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**INSPIRE**

# Research Infrastructure Programme

## Phase One: Establishing the Strategic Foundation

### Call Document

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**Key dates**

Pre-call Briefing Session with HEIs	9 February 2026
Call Launch	13 May 2026
Application Submission Deadline	5pm on Wed 29 July 2026
Assessment Process	August - October 2026
Award Start Date	1 January 2027



## 1. Introduction

INSPIRE is a €750 million investment package to be allocated over five years between 2026 and 2031, announced by Mr James Lawless T.D., Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, in November 2025.

The overarching intent of INSPIRE is to support Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to be equipped with modern, high-quality research infrastructure to enable them to deliver on both national priorities and their institutional strategies for both talent development and innovation across disciplines. In doing so, INSPIRE aims to position the sector to achieve research excellence, address global and societal challenges, enhance Ireland's international reputation, and contribute meaningfully to national productivity, resilience and long-term competitiveness.

The INSPIRE Programme will support two broad categories; **Local Institutional Infrastructure**, which is equipment used routinely for both teaching and research purposes within a HEI; and **Shared Advanced Infrastructures**, which refers to larger-scale more advanced equipment, appropriately shared across several institutions and external users. The Programme will be implemented in two phases, with Phase Two building progressively on Phase One.

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) and Research Ireland will administer activity across the relevant Programme dimensions consistent with their statutory roles and responsibilities and overseen by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS).

€265 million in multi-annual funding is allocated for Phase One and Two over 2026–2027. This will be distributed as follows,

- €150 million allocated in Phase One for Local Institutional Infrastructure over 2026–2027.
- €115 million allocated in Phase Two for Shared Advanced Infrastructures in 2027.

DFHERIS will conduct a review in early 2028 to inform the next stages of INSPIRE.



## 1.1. Programme Documentation

This call document is part of a coordinated package of programme documentation which outlines the programme background, objectives, definitions, and principles. Applicants must read this call document in conjunction with:

- INSPIRE [Programme Governing Framework](#) (December 2025),
- [Programme Outline](#) (November 2025),
- Pre-call Briefing Session [Materials](#) (9 February 2026),
- [Follow-up Statement](#) (April 2026) addressing queries raised during and following the briefing session.

## 1.2. Phase One – Establishing Strategic Foundations

Phase One of INSPIRE is designed to establish the strategic foundations for investment in research infrastructure across the higher education system. Each eligible HEI is invited to submit a proposal for Phase One by completing the application forms provided on the HEA [website](#), which includes the following three main components:

- the overall strategic fit of the investment being sought
- a detailed application for Local Institutional Infrastructure
- an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Shared Advanced Infrastructures

### A. Strategic Fit

In this section, HEIs are expected to outline and evidence the strategic fit of the totality of the investment being sought by the institution under the INSPIRE Programme with its advancement and acceleration of institutional and national priorities, as described in Section 4.2 of the Programme [Governing Framework](#). Each submission will be reviewed to ensure that it is sufficiently strategically aligned with the aims of INSPIRE and the HEI's strategic priorities to be considered eligible for funding.

A copy of the institution's approved Strategic Plan and Research Strategy should be included with Phase One submissions. Where these are under development, drafts can be submitted provided that HEIs demonstrate institutional agreement of, and commitment to, the HEI's research strategic approach. The submitted strategies will be reviewed for the purpose of validating the strategic alignment of Phase One submissions with institutional strategic priorities.



## B. Local Institutional Infrastructure

The HEA will lead the disbursement of funding for Local Institutional Infrastructure, which refers to essential facilities, equipment and resources embedded within individual HEIs that underpin day-to-day training, research and innovation across all disciplines. The maximum value of individual items or ‘packages’ of infrastructure under this component is €500,000.

In this section of the Phase One submission, HEIs are requested to set out an evidence-based, prioritised list of Local Institutional Infrastructure investments that will address critical deficits, strengthen day-to-day teaching, research and innovation across disciplines and align clearly with institutional and national priorities.

Each institution will be informed of the funding range within which its application for Local Institutional Infrastructure is expected to fall in its Letter of Invitation for INSPIRE Phase One. Applications for Local Institutional Infrastructure must not exceed the upper limit of the specified funding range.

## C. Expressions of Interest for Shared Advanced Infrastructures

Research Ireland will lead on the Shared Advanced Infrastructure category, which focuses on high-value (minimum €500k), multi-institutional shared infrastructure designed for collaboration across institutions and sectors that enable national-scale research, innovation, and enterprise collaboration.

