# CHIST-ERA 2025 Call – FAQ

### **Q: Which countries are eligible to apply?**

**A:** To apply for the CHIST-ERA 2025 Call, you must be based at an eligible institution in one of the partnering countries. The list of countries, their eligibility criteria, and the partner search tool can be found on the <u>CHIST-ERA website</u>.

Research Ireland accepts applications from applicants based in an Eligible Research Body (ERB). The list of ERBs can be found <u>here</u>.

# **Q: Can SME be involved and receive funding?**

**A:** SMEs are not eligible for funding. The funding from Research Ireland must be administered by an Eligible Research Body. However, SMEs can be involved in a project but cannot receive the funding as a research partner.

# Q: Who can apply as a Project Leader (PL) or Project Investigator (PI)?

**A:** Project Leaders (PL) and Principal Investigators (PI) must be full-time members of the academic staff, either permanent or on temporary contracts of sufficient duration to cover the period of the proposed project, at a Research Ireland Eligible Research Body.

### Q: What is the recommended project start date and how long is funding for?

**A:** The tentative timeline of the Call can be found on page 11 of the Call Announcement. Accepted projects can start from November 2025, for a duration of 24 or 36 months.

### Q: How long before the official submission do you want the applicants to contact you?

A: The applicants should get in touch and send their budget proposals by **Tuesday 8 April COB**, at the latest.

### Q: Can the same PI participate in two projects with completely different ideas/objectives?

A: Applicants may only submit one application to CHIST-ERA 2025 Call