



Call for Expressions of Interest for Research Panel Members

CALL FOR	Members of The Léargas Researcher Panel
PANEL MEMBERSHIP	2023-2027 (Duration of current Erasmus+ lifecycle)
PROJECT DURATION	Dependent on individual projects undertaken.
PURPOSE / DESCRIPTION	<p>Léargas is establishing this Researcher Panel to aid the gathering and sharing of evidence of the impact of our work. Members of the panel will be invited to express interest in undertaking discrete pieces of funded research related to our work across this period.</p> <p>Overall the aim of the panel will be to carry out research in relation to Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps and other Léargas Programmes and Initiatives.</p> <p>Some research projects may be to inform our practices as a National Agency, i.e. how we may more successfully reach certain target groups. Others pieces of research may focus on outcomes for beneficiaries (see examples on application form linked below). Another type of research which members of this panel may be involved in is as part of EU wide research initiatives such as RAY</p>
APPLICATION DEADLINE	April 14 2023

Léargas would like to invite expressions of interest to become members of the Léargas Researcher Panel 2023-2027.

Léargas

Léargas is the National Agency for Erasmus+ in Adult Education, School Education, Sport, Vocational Education and Training, and Youth. It also coordinates the European Solidarity Corps, and other European programmes, such as CASE, EPALE, eTwinning, and Youth Wiki.



Léargas' Strategic Priorities commit to “gather[ing] and share[ing] evidence of the impact of our work to support people towards personal empowerment.” Léargas also views carrying out and contributing to research as important ways to contribute to the fields it works within. As such, the Léargas Research Panel 2023-27 is being developed to assist Léargas with its future research-related works.

Scope

In direct alignment with its strategic priorities Léargas is assembling a Researcher Panel. Researcher panel members will be tasked with informing Léargas in the following areas (in relation to any research they are funded to undertake):

- Conducting and documenting research - independently/in collaboration with others,
- Reviewing and editing/advising on research,
- Presenting research at events, and/or
- Leading/facilitating research workshops.
- Representing Léargas at relevant events to present / discuss findings.

Ask/Expression of Interest

We invite researchers active in one or more of the following fields, which are part of the Léargas remit such as:

- Adult Education
- School Education
- Sport
- Vocational Education and Training
- Youth
- Early Years
- Volunteering
- Any of the Priority areas of Erasmus+ such as Inclusion, Digital, Green Transitions
- Social Sciences



Requisite experience and skills

- Primary/Masters research degree in sociology, social policy, education, youth work, community studies, or another relevant field.
- Knowledge and expertise of European programmes, policies and perspectives as relevant to the specific sectors mentioned earlier
- Experience carrying out research related to one or more of the sectors mentioned earlier
- Experience in multiple qualitative methodologies such as conducting interviews and focus groups
- Expertise in summarising research and translating complex topics into accessible, plain English.

Desirable experience and skills

- Qualification in a related subject area(s).
- Knowledge and experience of Erasmus+ and / or other European Programmes.
- Knowledge of the Irish education system.
- Knowledge of the Irish Youth work sector
- Frontline work within one of the sectors mentioned earlier.

Remuneration and Conditions

Relevant travel and subsistence will be paid in line with public sector reimbursements as required.

Fees for research projects will vary dependent on duration, complexity, scale and anticipated input from researcher(s).

Please note that no guarantee of a minimum payment and/or number of projects is guaranteed by joining the panel.

On conclusion of this call a panel of successful candidates will be formed.

Candidates who obtain a place on the panel and who fulfil the conditions of the selection process will be considered for subsequent approved research projects between 2023-2027.

Panel members will be expected to act in line with Léargas' Code of Conduct.

Léargas is guided by principles of Inclusion and Diversity and welcomes applications from all suitably qualified / experienced candidates irrespective of ethnicity, age, national origin, religion, sexual



orientation, gender, gender identity and/or expression, marital / family status, membership of the Travelling community or on the basis of disability.

Application process

If you would like to put yourself forward as a potential Panel member, please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#) by 14 April 2023. Expressions of interest should clearly communicate relevant experience in all essential and desirable areas reference above.

Léargas will aim to contact all those who have submitted expressions of interest within two weeks of the deadline and will seek to hold interviews before place on panel is secured.