

NDA Research Promotion Scheme:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Question:** Are PhD/research students eligible to apply for this scheme?

**Answer:** No, this scheme is not a scholarship scheme.

1. **Question:** Our organisation is based outside Ireland; can we apply to the Scheme?

**Answer:** The scheme is open to researchers based throughout Europe but the research findings must have application in Ireland.

1. **Question:** ‘Only organisations which can deliver a satisfactory final draft report on the research by stated date will be eligible for consideration.’ Does this mean that the entire research project needs to be completed by stated date?

**Answer:** Yes. It is expected that the entire research project, including delivery of a satisfactory final draft report, is completed within the specified timeframe.

1. **Question:** Are the referees to be selected on behalf of the principle  
   investigator or on behalf of the entire research team?

**Answer:** References are required on behalf of the principal investigator.

1. **Question:** Can the reference provided on behalf of the Principal Investigator be written by another member of the team who they have worked closely with?

**Answer:** The reference provided should be written from outside of the team, as it needs to be independent from the team.

1. **Question:** Does the RPS grant cover costs associated with dissemination?

**Answer:** Yes. Dissemination costs can be included as part of the proposal.

1. **Question:** What level of supervision (Research Advisory committee) is required?

**Answer:** While the NDA will review the final report as a condition of payment, we are not in a position to provide ongoing supervision of the research report. The final research report must meet the NDA Quality Guidelines for Research.

1. **Question:** Is the Grant amount payable, a VAT-able amount?

**Answer:** For an Educational Institution – No. See Revenue.ie for further information.