



**An Roinn Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais,  
Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta**  
Department of Further and Higher Education,  
Research, Innovation and Science

**Department of Further and Higher Education, Innovation and Science - Members of aegis body boards**

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Body	Name of Board Member	Date Appointed	Date of Reappointment	Date Appointment Ceases	Position Type	Gender	Basis of appointment (e.g. PAS Process, Stakeholder Nominee, Ex-Officio, Employee Representative)	Remuneration (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Niamh O'Reilly	25/03/2019		24/03/2024	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - Learner Rep	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Orla Coughlan	25/03/2019		24/03/2024	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Sheila Gallagher	01/06/2023		30/05/2028	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Kevin Marshall	01/07/2022		30/06/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Siobhan O'Shea	01/07/2022		30/06/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Niall O'Donnellan	01/06/2023		30/05/2028	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Catrina Sheridan	27/10/2017	27/10/2022	26/10/2025	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Sean Aylward	29/11/2019		28/11/2024	Chairperson	M	Appointed by the Minister following consultation with the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Minister for Social Protection	€20,520
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Vacancy			26/10/2022	Ordinary Member		PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Yvonne McNulty	01/07/2019		30/06/2024	Ordinary Member	F	Nominee of the Minister for Social Protection; First appointment via PAS Process	€11,970
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Andrew Brownlee	02/09/2019		30/08/2024	Ex-officio, CEO	M	Appointed by the Minister following consultation with the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Minister for Social Protection	NIL
An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Vacancy			26/10/2022	Ordinary Member		PAS Process	€11,970

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An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS)	Paul Cremmins	25/03/2019		24/03/2024	Ordinary Member	M	Nominee of the Minister for Social Protection	€11,970
Grangegorman Development Agency	Deirdre Scully	15/09/2021		09/09/2024	Ordinary member	F	Appointed by the Minister for DFHERIS on the Nomination by Dublin City Council	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Luke McManus	15/09/2021		08/09/2024	Ordinary member	M	Resident of Grangegorman Neighbourhood	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Jack MacGowan	30/11/2018	09/09/2021	08/09/2024	Ordinary member	M	PAS Process	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Orna Hanly	01/02/2024		31/01/2027	Ordinary member	F	Appointed by the Minister on the Nomination by President, TU Dublin	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Julie Herlihy	23/08/2023		22/08/2026	Ordinary member	F	PAS Process	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Mellany McLoone	23/05/2019	09/09/2021	08/09/2024	Ordinary member	F	Appointed by the Minister on the Nomination by Minister for Health	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	David Conway	14/01/2020	14/01/2023	14/01/2026	Ordinary member	M	PAS Process	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Deborah Byrne (Cllr)	10/10/2023		09/10/2026	Ordinary member	F	Appointed by the Minister on the Nomination by Dublin City Council	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Jim Curran	30/01/2013	11/09/2015; 09/11/2018; 09/09/2021	08/09/2024	Ordinary member	M	Appointed by the Minister on the Nomination by Minister for Health	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Terri Scott	30/11/2018	09/09/2021	08/09/2024	Ordinary member	F	PAS Process	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Ger Casey CEO	13/07/2016	09/09/2018; 13/07/2021	12/07/2026	Ordinary member	M	Appointed by the Agency in an ex-officio role as the CEO of the GDA	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Paul Horan	20/05/2021		19/05/2024	Ordinary member	M	Appointed by the Minister on the Nomination by President, TU Dublin	€5,985

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Grangegorman Development Agency	Paul O'Toole	14/01/2020	13/01/2023	13/01/2026	Chairperson	M	PAS Process	€8,978
Grangegorman Development Agency	James Gough	09/09/2023		08/09/2026	Ordinary member	M	PAS Process	€5,985
Grangegorman Development Agency	Ciaran McCaffrey	30/11/2018	09/09/2021	08/09/2024	Ordinary member	M	PAS Process	€5,985
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Chris Clifford	01/07/2023		Co-terminus with his term of office as President of the USI	Ordinary Member	M	President of USI appointed by Government on recommendation of Minister.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Dermot McCarthy	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Fiona Killard Lynch (Dr)	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)

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Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Lianne Patterson	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Mark Rogers (Prof)	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Michael Horgan	27/07/2016	07/07/2021; 10/11/2022; 10/11/2023	26/07/2024	Chairperson	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€11,970
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Paula Fyans	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Rory O'Sullivan	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)

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Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Nessa McEniff	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Niall Connors	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	P. Anne Scott (Prof)	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Higher Education Authority (HEA)	Rosemary Day (Dr)	10/11/2023		09/11/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Appointed by the Minister - PAS process.	€7,695 (this fee is for the position, the board member may not receive same)
Irish Research Council	Liam Barry (Prof.)	13/11/2019	04/01/2023	Until the formation of a new agency	Ordinary Member	M	Repointed by Minister, initial appointment via PAS	NIL
Irish Research Council	Patricia M. Kearney (Prof.)	13/11/2019	04/01/2023	Until the formation of a new agency	Ordinary Member	F	Repointed by Minister, initial appointment via PAS	NIL
Irish Research Council	Catherine Godson (Prof.)	13/11/2019	04/01/2023	Until the formation of a new agency	Ordinary Member	M	Repointed by Minister, initial appointment via PAS	NIL
Irish Research Council	Peter Brown	3/7/2023		N/A	Ordinary Member Ex-Officio	F	Director of IRC	NIL
Irish Research Council	Turlough Downes (Prof.)	15/11/2020	25/8/2023	14/11/2026	Ordinary Member	M	PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Sinead Ryan (Prof.)	20/09/2022		Until the formation of a new agency	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Vacancy			29/11/2021	Ordinary Member		PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Orla Muldoon	15/11/2020	25/8/2023	14/11/2026	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Colin Scott	30/11/2021		29/11/2024	Ordinary Member	M	PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Clare Connolly	30/11/2021		29/11/2024	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Irish Research Council	Vacancy			06/12/2021	Was Chairperson		PAS Process	NIL

