

# Postdoctoral and Early Career Researcher Exchanges (PECE) 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 bursaries for researchers in Informatics and Computing Sciences at SICSA institutions to take part in researcher collaborations with institutions in 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/ collaborations will provide opportunities to build experience of international collaboration with academia and/or industry.

## What can the funding be used for?

- Childcare costs to support the collaboration
- Temporary Accommodation
- Funding cannot be claimed against research costs
- Charged subscriptions to collaboration tools or services or software repositories.
- Software as a service costs to host collaboration software directly
- Hosting online research and knowledge exchange seminars and events

## 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
- Collaborations must be with institutions in Europe, North America, China or India only
- 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.

- 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 completion of the collaboration/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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@sicsa.ac.uk).