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Áine has a B.A. Honours Bachelor's degree from University of Galway and a Master's in International Relations from Dublin City University. She has over 7 years of experience in higher education research support. Prior to this, she worked as Project Manager for a leading international development consultancy, Galway Development Services International, delivering sustainable solutions for economic, social, and institutional problems in developing and emerging economies.

