

Overview of the Research Funding

Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) is a dedicated unit providing expertise and support for foreign languages education in Ireland. PPLI is fully funded by the Department of Education and Youth and was established in September 2000 with a remit of diversifying, enhancing and expanding the teaching of languages in post-primary schools throughout Ireland.

PPLI is opening a call for research proposals to support and inform the consultation and development of a follow-on strategy to [Languages Connect – Ireland's Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017-2026](#).

Call for Proposals: Attitudes to Foreign Languages

The call for proposals is for a research project regarding the attitudes of third-level students towards foreign languages. Proposals are being sought which address each of the following questions:

- What motivates students' decision to participate or not participate in foreign language courses at third level?
- Which factors influence student motivation in relation to learning foreign languages?
- What are the potential barriers which prevent students from participating in foreign languages learning?
- What are the perceptions of students in relation to the role of foreign languages in their future careers or work opportunities

Key dates and figures

Call open:

- Application submission deadline: **14th November**
- Notification of application outcomes: by 21st November
- Project completion deadline: 19th June 2026
- Funding of up to €15,000 is available*
- Application submissions: complete the application form at the link here

* Funding of up to €15,000 is available per project. Larger requests for funding for projects that are collaborative and include more than one Higher Education Institution will be considered.

Criteria for all proposals

Proposals will be evaluated by a review panel, with priority given to those that meet the following criteria:

- Address the themes
- Use appropriate methodological approaches and tools
- Provide evidence to suggest that outcomes are likely to lead to a better understanding of how languages should be presented and promoted to post-primary students and incoming students to the HEIs.

Eligibility

The Principal Investigator must be based at a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Ireland and hold a contract of sufficient duration to carry out the project.

Conditions of funding

- Projects must be completed by 19th June 2026.
- A full report must be submitted on completion of the project.
- Interim reporting should be made to the Director of PPLI
- Financial support from PPLI should be acknowledged in any outputs from a grant under this scheme.
- HR advice from the principal investigator's own HEI must be sought before including personnel costs as part of a proposal.

Application form

The application form can be found [here](#).