



# Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann Royal Irish Academy



## Call for applications for Archaeology C14 Radiocarbon Dates Scheme 2019

**Deadline for receipt of applications: 17:00pm (GMT), Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 2019.**

### **About this document:**

This document outlines:

- What you need to know about the Royal Irish Academy funding for C14 Radiocarbon Dates Scheme
- How to make your application
- How we assess and decide on your application
- How we process your application

### **Background**

The Royal Irish Academy (RIA) in association with Queen's University Belfast offers radiocarbon dating for up to twelve samples per annum to be used for the purposes of archaeological research in Ireland. A minimum of two out of the twelve radiocarbon dates offered are exclusively allocated to students each year. A maximum of five samples can be applied for but may not all be awarded.

Applications for the 2019 round of funding are now invited. Applicants are asked to read the guidelines for applicants carefully before submitting an application.

The application form is available [here](#).  
All queries can be sent to [grants@ria.ie](mailto:grants@ria.ie)

### **Criteria and priorities**

In order to make a decision, each application will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Clear demonstration of the dating objective (30%) (rationale for dating that sample/material and how it will answer a specific and relevant research question)
2. Clear demonstration of how each proposed sample or samples relate to the archaeological event of interest (e.g. the relationship between sample and dating objective is certain, very likely, likely, or possible) (30%)
3. The relevance of the proposal to the furtherance of archaeological knowledge, in the context of the finite nature of the archaeological resource (30%)
4. Evidence of plan for impactful and relevant dissemination (10%)

**Who can apply:**

- This scheme is intended to assist research projects and academics from all levels are welcome to apply (undergraduate, post-graduate students, established researchers etc.)
- Applications for the funding of developer led or commercial excavations will not be considered

**What is required to make an application?**

A completed application form including:

1. A photocopy of the relevant section of the Ordnance Survey map with the site or sites marked (if sample is coming from an excavation)
2. An adequate site plan (if sample is coming from an excavation)
3. A letter of verification from one named referee
4. Applicants are required to inform the Academy of any potential conflicts of interests
5. Where the applicant is not the holder of the excavation licence for the site to which the C14 date pertains, a letter from the excavation licence holder (if relevant) stating that the applicant has discussed the application with him/her and that there is permission in principle for the dating of the sample

**How applications are processed and assessed**

Applications that are deemed eligible will be passed on for assessment. If we decide your application is not eligible, you will receive a letter informing you that you that your application is ineligible and will not be assessed.

Your application will be assessed by the Grants subcommittee of the Archaeology Standing Committee based on the criteria and guidelines within this document and recommendations will be made from the Archaeology Standing Committee to the RIA for ratification based on the budget and the applications received. You will then receive a letter of decision. If your application has been successful, we will include information about what you should do next. If you have not been successful you may contact the RIA for feedback on your application.

**Online Application Form and Appended Information**

Applicants must complete the online application form with the appended information as indicated below. Failure to do so correctly may disqualify the applicant from consideration for funding.

**SECTIONS ONE-THREE**

Please follow instructions on the application form.

Section one: Applicant Details

Section two: Current employment and experience

Section three:

3.1 Site details (site name, townland, county and Irish Transverse Mercator)

3.2 Clarification that the proposed sample has been or will be identified and deemed suitable for dating based on the recommendation of the relevant specialist (eg osteoarchaeologist, zooarchaeologist, environmental specialist).

**SECTION FOUR**

4.1 Please outline the research issues that the proposed date(s) will address (max 150 words)

4.2 Please describe explicitly the relevance of this sample to the specific dating objective(s) of the project. This information should hold good regardless of the final result of the analysis.

