



Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme



An Boinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Government of Ireland and Asociación Española de Estudios Irlandeses (AEDEI)

2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT Pre-Doctoral Grant “Emigrant Support Programme”

The main purpose of this call is to support students enrolled in PhD programmes at Spanish universities so that they can continue their research and/or predoctoral work. The total amount available under this call is 2,000 euros.

Terms and conditions

These pre-doctoral research grants are intended to cover the following expenses: travel and accommodation for research stays, attendance at conferences, and the purchase of bibliographic materials. Eligible research expenses may be charged from the date on which the award decision is issued until 31 December 2026. The grant may not be justified with activities carried out prior to the award decision.

Eligibility requirements

If successful applicants are not members of the Spanish Association for Irish Studies (AEDEI) at the time of submitting the application, they undertake to join once the grant has been awarded.

Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme at a Spanish university and be working on a dissertation/thesis in the field of Irish Studies.

Application procedure

Applications must be submitted by email to the AEDEI Secretary at ruben.jarazo@usc.es, stating the reasons for applying for the grant. Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A short curriculum vitae of the applicant, in English (maximum length two pages).
2. A brief project statement, in English, describing the research project to be carried out, including objectives, work plan, and expected outcomes (maximum length five pages).
3. Documentary evidence of enrolment in a PhD programme.
4. If the application involves a stay at a research centre, an invitation or acceptance letter (or equivalent document) from the person or persons responsible at the host institution.
5. A brief budget plan.

Deadlines

Applications may be submitted from the date this call is published until 1 April 2026.

The decision will be announced on 15 April 2026 and will also be announced publicly at the Opening Ceremony of the next AEDEI conference in Vitoria.



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Award and selection criteria

The Selection Committee, made up of academics and professionals of recognised prestige in the field of Irish Studies, will assess the academic, scientific, and professional merits of applicants, as well as the quality of the proposed research project. The Committee may seek whatever expert advice it considers appropriate when evaluating the scientific quality of the projects submitted.

In the event of withdrawals or vacancies, the Committee will use the ranked reserve list. The Committee decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Grant reporting and justification

Grant recipients must submit a final report accounting for the use of the funds awarded within one month of completion of the funded activity. Two PDF copies of this report must be sent by email: one to the AEDEI Secretary ruben.jarazo@usc.es and one to the AEDEI Treasurer maria.gavina@uv.es. In addition, applicants must provide the AEDEI Treasurer with documentary evidence of the expenses incurred, submitting original invoices, receipts, and travel tickets as proof of those expenses.

In any case, the final deadline for submitting all documentation is 31 January 2027.