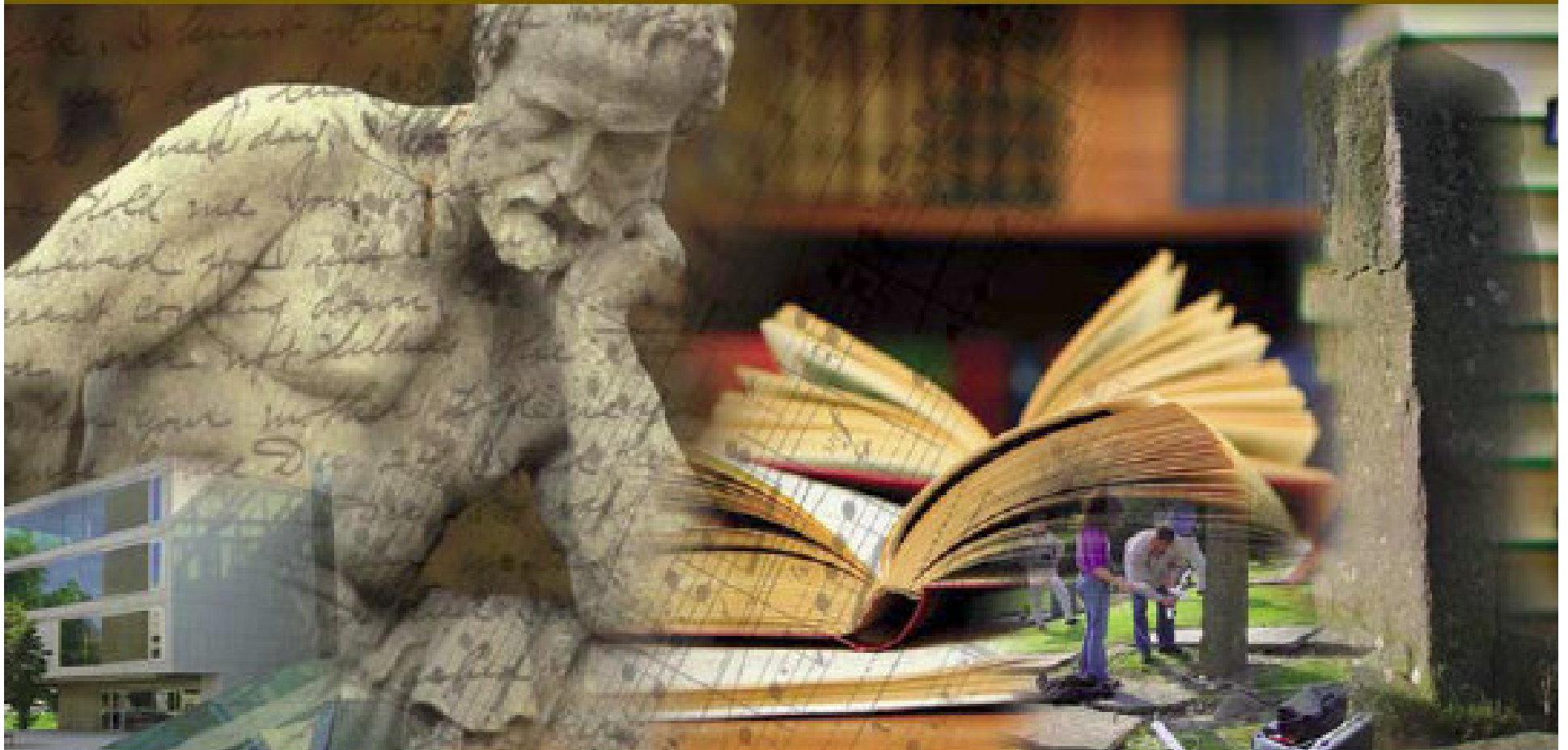


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Research Development Initiative

Information Session

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15th October 2009

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- **Objective:**
 - The RDI was established with the objective of facilitating researchers and research teams to expand their activities into new research areas by way of stimulus project grants and knowledge transfer initiatives.
 - **Rationale:**
 - To provide funding for researchers to expand their research activities in new directions through:
 - Small-medium sized projects such as exploratory investigations which may lead to larger and more sustainable research projects and programmes
 - Knowledge transfer initiatives
 - Networking and collaboration
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[RDI 2009



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- The first round of the RDI (2008) funded projects submitted under four strands: Research Stimulator (Strand 1), Visiting Fellowship (Strand 2), Summer Schools (Strand 3) and AHRC Bilateral Networking Workshops (Strand 4).
 - The focus of the second round of the RDI (2009) is on supporting researchers to leverage funding that is **additional** to IRCHSS funding
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[RDI Strands



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STRAND	STRICT DURATION	BUDGET
5. Targeted Cofund Initiatives	1 year (to be commenced by 14 Dec 2009 and completed by 31 Dec 2010)	Max. €77,000 (IRCHSS €50,000)
6. Seed Fund SSH FP7	1 year (to be commenced by 14 Dec 2009 and completed by 31 Dec 2010)	Max. €8,000
7. DFA Conflict Resolution Projects	1 year (to be commenced by 14 Dec 2009 and completed by 31 Dec 2010)	Max. €100,000



[Important!



