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National Open Research Forum 2022 Open Research Fund

Funding Call Pre-Announcement

Ireland's [National Open Research Forum](#) (NORF) will be announcing a Call for Proposals to address six priority Actions in the National Action Plan for Open Research. The National Action Plan outlines objectives for the next chapter in Ireland's transition towards open research, including Actions commencing in 2022.

The proposals process will take part in two stages:

Stage 1: Call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

Stage 2: Invitation to selected applicants from Stage 1 to submit full proposals.

Proposals will need to address one of the Actions noted below, drawn from the [draft National Action Plan](#) (NAP). These Actions seek to advance key areas of open research at the national level and proposals will need to demonstrate benefit to all stakeholders across the Irish research system.

Action	NAP	Budget range
National Open Access monitoring Develop a monitor for open access at the national level, initially through pilot reports and a national dashboard to publish, analyse and track progress towards 100% OA.	A6.2.1	€150,000-200,000
Open Access repository assessment and alignment Conduct a national programme of open access repository assessment and alignment to deliver standardised metadata nationally while building infrastructure alignment in-line with international best practices.	A4.1.1	€150,000-220,000
Open Access transition programme Conduct a feasibility study and pilot with a view to establishing a publicly-owned, centralised national platform for Diamond OA publication of journals and books.	A4.3 .1	€150,000-210,000
Open Research training programme Develop a national open research training programme to enable researchers at all stages of their career, from early to late, as well as postgraduate students, to upskill in open research practices.	A3.1.1	€100,000-120,000

National data stewardship network Establish a national data stewardship network across research performing organisations, funders, and related research support services and infrastructures to build national capacity and develop a collective voice and pool of expertise.	A5.1.1	€70,000-100,000
Shared data storage service pilot Develop a national shared data storage service for active data, starting with a pilot for a small number of research groups with the aim to grow the service into a national service.	A5.2.1	€150,000-200,000

The expected timeline for the NORF 2022 Open Research Fund is as follows:

15 June 2022	Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) released
15 July 2022	EOIs due
1 Aug 2022	Full proposals requested from selected EOIs
15 Sept 2022	Full proposals due
15 Oct 2022	Notification to Applicants
1 Nov 2022	Start date for funded projects
1 Nov 2024	Latest end date for funded projects

It is anticipated that there will be one successful proposal per Action. Each proposal must have one lead (Irish) institutional partner, and collaborations across institutions are encouraged. EOIs and full proposals will be peer reviewed by an international panel.

More detail on the Actions, the application and review process, templates for EOIs and proposals, and eligible expenditure will follow when the Call for Expressions of Interest is released on 15th June.