In addition to the information provided in this document, further details of EoI requirements are set out in Sections 3.2, 4.4 and 5 of the [Governing Framework](#) document.

One or more EoIs for Shared Advanced Infrastructures may be submitted from each eligible HEI as part of its Phase One application.



## 2. Eligibility

- The INSPIRE Programme is open to applications from the 18 eligible HEIs listed in Appendix 1.
- One submission only for Phase One may be submitted by each eligible institution. The submission should include one detailed application for Local Institutional Infrastructure, and as many EOIs for Shared Advanced Infrastructure as are relevant.
- The deadline for Phase One submissions will be strictly enforced. Late or incomplete applications will not be assessed.
- All applications must be signed by the President/Provost/Director/Vice-Chancellor of the HEI (Section 4 of the Application Form).
- Each eligible HEI must nominate a single point of contact (and an alternate if the main point of contact is unavailable) for INSPIRE. This person will function as the primary channel for all communications with the HEA in relation to this call.
- Co-funding is not essential, but where co-funding is obtained or already exists, this should be specified in the application and budget.
- Should an application be successful, any duplicate requests for the same infrastructure that are already under review in national, international, or institutional funding schemes, or already placed on a reserve list in these schemes, must be withdrawn from these other schemes to prevent double funding.
- Replacement or upgrading of existing infrastructure is encouraged where it represents the optimal, sustainable option and best use of funding, and is justified through strategic need and lifecycle considerations.
- Applications requiring additional funding beyond this call (that has not been secured and committed as co-funding) to complete infrastructure procurement will be deemed ineligible.
- The proposal must outline the processes for operational and fiscal management of the project.

### 3. Key Performance Indicators

The impact of INSPIRE will be measured through two categories of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Operational KPIs (short-term delivery and usage) and Strategic KPIs (medium to long-term research and innovation impact). The following metrics are **indicative** of what will be collated. Specific information on HEI data reporting requirements will be confirmed prior to programme commencement.

Data will be collated through individual HEI reports (further information below) and complemented by other data sources, such as annual HEI reports against the System Performance Framework and the Student Record System.

#### *Operational KPIs*

##### **Implementation metrics (monitoring early-stage implementation)**

- Expenditure across disciplines
- Procurement processes completed
- Infrastructure delivered and operational

##### **Usage metrics (monitoring short to medium-term implementation)**

- Usage profile and infrastructure uptime
- Number of users (students, researchers, industry)
- Number of students trained
- Internal and external Higher Education Institution usage
- Industry access and utilisation (number of industry users, hours of uptime by industry users)

#### *Strategic KPIs*

##### **Impact metrics (monitoring medium to long-term implementation)**

- Research and innovation indicators captured through HEI Annual Performance Reports and the HEA's System Performance Dashboard
  - ✓ Research Enrolments
  - ✓ Research Income
  - ✓ Citation Impact
  - ✓ Active spin outs
  - ✓ Licenses, options and assignments
- Teaching and learning impact
- Industry collaboration
- Case studies demonstrating impact

## 4. Application and Assessment Process – Phase One

### 4.1. Application Procedure

- All Phase One completed proposals must be submitted by the HEI via email to [inspire@hea.ie](mailto:inspire@hea.ie) by 5pm on Wednesday 29 July 2026.
- Proposals must be submitted using the application form and Excel templates provided, which can be found on the HEA [website](#).
- One consolidated budget for Local Institutional Infrastructure must be submitted with each application using the template provided.

### 4.2. Questions and Clarifications

- Research Ireland hosted in collaboration with the HEA and DFHERIS a Phase One Pre-call Briefing Session on 9 February 2026 and a Follow-Up Statement was issued in April 2026. Materials are available on the HEA [website](#).
- Queries which cannot be addressed from the INSPIRE documentation may be submitted in written form to [inspire@hea.ie](mailto:inspire@hea.ie) by the nominated point of contact (or the nominated alternate) from each HEI. The HEA will liaise with Research Ireland as appropriate to respond to queries.
- The final **deadline for queries is 5pm on 8 July 2026** and queries received after this time will not be included. The final response to queries will be published on the HEA website before 5pm on 15 July 2026.

