

## **IRISH RAPTOR STUDY GROUP**

### **STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PRIORITIES [2018/19]**

The IRSG Student Research Grant supports scientific ecological Raptor related research in Ireland. Students and early career Ecologists can apply for Student Research Grant project funding up to €1,000. The IRSG support research where there is a clear ecological science focus to the work; any other aspects, i.e. sociology, economics, etc., must be clearly integrated into Raptor related ecology and scientific goals of the project. The grant(s) are to support work of the highest standard and applicants need to show how the work will advance our understanding of Raptor Ecology.

**The IRSG have identified several research priorities that we would be keen to develop through grant support in the academic year 2018 / 2019. These are:**

- 1) Important core areas for wintering Merlin *Falco columbarius* in Ireland.**
  
- 2) Raptor meta-populations in Ireland and Britain: a review.**
  
- 3) Effects of government policy and function on the conservation of Raptors in Ireland.**