

SICSA Cyber Nexus: Postgraduate Exchanges Guidelines

The SICSA Cyber Nexus is able to provide bursaries for researchers in Informatics and Computing Sciences (specifically in Cyber Security or Cyber Resilience) at SICSA institutions to take part in research visits to anywhere in the UK or abroad.

The main purpose of this funding is to provide research training and development opportunities for Postdocs and Early Career Researchers working in the areas of Cyber Security or Cyber Resilience in Scotland. It is also hoped that these exchanges will provide opportunities to build experience of international collaboration with academia and/or industry.

Key Facts

- Visits may be used to build on existing relationships, or to establish new collaborations with businesses or academia.
- A maximum of £3000 will be awarded for economy travel and subsistence, plus additional child care costs that may arise as a result of the exchange.

Costing your Exchange

Applications must be costed according to the following guidelines:

Return air travel limited to: Europe = £300
North America = £600
Asia = £1000

Accommodation is limited to £100 per night (for extended trips, rented accommodation should be sought)

Subsistence should be limited to £25 per day

All receipts for subsistence, travel and accommodation should be provided when claiming.

Conditions of the 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 within a SICSA department
- Visits can take place anywhere in the world.
- Visits can take place over any period of time. Exchanges can be applied as one extended trip or several smaller visits (to accommodate child care commitments, for example).
- A maximum of £3000 will be awarded on receipt of valid, original receipts submitted to the SICSA Executive Officer within 3 months of the exchange.
- 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.

- 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. Deadlines for funding fall on the last day of each calendar month.
- After submission of the form, the proposal will be considered by the SICSA Cyber Nexus Board and the outcome will be announced within 4 weeks.