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- Leverage funding that is **additional** to IRCHSS funding
 - All awards will be conditional on the ability of the principal investigator to commence the project by **14th December 2009**
 - Value for money will be taken strictly into consideration
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[RDI Strand 5

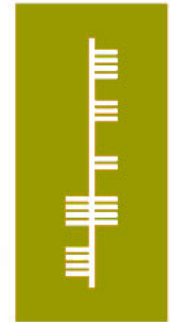
- Intended to support small to medium research projects in areas of investigation which would be of interest to a company (MNC, indigenous, SME) or organisation (cultural or voluntary).
- Enable the building of a knowledge transfer relationship between a company/organisation and HEI staff.
- This should be done by applying their expertise in an initiative that is ***meaningful*** to the ***development*** of their ***collaborative relationship***.



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- Collaborative Partners must complete a separate application form indicating financial and collaborative commitment with signatory authority that supports this commitment.
- Actual financial contribution (not in kind) to be paid by 31 March 2010
- Not public monies
- Grants - €77,000 max. total grant (€50,000 IRCHSS)



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[Eligible costs



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- Staff and replacement staff costs
 - Travel costs
 - Consumables
 - Equipment
 - Collaboration
 - Dissemination
 - 20% Overhead
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[RDI Strand 6

- *POSITIONING*
- Provides funding for initiatives from researchers and research groups that will result in the submission of competitive proposals either as a co-ordinator or partner.
- These proposals may be targeted to the SSH Work Programme or other SSH relevant themes within FP7.
- Applications are particularly welcome applications from researchers or research groups who are:
 - **new** to FP research
 - seeking to “**re-connect**” to such research activity
 - *This strand is not intended to replace or duplicate the FP7 Ireland co-ordinator grant, rather to complement this scheme*



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[RDI Strand 6



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- Applications must clearly identify how their research initiative ties the relevant FP7 WP.
 - All successful awardees will be required to work closely with the relevant NCP
 - Grants will provide funding for initiatives which may include network and consortium building; partner search; proposal writing; project planning and cluster building.
 - €8,000 co-ordinator €4,000 partner
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[Eligible costs



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- In this regard, eligible costs include costs associated with:
 - Travel (Irish-based partners only);
 - Consortium meeting events;
 - Consultants;
 - Attendance at FP related network conferences/events.
 - Ineligible costs:
 - Travel of non-Irish based partners;
 - Overhead costs.
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[RDI Strand 7

- Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs Conflict Resolution Unit
- Grants will provide funding to support high quality research proposals which may:
 - develop innovative ideas and approaches;
 - help to pool national expertise and maximise research investment in the area of conflict resolution;
 - strengthen research capacity in national and international contexts;
 - provide researchers with an opportunity to take the lead in identifying promising new research directions and to tackle both national and international research issues and problems;
 - provide the basis for establishing a collaborative network of researchers dedicated to developing a particular research question.



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[Strand 7 Themes



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- Women, Peace and Security
 - International conflict mediation
 - Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
 - Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR)
 - Climate change and conflict
 - Government-civil society relationships
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[IRCHSS RDI 09 Staff Rates



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IRCHSS RDI 2009 approved staff costs	1 calendar year	1/2 calendar year
Academic staff	€42,000 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75 % & Fixed Term 20 %)	€21,000 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75 % & Fixed Term 20 %)
Research Associate/Consultant <i>This rate may be used on a pro-rata basis where appropriate</i>	€31,380 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75 % & Fixed Term 20 %)	€15,690 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75 % & Fixed Term 20 %)

[Evaluation Process



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Four-phase approach:

1. Eligibility and Adherence to Terms and Conditions
 2. Pre-meeting evaluation by Board Members
 3. Assessment Board meeting
 4. Post-meeting follow up and feedback
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Evaluation Criteria



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Research Excellence

Suitability of the proposal's concept and objectives in relation to objectives of the scheme and specific strand.

Quality of methodological approach

Significance of the proposed research initiative in the context of the specific field of research.

Potential of the research initiative to contribute to existing knowledge

Feasibility of the implementation and management of project

Feasibility of project plan including timeline.

Appropriate allocation of resources and demonstrated value for money.

Relevant expertise of the applicant(s) to the proposed project.

Research Impact

Potential for longer term sustainability and future plans.

Potential for further capacity building.

Interaction with the research strategy of their higher education institution(s)/enterprise/organisation, where appropriate.

[How to apply



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- Use the correct form
 - Form and excel sheet only!
 - 1 hard copy to be posted to IRCHSS
 - 1 electronic copy to projects@irchss.ie
 - Deadline 4pm Tue 3 Nov 2009
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[FAQs



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- Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <http://www.irchss.ie/schemes>
 - Queries that are not addressed on the FAQs list may be sent to projects@irchss.ie The question and answer will then be posted on the website.
 - The IRCHSS will *not* enter into individual correspondence.
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