as duration of employment.*  ***Max 200 words*** |

1. **Proposed Research**

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| ***Project Title:*** |

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| ***Keywords describing proposed research:***  ***(<5 words, <10 if interdisciplinary)*** |

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| ***Abstract.*** *Please bear in mind this could be read by non-specialists, as well as peers, and should be written to communicate with them effectively:*  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Description of topic*** *to include, for example, aims, objectives and central research questions****:***  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Methodology,*** *to include, for example, investigative and analytic methods and theoretical frameworks:*  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Research Schedule*** *to include, for example, a schedule for the completion of tasks/phases of the project and efficient management and performance of research****:***  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Description of the relationship of the project to existing research.*** *Suggest how the project will make a new contribution to knowledge. Do not provide bibliographical lists or footnotes here:*  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Description of any specialist knowledge/data required to undertake the project*** *(e.g. language competence, technical skills, use of specialist software, etc.). Describe plans for acquiring this knowledge/data if it is not already in place. Describe how data required for this project will be / has been accessed*:  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Please outline your reasons for choosing (i) the proposed Higher Education Institution, (ii)the proposed Academic Supervisor and (iii) the proposed Enterprise Partner and Enterprise Mentor (if relevant) for the project.***  ***Max 200 words*** |

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| ***Please provide details of any proposed research trips of more than 4 weeks duration which you believe will be / has been necessary:***  ***Max 200 words*** |

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1. **Career Training and Development Plan**

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| ***This Career Training and Development Plan should outline the following:***   * *Provide a description of plans for the acquisition of new specialist knowledge and skills, and generic knowledge and skills e.g. where appropriate include a reference to the Description of Specialist Knowledge section above.* * *In terms of career aspirations, what do you expect to do upon completion of the postgraduate degree?* * *How will the postgraduate degree assist you in achieving your goals?* * *Detail how the postgraduate degree will enhance your career in non-academic sectors.*   ***Max 200 words*** |

1. **Personal Statement**

* *The personal statement provides an opportunity for the applicant to highlight additional information that has not been provided elsewhere in the application. The topics outlined in following bullet points should be addressed:*

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| * *Why do you / did you wish to pursue a higher degree by research?* * *Why have you proposed / did you propose this research topic?* * *Why are you particularly suited for this research field?* * *Discuss any additional aspects which you feel will provide a better picture of your capability, including personal skills, motivation, interests etc.*   ***Max 200 words*** |

1. **Ethical Statement**

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| ***Does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the relevant University/Institutional Ethics committee?***  Yes  No |

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| ***Where ethical issues may arise in the research, applicants are required to furnish a written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal.***  ***If ethical issues do not arise, please enter N/A below:***  ***Max 300 words*** |

1. **Sex-gender dimension**

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| ***Does your proposed research programme involve any of the following?***   1. ***Humans as the research focus*** 2. ***Animals as the research focus*** 3. ***Human samples and/or data*** 4. ***Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials*** 5. ***Research on animals, animal samples and/or data*** 6. ***Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers***     Yes  No |

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| 9.2   |  | | --- | | ***If you have answered NO, please explain why there is no potential sex-gender dimension to be considered in your proposed research.***  ***If you have answered YES, indicate how potential sex-gender issues will be handled.***  ***(max 300 words)*** | |
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