

Pools Engagement in European Research (PEER) Guidelines

SICSA is able to provide support for researchers in Informatics and Computing Sciences at SICSA institutions to boost participation in European projects.

We support proposals from SICSA academics to establish network connections, showcase their skills and capabilities, and to participate in specific networking activities both for policy influencing and project preparation. In addition we support project preparation work and for each level of funding we expect increasing amounts of SICSA-wide involvement and larger more ambitious proposals or targets.

Funding Information

- Funding can be applied for at any time (no fixed deadlines)
- There are three levels of support: small (£1,000), medium (£5,000), large (£10,000)
- Funding can be sought for activities relating to any relevant EU call as long as all other conditions of funding are met) including: funding for academics travelling to consortium meetings where they introduce a Scottish SME; consortium development meetings; establishing network connections; cost of a specialist consultant support for bids; support for SICSA academic's time to develop proposals; or admin time to coordinate bids and meetings
- Normally at least two SICSA universities must be involved in the EU project (proposals with greater numbers of SICSA collaborators viewed more favourably when assessing applications for PEER support)
- SME involvement in the bid is not mandatory but we would encourage every applicant to consider the potential for both involving Scottish SMEs and representing their interests whenever possible. Advice on finding and contacting relevant SMEs can be found through Interface or via the SICSA Business Development Executive.

Conditions of Funding

- Where possible, applicants should seek to engage a Scottish SME in the EU project supported by SICSA PEER funds (and provide evidence of this engagement). Where an SME is involved, a letter of support from the SME must be provided, either when the application is made or with the travel expense claim. Expenses cannot be paid without such a letter.
- Applications which involve a single Scottish university will be considered but preference will be given to applications that involve two or more SICSA partners.

- Claims will only be processed on receipt of valid, original receipts submitted to the SICSA Executive Officer.
- Applicants will be asked to provide information for SFC equality monitoring (downloadable form provided).
- A short report of the outcome of the meetings should be submitted to SICSA within one month of the announcement of EU awards (e.g. application successful/unsuccessful, SME engagement continues, new collaborations built etc.). If a proposal was not submitted, then a report will be required within one month of the closing date of the call.

If you have any questions about PEER funding, please contact admin@sicsa.ac.uk.

Making an application

Applicants should apply using the downloadable form provided and returning it to admin@sicsa.ac.uk.

After submission of the form, the proposal will be considered by a panel of reviewers and the outcome will be announced within 4 weeks. Submissions must allow sufficient time for the review process and travel to be booked far enough in advance for your intended travel dates.

For more information on EU ICT Call deadlines please check the European Commission Website.