### 4.3. Assessment Process

The HEA and Research Ireland will collaborate on a review of the overarching strategic fit of applications to ensure alignment with institutional and national strategic priorities. Following this, the applications will be assessed in two separate but coordinated processes:

#### 4.3.1 Local Institutional Infrastructure

- The HEA will convene an expert panel, including external independent expertise, to assess applications for the **Local Institutional Infrastructure** element of Phase One using the assessment criteria outlined below.



- Funding will be awarded to HEIs following the assessment process and will be dependent on the quality of the proposal received.
- Acceptance of an award will be in accordance with the conditions outlined in this call document, the Governing Framework, and the Letter of Offer.

#### 4.3.2 Shared Advanced Infrastructure

- Research Ireland will convene an assessment panel to assess the Eols for **Shared Advanced Infrastructure** and provide structured feedback to HEIs.
- Structured feedback on Eols for Shared Advanced Infrastructure will be provided on national relevance, complementarity, and collaboration opportunities, with a view to strengthening and consolidating proposals for Phase Two. This process will encourage alignment among overlapping Eols and support the formation of coherent, high-impact consortia.

## 5. Local Institutional Infrastructure applications

### 5.1. HEI Allocations:

€150 million will be issued for Local Institutional Infrastructure in 2026 and 2027 across the 18 eligible HEIs listed in [Appendix 1](#). Approximately two thirds of this funding will be distributed in 2026 with the remainder distributed in 2027. The timeframe for expenditure will be 24 months.

Each eligible HEI is invited to complete the detailed Local Institutional Infrastructure application form including the Excel template provided in accordance with the funding brackets communicated by the HEA to each eligible HEI.

### 5.2. Infrastructure Packages and Classification

As detailed above, Local Institutional Infrastructure refers to the essential facilities, equipment and resources embedded within individual HEIs that underpin day-to-day training, research, and innovation across all disciplines.

Applicants should provide further information on the items requested in the Detailed Infrastructure Table in the attached Excel template (Appendix 2 of the Application Form).

Please note the following:

- **The maximum value of individual items or ‘packages’ of infrastructure under this component is €500,000.**
- An **infrastructure package** (or priority) may contain **one item or multiple items** grouped together. Items should be grouped as a package if required for the implementation of strategic infrastructure (i.e. if the institution is seeking to retrofit a science laboratory, then all required items for the retrofitting of the science Laboratory should be grouped and included as one package).
- Infrastructure packages should be ranked in the template **in order of priority**, with the highest priority listed as number 1. This information will be used to inform HEI allocations if proposals are not funded in full. The assessment panel reserves the right to exclude any infrastructure item or package from the priority list where the justification is considered insufficient.
- The **research classifications** in the dropdown menus in the template are aligned with the fields of research in the [Research Classification Ireland \(RCI\) framework](#)



to ensure consistency with national reporting standards. Further details on the research subject areas included in each category can be found in Appendix 2.

- Primary classifications must be selected and should reflect the primary disciplinary area that the infrastructure will support. A secondary classification may be selected to capture a second area that the infrastructure will support.
- Budgets must provide **realistic and well-informed cost estimates** for all items of infrastructure requested.
  - Minor research infrastructure items that form part of a larger infrastructure package but are estimated to be **below €1,000** in value should be collated.
  - Research infrastructure items, where realistic and well-informed cost estimates deem them to be **greater than €1,000** in value, should be detailed in separate budget lines.

### 5.3. Eligible and Ineligible Costs

#### *Eligible costs*

The following costs are eligible for inclusion under the Local Institutional Infrastructure category of INSPIRE:

- Items of new or refurbished equipment that are rooted in institutional strategy and sufficiently justified, including VAT, transportation and installation (where necessary)
- Equipment upgrades or refurbishment, where appropriate and cost effective
- Time-bound maintenance for INSPIRE funded equipment (for the duration of INSPIRE Local Institutional Infrastructure projects only)
- Software costs essential to the initial operation of the INSPIRE funded equipment
- Reasonable costs are acceptable for specific refurbishment or adaptation works required to install research infrastructure



### *Ineligible costs*

The following costs are considered ineligible under the Local Institutional Infrastructure category of INSPIRE:

- Indirect or overhead costs
- Major or large-scale capital construction projects, or wider refurbishment or retrofitting plans
- Equipment depreciation
- Human resource costs (including salary and training costs related to operating the equipment)
- Contingency costs
- Costs for conducting research programmes
- Maintenance or service costs beyond the duration of INSPIRE Local Institutional Infrastructure projects
- Office equipment and supplies
- Technology transfer or patent costs
- Predicted cost increases due to inflation
- Any other costs associated with the responsible and effective utilisation and management of funded equipment beyond what is cited above under eligible costs

## 5.4. Assessment Criteria – Local Institutional Infrastructure

Detailed applications for Local Institutional Infrastructure will be evaluated according to the five criteria specified in the table below. Explanations of these criteria are provided. A minimum threshold will apply in respect of each of the assessment criteria. Local Institutional Infrastructure applications will be marked out of 1,000. Only proposals which score 500 marks (50%) or above will be considered for funding.

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>Minimum Qualifying Threshold</b>
<p><b>Strategic Fit Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated alignment with the objectives of the INSPIRE programme as outlined in programme documentation.</li> <li>• Alignment with the institution’s research strategy and overall institutional strategy, including specific detail to illustrate how the requested infrastructure will advance the achievement of institutional strategic priorities.</li> <li>• Anticipated contribution to specific national research and innovation priorities (e.g. Impact 2030, National Development Plan) clearly outlined and supported by evidence and data where possible.</li> <li>• A coherent, evidence-based rationale for the infrastructure requested and how it addresses critical infrastructure deficits.</li> <li>• A compelling case presented on how the proposed investment will support talent development, international collaboration, industry engagement and regional development.</li> <li>• Reference to how the proposal is informed by the wider research landscape and complements other funding schemes (for example, talent programmes).</li> </ul>	<b>300</b>	<b>150</b>
<p><b>Quality of Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly articulated and measurable contribution to research excellence across disciplines and the development of institutional research capacity and performance.</li> <li>• Demonstrated contribution to teaching, learning and student experience, encompassing undergraduate and postgraduate students, doctoral training and early-career researcher skills development. Compelling case for enhancing the learning outcomes and employability of graduates.</li> <li>• Measurable outcomes related to commercialisation and innovation, national and international engagement and partnerships.</li> <li>• Explanation of who will use the infrastructure and how utilisation will be maximised across HEIs including opportunities for utilisation by enterprise. Evidence of wide collaboration where relevant.</li> <li>• Articulation of specific and measurable outputs and indicators of progress and impact included.</li> </ul>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robust monitoring and data collection plans to be put in place to evaluate and evidence progress and to inform decision-making.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Capacity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated readiness to deliver, including realistic and time-bound plans for procurement, implementation and usage timelines. Plans are well-considered and feasible.</li> <li>Evidence of capability for managing infrastructure projects and public funding.</li> <li>Clear governance, staffing and monitoring arrangements to support delivery, reporting and compliance over the funding period. Required human resources and expertise have been considered and committed.</li> <li>A robust risk management process is outlined. Key risks have been considered and appropriate mitigation strategies identified and outlined.</li> </ul>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>
<p><b>Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans for technical and operational sustainability, including maintenance, data management and cybersecurity.</li> <li>Consideration of environmental impact and alignment with institutional and national Climate Action/sustainability plans.</li> <li>Lifecycle planning, including end of life management and replacement of existing infrastructure where relevant.</li> <li>Evidence that, where appropriate, replacement of existing infrastructure has been considered as a sustainable option and to maximise the useful life and utilisation of institutional infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<b>150</b>	<b>75</b>
<p><b>Value for Money</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costed proposal demonstrating realistic, well justified and proportionate budgets informed by market research or indicative pricing.</li> <li>Evidence that proposed investments infrastructure are essential and prioritised to address the most significant gaps, including strategic replacement or upgrading where this offers better long-term value.</li> <li>Demonstrate the transformational impact expected from the proposed infrastructure relative to cost to the funding (include additional funding where applicable).</li> <li>Evidence of compliance with public procurement rules and strategic approach that seeks best value for money.</li> </ul>	<b>150</b>	<b>75</b>
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>500</b>



## 5.5. Conditions of Funding – Local Institutional Infrastructure

Institutions awarded funding under this call will be responsible for ensuring that all infrastructure is governed, managed, and used in accordance with the INSPIRE Programme Governing Framework. This includes appropriate governance arrangements, fair and transparent access, long-term sustainability planning, compliance with State aid requirements, effective lifecycle management, and all monitoring and reporting obligations as set out in Section 7-8 of the [Governing Framework](#) and in this Call document.

