

Postdoctoral and Early Career Researcher Exchanges (PECE) Guidelines

SICSA is able to provide bursaries for researchers in Informatics and Computing Sciences at SICSA institutions to take part in researcher visits to Europe, North America, China and India.

The main purpose of PECE is to provide research training and development opportunities for the most able postdocs and early career researchers in Scotland. It is also hoped that these exchanges will provide opportunities to build experience of international collaboration with academia and/or industry.

Funding Information

- Visits may be used to build on existing, or establish new collaborations
- A maximum of £7,500 will be awarded for economy travel and subsistence only plus additional child care costs that may arise as a result of the exchange.
- Applications must be costed according to the following guidelines:

Return air travel limited to: Europe = £300
 North America = £600
 China & India = £1000

Accommodation is limited to £75 per night (for extended trips rented accommodation should be sought)

Subsistence will be limited to £25 (all receipts must be retained)

Conditions of Funding

- Applicants must be within 7 years of completion of their PhD (receipt of award letter) at the time of the visit and be employed with a SICSA department
- Visit must take place in Europe, North America, China or India only
- Visit must be for a minimum of one month. This can be applied as one extended trip or several smaller visits to accommodate child care commitments.
- A maximum of £7,500 will be awarded on receipt of valid, original receipts submitted to the SICSA Executive Officer within 3 months of the expenditure.
- Funding must not be used for attendance at conferences, training seminars or similar. You may attend a conference in the country you are visiting but expenses associated with the conference (internal travel, subsistence, conference fees) cannot be claimed. Research costs are also not eligible under this scheme.

- Applicants will be asked to provide information for SFC equality monitoring (downloadable form provided). This is a voluntary process and any information provided will be destroyed as soon as the awards have been made. General statistics may be retained for SFC.
- A short scientific report (2 pages A4) should be submitted to SICSA within one month of the exchange. In addition a list of outputs should be provided (publications, grant applications etc)

Application Process

- Applicants should apply using the downloadable form provided and return to admin@sicsa.ac.uk during the next open funding call. Please see main website for call dates.
- After submission of the form, the proposal will be considered by a panel of reviewers (made up of members of the SICSA Graduate Academy Board and the SICSA Directorate) and the outcome will be announced within 4 weeks.

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