## **SECTION FIVE**

- 5.1 Please list all proposed samples for dating (maximum 5) here. In cases where multiple samples are listed not all samples may be funded.
  - 5.2 Please list all type of material/s of sample/s
  - 5.3 Specific identification of all proposed sample/s
  - 5.4 Weight of sample/s
  - 5.5 Estimated millennium cal BC
  - 5.6 Stratigraphic details (Please give details of the contextual and stratigraphic location of each sample, attaching plan or section.)
  - 5.7 Environmental Details: Please give full details of the burial environment of each sample, including local geology, nearness to water table, calcareous environment, rootlet penetration, disturbance etc.
  - 5.8 Relationship of each sample to objective
  - 5.9 Excavation licence number/finds registration number
  - 5.10 Date excavation took place (if applicable)
  - 5.11 Sources of funding for the research project and/or excavation
  - 5.12 Details of publication, if relevant, listing references, including existing radiocarbon dates on this or similar materials if applicable
  - 5.13 Confirm authorisation to date this/these samples
  - 5.14 Explanation of 5.13
- Upload any relevant supporting documentation e.g. map, images, section drawings etc.

## **SECTION SIX**

Please outline your plans for dissemination and publication of results of radio carbon dates (max 150 words).

## **SECTION SEVEN**

- 7.1 Confirm if you have previously received any grants from the RIA
- 7.2. Provide details on any grants previously approved by the RIA

### **Terms and Conditions of funding for successful applicants:**

#### **General:**

- Following the award of a grant applicants must apply for the required licence(s) from the NMS (National Monuments Service) and the National Museum of Ireland (NMI) and follow the conditions specified. Awards are subject to licence approval.
- The applicant shall comply in all respects with the Safety, Health and Welfare legislation.
- Applicants are required to disseminate the results of the project in an appropriate manner agreed with the Academy. All such dissemination must acknowledge the assistance of the Queen's University Belfast and RIA in line with 'Guidelines for Acknowledging funding'. This must take place within three years of the award.

Failure to comply with any conditions in these guidelines for applicants and terms and conditions for successful applicants or imposed upon on proposal by the Committee, or with the conditions of any associated licence, may disqualify the candidate from future funding under this scheme.

- The Academy reserves the right to publish relevant details of Recipients and Funding including, but not necessarily limited to, the names of Recipients, the amount of the Funding offered and a summary of the proposed activity.

## **Reports and publishing:**

### *Reports under RIA requirements:*

1. Web summary (Max 500 words) – to include a high-resolution image for publication on the Academy website. This is intended for a general audience. The date for submission of this report will be set by the RIA and will be outlined in the letter of grant offer.
2. Final report and oral report – a report, in line with the Academy's requirements, and where requested a presentation to the Standing Committee for Archaeology at the Academy, updating the Committee on the findings/progress. The date for submission of this report will be set by the RIA and will be outlined in the letter of grant offer.

Please note that the Standing Committee for Archaeology request the inclusion of the following details in each final report:

- Sample information (material dated, species etc; if single entity or not)
- Context (context number/base of ditch/from grave 3 etc etc)
- Radiocarbon measurement (years BP)
- $\delta^{13}C$  value (provided by lab but frequently not published)
- Calibrated date range (this is less important as people can calibrate themselves, but is convenient)

Some or all of these illustrated reports may form the basis of a press release to be issued jointly by Queen's University Belfast and the RIA, will be published on the RIA's website, and may figure in other publications of the RIA QUB.

Failure to supply any of the above reports will disqualify applicants from further funding.

### *Publication*

Applicants are required to publish the results of the project in an appropriate manner agreed with the Academy. All such publications must acknowledge the assistance of the RIA and QUB as appropriate.

Those who have failed to meet the publishing criteria will be precluded from applying for future funding under this scheme.

Applicants who fail to meet the above-mentioned reporting and publication requirements within an appropriate timeframe (2 years from receipt of funding) will have their cases referred to the relevant licencing authority for further action in this regard.

Submission of reports to the Academy does not exempt grantee from separate requirement to submit reports to the National Monuments Service and National Museum of Ireland as per excavation licence requirements, if relevant.