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The [Irish Humanities Alliance \(IHA\)](#) is delighted to launch its **open call for proposals** for the 2022 annual conference. The IHA is an alliance of humanities researchers within 11 higher education and research institutions including all the universities across the island of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy (RIA) which hosts and supports the IHA. The Alliance is working to generate public awareness of the importance of humanities teaching and research within higher education, and society at large. It aims to inform and shape public policy across the island and at EU level.

The Alliance is keen to foster an **inclusive research culture** that encompasses the **entire range of humanities disciplines**. The Alliance demonstrates the breadth of Irish expertise across the humanities disciplines through its annual conference. Recent IHA conferences have addressed the themes of [Migration and the Humanities](#), [the intersection of medical & digital humanities](#), [Border Heritage](#) and [News Media](#).

The Alliance now **invites proposals** for its next annual conference, to take place in 2022 (in person or hybrid). The successful applicants will propose an overall conference theme [200-250 words] that is inter- and trans-disciplinary and **open to the broad spectrum of humanities fields** – i.e. the conference theme must be open to a broad range of humanities disciplines: classics; ethnomusicology; history; languages; literature; philosophy etc.

Eligibility:

This call is open to academic staff, at all stages of their career, including post-docs and early career scholars on full-time, part-time, or temporary contracts in Higher Education Institutions that are members of the IHA. The Alliance especially welcomes proposals by collective projects and applications that involve post-docs and early career researchers in the planning process.

Application Process:

The successful applicants will have the opportunity to run a conference (ideally, in **May/June 2022**, but this can be agreed between the successful applicants and the IHA) under the auspices of the Alliance and **underwritten up to €3,500**. They will nominate individuals to join an IHA Steering Committee and this committee will take responsibility for organising the conference: issuing the Call for Papers, organising the programme, publicity etc.

Proposals should be submitted by the extended deadline of **5pm Thursday, 23 December 2021**. Proposals will:

- Outline a conference theme that is open to the broad range of humanities disciplines (250 words);
- Contain a draft Call for Papers (250 words) to be issued if the proposal is successful; and
- Offer names and email addresses of three individuals to join the steering committee.

You can submit your application [here on jotform](#)

Informal queries may be emailed to the Director of the IHA, Dr Mel Farrell, at: m.farrell@ria.ie. The IHA Board of Management will make the final decision on the appropriate theme for the 2022 annual conference. The IHA Director will then take the appropriate action to work with the successful applicant on arranging the conference.

Further information

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