Individual allocations and specific terms and conditions will be detailed in the Letter of Offer for Local Institutional Infrastructure, which will be sent by the HEA to each individual institution to be awarded funding.

Disbursement of funding will be contingent upon receipt of signed letters of acceptance, indicating commitment to comply with the conditions set out. Subsequent disbursement of funding for Local Institutional Infrastructure will be contingent upon satisfactory progress and reporting to the HEA.

Key conditions include:

- The HEA may require institutions to submit revised project plans and budgets as a condition of final award approval.
- Programme Delivery Timeline: Funding awarded under the Call will commence on the start date stated in the Letter of Offer and HEIs must have all infrastructure procured, installed and operational within 24 months of this commencement date. Extensions may be considered at the HEAs discretion only where exceptional circumstances apply.
- Use of Funding: Funding must be applied in a manner compliant with all relevant legislative requirements, including all public spending requirements, [State Aid Legislation](#), [Public Procurement Guidelines](#) and [Circular 13/2014](#) on the Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds.
- Funding restrictions: Funding cannot be used to support core grant-funded activities or schemes.
- Acknowledgement: All publications and outputs must acknowledge the support of the HEA, Research Ireland and DFHERIS and display all logos including the INSPIRE logo.
- Infrastructure delivery: HEIs must confirm that infrastructure has been received, is operational and represents value for money in procurement. Institutions must demonstrate usage as well as industry access and utilisation, where relevant.



- The HEA reserves the right to withhold, suspend, or recoup funding where an institution fails to meet the requirements of the Call, does not comply with the conditions of funding, or does not demonstrate sufficient progress during the funding period.
- HEIs must commit to ensuring that any costs associated with the effective operation and maintenance of funded equipment beyond the scope of this call (such as human resources/technical expertise) will be provided by the institution. Responsibility for costs and liabilities beyond the scope of this call lies with HEIs.
- Liability: The institution will accept full responsibility for the management (including risk management), monitoring, and control of all infrastructure funded by this award and all people involved.
- HEIs are expected to closely monitor expenditure against the approved budget and the funding envelope awarded. HEIs will be liable for overspends.
- Any proposed material changes to project plans, budgets, timelines, or scope must receive prior written approval from the HEA. HEIs are expected to communicate anticipated changes or challenges in a timely and appropriate manner. Unapproved changes may result in funding being withheld or deemed ineligible.
- Access to infrastructure: Institutions must ensure maximum utilisation of infrastructure through HEI and industry access within State Aid parameters.
- The HEA and Research Ireland will conduct site visits to view infrastructure and assess utilisation over the duration of the INSPIRE Programme.

## 5.6. Monitoring and reporting – Local Institutional Infrastructure

Two reports will be required annually, each comprising narrative and expenditure updates. Templates will be provided by the HEA prior to reporting deadlines. The nominated point of contact (or the nominated alternate) will be responsible for all communication with the HEA regarding management and monitoring of the funding.

The first progress report will be due to the HEA in July 2027. HEIs will be required to report across implementation, usage, and impact metrics. Progress reports will inform the DFHERIS review of INSPIRE in 2028.

More detailed information relating to reporting requirements and Key Performance Indicators will be provided following the award of funding.

## 6. Shared Advanced Infrastructure

### 6.1. Outline Eols for Shared Advanced Infrastructures

Institutions interested in submitting full proposals for Shared Advanced Infrastructures (Phase Two), are invited to submit concise preliminary Expressions of Interest (Eol) as part of their Phase One submission. The primary purpose of the Eol process is to provide a system-level view of infrastructure needs, and to encourage collaboration and consolidation across HEIs, rather than to allocate funding at this stage.

Full requirements for Eols are set out in Section 4.4 of the [Governing Framework](#), and institutions must be able to demonstrate capacity to manage infrastructure as a **shared** facility.

**Eols received will be shared across all INSPIRE eligible institutions.** HEIs that do not submit an Eol as a prospective lead can engage with other HEIs to participate as partners where there is strategic alignment.

### 6.2. Assessment Criteria - Outline Eols for Shared Advanced Infrastructures

Expressions of Interest for Shared Advanced Infrastructures will be reviewed by Research Ireland in Phase One, once the institution's strategic fit has been deemed satisfactory and in consultation with the HEA under the aegis of the Strategic Oversight Advisory Group.

