



IRISH CENTRE FOR RESEARCH  
IN APPLIED GEOSCIENCES

## Call for Proposals

The Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG) is an SFI Research Centre specialising in the fields of raw materials, marine, groundwater and hydrocarbons, together with enabling and supporting research in geophysics, geochemistry, 3D modelling and public perception and understanding of geosciences. iCRAG spans all of the main universities and research institutions performing geoscience research in Ireland, bringing together Ireland's leading geoscience experts to perform world class research across the broad range of applied geosciences.

A principal objective of iCRAG is to conduct research on the public perception and understanding of geosciences, and on a range of issues linked to the social licence of geoscience projects. This research will inform iCRAG's education and public engagement activities, and will underpin our efforts to provide support and information on geosciences to facilitate decision making by the public and by policy makers. iCRAG is inviting project proposals from established academics in Irish universities/research institutes on the subject of:

### Social Licence of Geoscience Activity and Development of Earth Resources.

The project should include all or a selection of the following research topics (in order of importance):

- Social licence of geoscience activities in Ireland and elsewhere.
- Case studies of social licence associated with geoscience projects in Ireland.
- Issues linked to social licence, including community networks, participatory non-adversarial methodologies for social engagement and decision making in the geosciences in Ireland.
- Investigation of issues of public trust in the procedural planning process or in geoscience regulation in Ireland.
- Models for distributional justice and delivery of social dividends in the Irish context.

It might be helpful to make reference to a recent [Report](#) (& [Annex](#)) entitled 'Review of Key Issues around Social Acceptance of Geoscience Activities & Earth Resources in Ireland' commissioned by the Geological Survey of Ireland in connection with iCRAG.

Funding up to a total of €250,000, to support a Post-Doctoral researcher for up to 4 years (salary (€33,975 - €37,063)), together with associated travel, materials, laboratory and fieldwork/research costs. Project proposals should be submitted on the following [template](#) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to [info@icrag-centre.org](mailto:info@icrag-centre.org); for enquiries please contact the same email address. For more details of iCRAG please visit: [icrag-centre.org](http://icrag-centre.org).



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