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Irish Research Council	Daniel Carey(Prof.)	01/09/2016	08/09/2019; 31/08/2022	31/08/2024	Ordinary Member - acting as Interim Chair	M	PAS process	NIL
Léargas	Lorraine Gilligan	06/07/2020			Ordinary Member Ex Officio	F	Ex-officio	NIL
Léargas	Theresa Reidy	25/01/2023		24/01/2026	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Léargas	John Gilmore	25/01/2023		24/01/2026	Chairperson	M	Ministerial appointment - following re-election by board	NIL
Léargas	Margie Waters	04/12/2020	28/11/2023	03/12/2023	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Léargas	Jean Marie Cullen	07/06/2017	05/06/2020; 04/12/2020; 08/12/2020; 28/11/2023	03/12/2026	Ordinary Member	F	Ministerial appointment - nominee of NYCI	NIL
Léargas	Frank Crummey	04/12/2020	28/11/2023	03/12/2023	Chairperson (Acting)	M	PAS Process	NIL
Léargas	Vacancy				Ordinary member			NIL
Léargas	Nuala Keher	04/12/2020	28/11/2023	03/12/2023	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Léargas	Dipti Pandya	04/12/2020	28/11/2023	03/12/2023	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Dr. Sharon Feeney	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Dr. Seán Duignan	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member – International Expert	M	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process as an Internatic	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Maria Ward	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member – Rep. of Learners	F	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process as a Rep. of Lea	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Byran O' Mahony	01/07/2023		Term for 4 years or until term as officer of USI ends, which ever is sooner	Ordinary Member – USI rep.	M	Appointed by Minister on nomination of USI as represent	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Blake Hodgkinson	13/03/2018	06/11/2022	05/11/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Ministerial Appointee - First appointment via the PAS Pro	NIL

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Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Anne Naughton	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Kevin McStravock	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member	M	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Dr. Pdraig Walsh	06/11/2012	06/11/2017; 11/	10/11/2026	CEO – Ex-Offico	M	CEO – Ex-Offico	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Marianne Doyle	03/04/2023		02/04/2027	Ordinary Member	F	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process	NIL
Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Prof. Irene Sheridan	13/03/2018	03/04/2023	12/03/2028	Chairperson	F	Ministerial Appointee via the PAS Process as Chairperson	NIL
Science Foundation Ireland	Aidan Donnelly	05/12/2013	08/06/2017; 17/06/2023	4/12/2023	Ordinary Member	M	Appointed by Minister on foot of first appointment via PAS	€11,970
Science Foundation Ireland	Ann Leen (Prof.)	10/09/2020		09/09/2030	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	Fee waived
Science Foundation Ireland	Brendan Harte	17/12/2019		16/12/2029	Ordinary Member	M	PAS Process	€11,970
Science Foundation Ireland	Cliona Murphy	10/09/2020		09/09/2030	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	€11,970
Science Foundation Ireland	Grainne McAleese	25/10/2018	01/04/2022	24/10/2028	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	€11,970
Science Foundation Ireland	Vacancy			30/1/2023	Ordinary Member		Ministerial Appointment	Fee waived
Science Foundation Ireland	Maire Geoghegan-Quinn	11/04/2018	01/04/2022	10/04/2028	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	€11,970

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Science Foundation Ireland	Philip Nolan (Prof.)	17/01/2022		16/01/2027	Ex Officio Director General of SFI	M	Ex Officio Director General of SFI	SFI Director - no fee
Science Foundation Ireland	Peter Clinch (Prof.)	01/08/2019		31/07/2024	Chairperson	M	PAS Process	€20,520
Science Foundation Ireland	Declan Hughes	05/04/2022		04/04/2032	Ordinary Member	M	Nominated by the Minister of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Civil servant - no fee
Science Foundation Ireland	Eileen Harkin-Jones (Prof.)	06/04/2023		05/04/2033	Ordinary Member	F	PAS Process	€11,970
Science Foundation Ireland	Diarmuid O' Brien (Dr.)	06/04/2023		05/04/2033	Ordinary Member	M	PAS Process	€11,970
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Brendan McGinty	08/09/2004		n/a	Chairperson	M	Nominee of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC)	€11,970
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Aine Doyle	09/09/2021		n/a	Ordinary Member	F	Nominee of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC)	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Eamon Devoy	08/12/2011		n/a	Ordinary Member	M	Nominee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Maeve Kearns	20/04/2023		n/a	Ordinary Member	M	Nominee of the Construction Industry Federation	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Ian Talbot	11/09/2008		n/a	Ordinary Member	M	Nominee of Chambers Ireland	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Carol Ann Casey	09/09/2021		n/a	Ordinary Member	F	Nominee of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC)	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Mairead Divilly	01/02/1999		n/a	Ordinary Member	F	Nominee of the Small Firms Association (SFA)	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Tony Murphy	09/09/2021		n/a	Ordinary Member	M	Nominee of Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Tish Gibbons	20/10/2022		n/a	Ordinary Member	F	Nominee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) employee	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Yvonne McNulty	07/09/2017	07/09/2020; 07/09/2023	06/09/2025	Ordinary Member	F	Representative nominated by the Minister, to serve as a Director	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Fiona Walsh	07/09/2017	07/09/2020; 07/09/2023	06/09/2025	Ordinary Member	F	Representative nominated by the Minister, to serve as a Director	€7,695
Skillnet Ireland CLG	Vacancy				Ordinary Member		Representative nominated by the Minister, to serve as a Director	€7,695



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