Research Ireland's Eol review will focus on national relevance, potential for collaboration, institutional strengthening, and readiness to progress to Phase Two. Following assessment, institutions will receive structured feedback and, where appropriate, guidance on developing coordinated or joint full proposals for Phase Two, which will subsequently be subject to robust international peer-review. The Eol assessment criteria are provided in the table below.



<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>Minimum Qualifying Threshold</b>
<b>Description of the Proposed Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intended Research Purpose</li> <li>Technical and Functional Capabilities</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Strategic Relevance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment with Institution Research &amp; Innovation strategy</li> <li>Alignment to overall institutional priorities</li> <li>Alignment to national Research &amp; Innovation objectives</li> <li>Potential to accelerate Institution Research &amp; Innovation strategy</li> <li>Potential to strengthen national Research &amp; Innovation capacity</li> <li>Potential to strengthen international competitiveness, funding and collaboration</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Indicative Investment and Readiness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitability of proposed scale to be considered as a Shared Advanced Infrastructure</li> <li>Institutional readiness and capacity to host the shared infrastructure, including technical support and building suitability</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Preliminary Collaboration Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of potential partners or user groups including initial discussions and shared interests</li> <li>Indications of wider demand or relevance across the system</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Access and Governance Considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building suitability</li> <li>Access Models</li> <li>Governance Approach</li> <li>Sustainability Considerations</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Institutional Prioritisation and Complementarity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritisation within the institution's broader infrastructure</li> <li>How the proposed infrastructure complements, rather than duplicates, existing national capabilities</li> <li>Rationale for its sequencing relative to other institutional priorities</li> </ul>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>600</b>	<b>300</b>



## Appendix 1: Eligible Higher Education Institutions

Atlantic Technological University (ATU)
Dublin City University (DCU)
Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS)
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology (IADT)
Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT)
Mary Immaculate College (MIC)
Maynooth University (MU)
Munster Technological University (MTU)
National College of Art and Design (NCAD)
RCSI University of Medicine and Health Science (RCSI)
South East Technological University (SETU)
Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)
Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (TUS)
Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
University College Cork (UCC)
University College Dublin (UCD)
University of Galway (UoG)
University of Limerick (UL)

## Appendix 2: Research Classification Ireland

This table outlines the Research Classification Ireland (RCI) [framework](#), showing the six classifications to be selected as primary and secondary categories. Under each classification heading is the breakdown of the sub-categories that make each classification up. These should be used to interpret which classification to input as per the item/package they are related to.

<b>RCF10 Natural sciences</b>	
RCF101	Mathematical Sciences
RCF102	Computer and information sciences
RCF103	Physical Sciences
RCF104	Chemical Sciences
RCF105	Earth and related environmental sciences
RCF106	Biological Sciences
RCF107	Other natural sciences
<b>RCF20 Engineering and technology</b>	
RCF201	Civil Engineering
RCF202	Electrical engineering, electronic engineering, information engineering
RCF203	Mechanical Engineering
RCF204	Chemical engineering
RCF205	Materials and resources engineering
RCF206	Medical and biomedical engineering
RCF207	Environmental and related engineering
RCF208	Environmental Biotechnology
RCF209	Industrial biotechnology
RCF210	Nanotechnology
RCF211	Other engineering and technologies
<b>RCF30 Medical, health and life sciences</b>	
RCF301	Basic Medicine and Life Sciences
RCF302	Clinical Medicine
RCF303	Health Sciences
RCF304	Medical Biotechnology
RCF305	Other medical science
<b>RCF40 Agricultural, veterinary and food sciences</b>	
RCF401	Agriculture, horticulture, forestry and fisheries
RCF402	Animal and dairy sciences
RCF403	Veterinary sciences
RCF404	Agricultural biotechnology and food sciences
RCF405	Other agricultural, veterinary and food sciences



<b>RCF50 Social sciences</b>	
RCF501	Psychology and cognitive sciences
RCF502	Economics and Business Administration
RCF503	Education
RCF504	Sociology and related studies
RCF505	Law and legal studies
RCF506	Politics and policy administration
RCF507	Social and economic geography
RCF508	Media and Communications
RCF509	Other social sciences
<b>RCF60 Humanities and the arts</b>	
RCF601	History, Heritage and Archaeology
RCF602	Languages and literature
RCF603	Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
RCF604	Arts (arts, history of arts, performing arts, music), architecture and design
RCF605	Other Humanities