

European Future Leaders Programme Guidelines

These temporary guidelines are in place to support on-line researcher collaboration due to the current situation with COVID-19. Once travel resumes the original guidelines will be applicable.

SICSA is able to provide support for academics and researchers in Informatics and Computing Sciences at SICSA institutions to study new techniques collaboratively outside the UK at recognised centres, such as Universities and Research Laboratories, and boost participation in European collaboration.

We support proposals from SICSA members to establish network connections, showcase their skills and capabilities and to participate in specific networking activities both for policy influencing and project preparation.

Funding Information

- Funding can be applied for at any time (no fixed deadlines)
- Funding can be sought for relevant activities including consortium meetings; consortium development meetings; establishing network connections; cost of a specialist consultant support for funding bids; support for SICSA academic's time to develop proposals; or admin time to coordinate bids and meetings
- 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.
- SICSA encourages interdisciplinary proposals. SICSA will prioritise projects and bids with an interdisciplinary component. Please highlight the interdisciplinary aspects of your proposal, including but not limited to: links with other sciences, with social sciences, and with public policy.

Conditions of Funding

- Where possible, applicants should seek to engage with a European partner, an academic and/or Scottish SME. Where a European partner or SME is involved, a letter of support from them must be provided, either when the application is made or with the travel expense claim. Expenses cannot be paid without such a letter.
- Claims will only be processed on receipt of a valid, original receipts submit to the SICSA Executive Officer
- Applicants will be asked to provide information for SFC equality monitoring (Downloadable form)
- A short report of the outcome of the complete proposal should be submitted to SICSA (admin@sicsa.ac.uk) with one month of return.

- On completion you will be asked to provide a Blog for the SICSA Blog webpage and if considered appropriate be invited to provide a prize talk as the SICSA Conference 2020.

Making an Application

Applicants should apply by completing the European Future Leaders Funding Proposal form and submit it to admin@sicsa.ac.uk

After submission of the form, the proposal will be considered but the SICSA Directors and the outcome will be communicated within 4 weeks. Submission must allow sufficient time for the review process and travel to be booked far enough in advance for your intended travel dates.