**IRISH RAPTOR STUDY GROUP**

**STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Please read the associated guidelines carefully and complete all fields:

**About you, include an outline (shortened) CV**

**About the project**

**Referee**

**Declaration**

Applications are for awards made in January 2019 for projects which begin during the current academic yer 2018 / 2019 and that are entirely or largely complete by October 2019. Applications for projects taking place outside this period will not be considered.

**Closing date for applications and references: 5:30pm Friday 21st December 2018**

About US

The Irish Raptor Study Group (IRSG) carries out survey, monitoring and research on Birds of Prey and Owls (Raptors) in the Republic of Ireland. The IRSG aspire to secure the conservation and enhancement of Ireland's Raptor populations and the landscapes on which they depend. The IRSGs’ success depends on fostering an understanding and appreciation of Raptors as natural assets, whose conservation can deliver investment for rural communities but also secure local and regional public benefits. The IRSG also work to promote meaningful supports to landowners in designated Natura 2000 sites and to deliver their sustainable use and management.

About you

**Name (applicant who is the Primary Investigator)**:

**Nationality**:

**Email** (one only):

Only one email address will be used for all communications in relation to this application

**Occupation/current position**:

**Institute and address**:

**Supervisor**:

About you (cont)

**Home address (for non-institute applicants)**:

**Outline CV** (please provide a shortened summary (half one page only) detailing education, employment and publication items without annotation.

Your full CV must also accompany this application separately – do not include as part of this form

About the project

**Project Title**:

**Dates the project will run** (see point 13 of guidelines above):

**Does this project form the basis (in whole or in part) of any higher education qualification that the applicant is studying for (if yes, please give details – see below)**:

Yes / No

Qualification sort:

Provisional thesis title:

Institute:

Source of funding:

Award reference number:

What this funding covers – please provide breakdown under the following headings; academic fees, student stipend, travel, fieldwork costs, bench fees:

**Summary, including major objectives (this should be in a form which can be copied, to stand alone, as a clear summary of the proposal)** (max. 100 words):

**Key study species:**

**Relevant experience of applicant** (max. 100 words):

**Local participation (where relevant, please state who from the local community/country, and/or local organisation/institute), if any, will be involved in the project.**

**Background information (please provide a succinct justification of why this project is interesting, innovative or of potentially high impact)** (max 200 words):

**Methodology (please summarise study design, sampling methodologies and likely sample size, intended analyses, and how these will achieve the research aims**. (Max 500 words) Please note that where any tags /unconventional markers are used, or samples are to be taken from live birds, you must list your previous experience and precisely what methods you will use here

**Logistics (e.g. transport, accommodation)**:

**Timetable**. Please indicate which months, within the project, each of the following aspects will be undertaken (e.g. May – June).

Logistical preparation

Data collection

Analysis

Writing up & reporting

**Anticipated application and publication of results** (max 100 words):

**Details of research permits, licences and permissions (please detail all intending to be applied for and those obtained to date).** Please note that where any tags /unconventional markers are used, or samples are to be taken from live birds, the applicant must provide details of any permits here

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| **Budget** (give additional information as necessary) | Total projectcosts | Total requested from IRSG | Other funds obtained –See below | Other funds applied for – see below |
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| Administration | €  | Not funded | €  | €  |
| Research permits/licences | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| Equipment (itemise) | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| Lab costs (itemise) | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| International transport | € | €  | €  | €  |
| Local transport | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| Insurance | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| Accommodation | €  | €  | €  | €  |
| Costs of field assistant(s) (provide daily rates) | €  | €  | €  | €  |
|   |  |  |   |   |
| **TOTAL**  | **€**  | **€**  | **€**  | **€**  |

**Personal contribution:**  €

**If applicable, list names of secured funders, with the amount secured**:

 €

**If applicable, list names of other funders applied to, with the amount applied for**:

 €

referee

**Referee**

Name:

Email address:

Address:

Relationship to applicant:

IMPORTANT NOTE:

your referee must send their letter of support to us by email at secretary@irsg.ie by the 21st December 2018.

Declaration

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the IRSGs ethical policy (See guidelines):

I have read, understood and accept the reporting conditions of accepting an award from the IRSG (See guidelines)

Name: Yes / No

Send your completed application, as a Word document (not PDF) by email only to **secretary@irsg.ie**

Do not post or fax.

All correspondence will be undertaken by email.

**Checklist**

Have you completed all sections?

Have you asked your referee to email their support?

Have you included copies of any licences and permissions?

Have you attached your full CV including publication history (separate to the outline CV requested in the form above)?

**What happens next?**

* Your application will be acknowledged by email.
* If you do not receive acknowledgement of your email (a personal email from a IRSG Committee member, not an out of office notice) then contact chairman@irsg.ie
* If your application is incomplete this will be highlighted in the acknowledgement email.
* Applications satisfying our submission criteria will be forwarded to the IRSG Committee for consideration.
* Successful applicants will be notified within 4 weeks of the deadline.
* Unsuccessful applicants will be notified within six weeks of the deadline.