**Aer Lingus *TakeOff Foundation* Start-Up Awards**

Application Form

The Aer Lingus TakeOff Foundation supports Irish start-ups in conjunction with the Fingal Dublin Chamber and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Fingal. The Aer Lingus Start-Up Awards were created to mentor up and coming new businesses in the Fingal region and assist with their flight needs and outreach to European markets for business purposes. Interested business owners can apply to the awards by completing this application form in full on or before midnight on **Sunday 11th March** by emailing a PDF of the completed application form to [startupawards@aerlingus.com](mailto:startupawards@aerlingus.com).

Aer Lingus will award three start-ups with the following prize package:

* Complimentary flights over a 12-month period for business purposes: Two transatlantic flights and eight European flights
* Participation in the ‘Aer Lingus & LEO Start-Up Mentoring Programme’- a high value management development programme
* Positioning within Cara Magazine

All applicants who reach the shortlisted phase will also receive a place in the ‘Aer Lingus & LEO Start-Up Mentoring Programme’.

**Terms & Conditions**

***Start-up Criteria***

1. Be a registered Irish business
2. Have been trading**\*** in Ireland for the last 18 months at least, and for no more than 3 years on the date of application submission
3. Have a business plan and strategy that can be shared with Aer Lingus to demonstrate future plans
4. Provide a detailed plan highlighting the requirement for the travel, objectives and outputs
5. Official letter of reference to be provided upon request
6. The business must be based in Fingal area**\*\***

**\***Trading is defined as deriving income from sales of the product or service provided by the

business

**\*\***Businesses must be able to demonstrate that their principal base is in the Fingal area

***Application Criteria***

1. Application forms which are only partially complete will not be accepted
2. Please do not send any attachments or other supporting documents when returning your application form
3. Each applicant is responsible for ensuring their completed application reaches Aer Lingus on or before the closing date and in the prescribed manner. Aer Lingus is not responsible for the non-receipt of application forms
4. Canvassing and/or failure to comply with the terms and conditions will disqualify an application
5. In the event that your business is shortlisted for selection, additional information may be requested including accounts and references
6. Emailing completed PDF of the application form should be submitted on or before **midnight Sunday 11th March to** [startupawards@aerlingus.com](mailto:startupawards@aerlingus.com)
7. Aer Lingus reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of the *Aer Lingus TakeOff*

*Foundation Start-Up Awards* without further notice.

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| **Applicant Information** | |
| Contact name: |  |
| Position in organization: |  |
| Contact phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| **Business Information** | |
| Registered Business Name: |  |
| Registered Business Number: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Organization contact number: |  |
| Number of employees: |  |
| Please provide a brief background about the business including when it was established, objectives, accolades to date etc. **(250 words or less):** |  |
| Please outline the following:  - primary revenue streams  - total turnover in 2016/17  - government funding  (if applicable) |  |
| **Start-Up Information** | |
| Please list any support your business has previously received from Aer Lingus (include relevant dates): |  |
| Please list any previous examples of business support your business has received from bodies other than the State and briefly explain what they involved: |  |
| Please outline how flight provision would assist your business including specific objectives and desired outcomes within the support period of 12 months: **(500 words or less)** |  |
| How will your business benefit from the proposed project(s) mentioned above? **(250 words or less)** |  |

**Declaration & Signature**

Please sign your name below to confirm that:

1. You fully understand the Terms & Conditions
2. The information supplied in the application is true and accurate

**ONLY FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 11th MARCH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE AER LINGUS TAKEOFF FOUNDATION START-UP AWARDS.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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