

Una Europa Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

University College Dublin, Ireland

Where Is It? The main UCD campus at Belfield is located in the southern suburbs of Dublin, Ireland. UCD also has a campus relatively close to Belfield at Blackrock, Co. Dublin. The location has bus connections to Dublin city centre which is a short distance away.

What Opportunities Are There? National and international funding opportunities

Irish national and UK funding:

Funding	DL	Duration	Amount	Eligibility	Nationality requirements	Fields	More info
SFI Industry	26 June	Up to 2	€100,000	3 categories: Faculty,	Within call document –	STEM	SFI Industry RD&I
RD&I	2024	years		postdoctoral and late-	Category B (postdoctoral		Fellowship Programme
Fellowship				stage PhD level. Consult	researcher) applicants		
				call document for	currently residing or		
				eligibility as it varies per	working abroad are		
				category	eligible to apply to		
					undertake Fellowships		
					with industry partners		
					based in Ireland only.		

SFI/IRC Pathway	Last DL 10 April 2024 – runs annually. There is an earlier internal selection process required by the institution.	4 years	€495,000	PhD for at least 2 years, not considered independent investigator, do not hold or have held academic contract greater or equal to 36 months in duration, must not hold or have held a significant peer-reviewed independent research grant or one providing similar support as this programme, must identify mentor in host institution.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/pathway/
SFI Royal Society University Research Fellowship		Up to 8 years.	Salary contribution and research expenses up to €90,000 per annum.	PhD plus 3 to 8 years of research experience since PhD, not hold permanent post in a university or notfor-profit organisation. Not hold or previously have held independent fellowship.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields of the natural sciences which includes but is not limited to biological research, biomedical sciences, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics	Royal Society - SFI University Research Fellowship
IRC Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship	October annually	Up to 4 years.	In 2023 held call stipend was €19,000 this will likely	Academic supervisor required from the institution, 1st or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree or	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme Funding Irish Research Council

			increase to €21,000 for the next call, Fees €5,750, research expenses €3,250 per annum. (All details could change for this year's call).	equivalent or master's degree.			
IRC Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship	October annually	2 years.	In the 2023 held call salary was €42,783 in 1 st year and €43,371 in second year. This may change for the next call.	Academic mentor required from the institution, doctoral degree within the 5-year period before DL, 1 published peer-reviewed publication or equivalent, not employed as postdoctoral researcher for more than 5 years at DL. Not permanent member of staff in research performing organisation.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme Funding Irish Research Council
IRC Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postgraduate)	November annually	Up to 4 years.	In 2023 held call stipend was €19,000 this will likely increase to €21,000 for the next call,	Academic supervisor required from the institution, 1st or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree or equivalent or master's degree.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postgraduate) Funding Irish Research Council

IRC Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral)	November	2 years.	Fees €5,750, research expenses €3,250 per annum. Enterprise must commit €9,500. (All details could change for this year's call). In the 2023 held call salary was €42,783 in 1st year and €43,371 in second year. This may change for the next call.	Academic mentor required from the institution, doctoral degree within the 5-year period before DL, 1 published peer-reviewed publication or equivalent, not employed as postdoctoral researcher for more than 5 years at DL. Not permanent member of staff in research performing	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral) Funding Irish Research Council
IRC Employment- Based Postgraduate Programme	November annually	Up to 4 years	In 2023 held call stipend was €19,000 this will likely increase to €21,000 for	organisation. Academic supervisor required from the institution, 1st or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree or equivalent or master's degree.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	All fields	Employment-Based Postgraduate Programme Funding Irish Research Council

HRB – Emerging Investigator	Last DL was November 2023, next DL to be determine d	4 years	Fees €5,750, research expenses €3,250 per annum. (All details could change for this year's call. Salary plus research related costs up to max. €300,000.	PhD or equivalent, 4 years post PhD research experience, if employed in Republic of Ireland not hold a permanent position or fixed term for greater than 2 years.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	Health research	Emerging Investigator Awards (EIA) 2024 (hrb.ie)
HRB Postdoctoral Fellowships: Applying Research into Policy & Practice (ARPP)	Next call expected Q2 2025	Max. 5 years	Salary and research related costs up to max. €50,000	PhD or equivalent, minimum 2 years & maximum 6 years active postdoctoral experience.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	Health research	HRB Postdoctoral Fellowships – Applying Research into Policy and Practice (ARPP) 2023: (next call envisaged to launch in Q2 2025)
Wellcome Trust Early Career Fellowship	Ongoing DLs 3 times a year	Usually, 5 years	Salary plus £400,000	PhD or equivalent.	This programme is open to researchers of any nationality.	Shifts in understanding related to human life, health and wellbeing	Early-Career Awards – Funding for Early-Career Researchers Wellcome

Why Come Here? UCD is Ireland's largest university and one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities. Founded by John Henry Newman in 1854, UCD is now home to 37,899 students (including overseas operations), 1,974 Faculty, and 2,164 Staff. 31% of students and 36% of staff are international. 722 million euro won in externally funded research in last 5 years. At UCD, our research makes a difference. We deliver research and innovation at scale and in areas of national and global significance by prioritising excellence and impact, investing in our people and providing a culture and environment in which they are supported to deliver across the university's four strategic themes. UCD strives to provide a culture and environment that enables our researchers to deliver on their potential and ambitions. We seek excellence not only in what we deliver but also in how we deliver it, with a work culture that fully reflects the University's values and provides visible support for our research community at all levels.

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