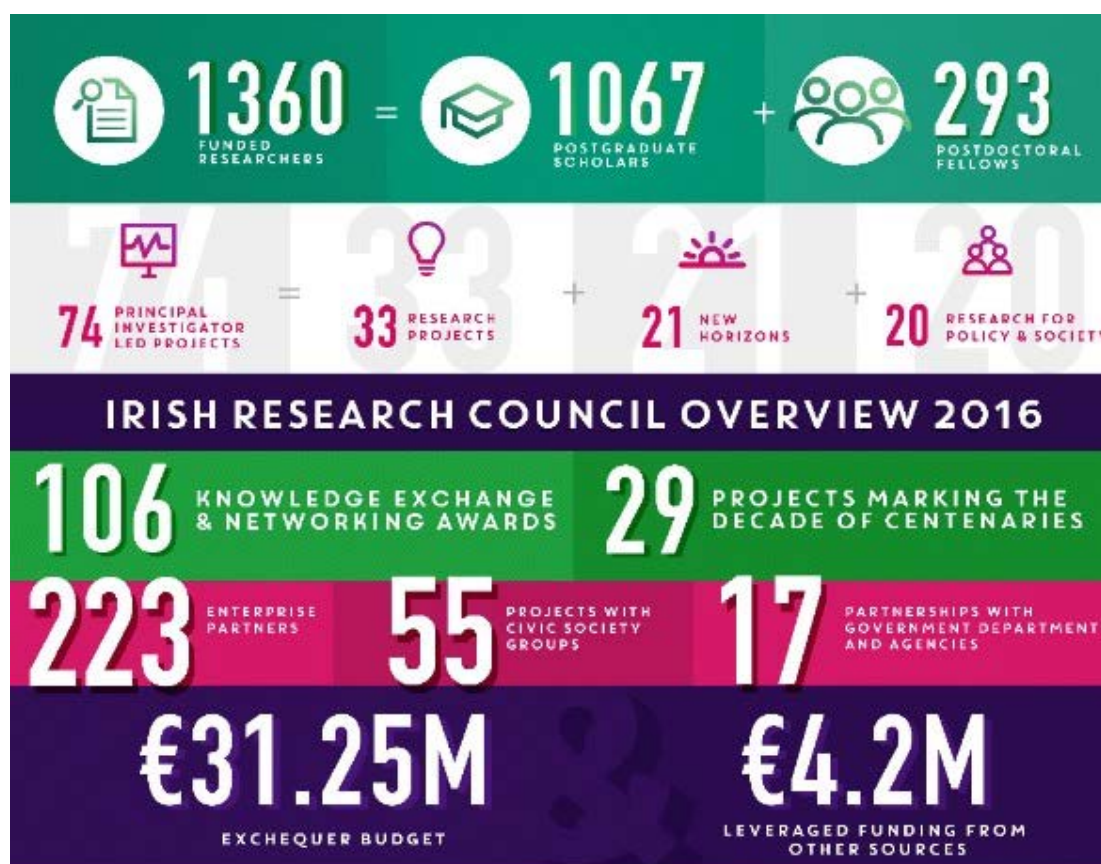


# January Newsletter from the Irish Research Council



Welcome to the first 2017 issue of the Irish Research Council newsletter, which brings you news of the #LoveIrishResearch campaign, a look at some recent media coverage of our work and an update on funding opportunities and awards.



The final post in our #LoveIrishResearch guest blog series for 2016 was from [Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton T.D.](#), who reflected on a successful 2016 and looked towards another exciting year for Irish research in 2017. You can read his piece [here](#).



### IS TIME TRAVEL REALLY PLAUSIBLE?

Dr Peter Taylor, Lecturer at the DCU School of Mathematical Sciences and former recipient of an Irish Research Council-MCSA ELEVATE Fellowship, wrote a [blog](#) about the scientific credibility of time travel for December's 'Our Universe' theme. His research focuses on classical and quantum aspects of black holes.



### WHY IS SPACE RESEARCH IMPORTANT?

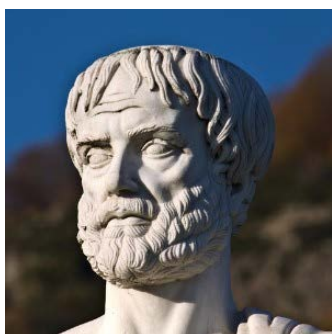
Jan Woerner, Director General at the European Space Agency also wrote about the [importance of space research](#) for December's 'Our Universe' theme. In June 2016, the Irish Research Council [signed a partnership with the European Space Agency](#) which will give Irish science and engineering graduates a chance to make their mark in the field of space exploration.



### ONLY COLLEGES ADDRESSING GENDER INEQUALITY WILL GET FUNDING IN NEW MOVE BY IRISH AGENCIES

Higher education institutions will be required to have secured the minimum [Athena SWAN](#) gender equality accreditation by the end of 2019 in order to be eligible to compete for research funding from the Irish Research Council, Health Research Board and Science Foundation Ireland. Further details available [here](#).

### IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL IN THE NEWS



[Former IRC Fellow tells us why 'philosophy can teach children what Google can't'](#)



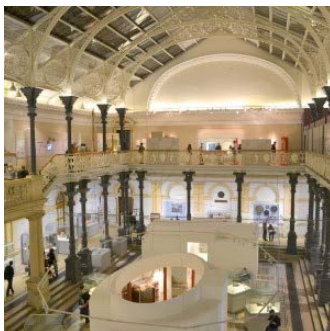
[Irish Research Council awarded €30m to researchers in 2016](#)



[Plan to make education accessible to those from poorer backgrounds](#)



[Cannabis, medical research, pain relief and the law](#)



['Irish Museums Survey 2016' quietly encouraging](#)



[10 myths about back pain and how to cope when it strikes](#)

## IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [2017 Indicative Call Schedule \(by Quarter\)](#)
- [Employment Based Postgraduate Programme 2016: CALL NOW OPEN](#)



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