Saltire Emerging Researcher Scheme

Early Career Researcher Guidelines

The aim of the *Saltire Emerging Researcher Scheme* is to promote mobility between Scotland and European research partners with the aim of strengthening existing, and seeding future, research relationships.

Funding of up to £7,500 is available for Early Career Researchers currently working in a SICSA institution to visit a partner institution for a focused research visit.

SICSA will work in partnership with EiT Digital to promote exchange opportunities with European institutions through their membership.

**Application Process**

Complete the *Expression of Interest (EoI)* form detailing:

- How the focus of the proposal and your research aligns with Resilient and Sustainable Digital Infrastructures Exchanges (Re-inDex) Theme.
- Details of access to training, facilities and network building opportunities.
- Details of host (if you have identified one)
  After submission the EoI will be considered and the outcome will be communicated to you within 10 working days.

On approval of EoI (is applicable) a full *Application Form* should be completed detailing:

- Host institution including a nominated contact champion & contact details.
- Proposed title, start and end date of the exchange (these can be amended on condition the exchange is completed by end July 2022)
- Details of the Exchange (as stated in the proposal form) including how it aligns with Horizon Europe work programmes
- Budget requested and breakdown of costs (see funding information below)

**Eligibility**

- Applicants must be an ECR within 7 years of completion of their PhD and be employed within Informatics & Computer Science within within a SICSA institute.
- Exchanges must take place between Scotland and an EU Member State, EEA or EFTA country.
- For outbound exchanges the host must be a University / Higher Education or Industry partner.
- For inbound exchanges the host must be must be a SICSA Member Institution.
- Only one successful application per applicant.
- The exchange may build on, or be extensions to, existing activity or may be new developments.
- The visit should be a minimum of 3 months, maximum of 6 months.
Funding Information

• A maximum of £7,500 will be awarded for economy class travel, accommodation and subsistence.

• Applications should be costed in line with the following guidelines:
  o Return air travel (economy class only)
  o Accommodation is limited to £75 per night (for extended trips rented accommodation should be sought).
  o Subsistence is limited to £25 per diem

All costs for the exchange should be arranged by your school/department using an internal project. Following the exchange an invoice for the full amount should be submitted to SICSA for reimbursement.

Conditions of Funding

• The exchange must be completed by 31 July 2022.
• A supporting statement from your supervisor must be attached to the application.
• A letter of support from the host institution must be attached to the application (template letter available).
• A contingency plan relating to the possibility of returning COVID restrictions must be included in your proposal.
• Any changes to the planned exchange must be approved by the SICSA Directorate.
• A short structured report/video must be submitted within one month of return from the exchange.
• If you are successful you will be enrolled in the Saltire Researcher Scheme Alumni and will be encouraged to attend a cohort event once all exchanges have taken place.
• Travel and accommodation arrangements must be arranged by the proposer/institution.

Application Submission

Applicants should apply using the downloadable forms (Expression of Interest and Saltire Application Form) [links] and submit to admin@sicsa.ac.uk

The funding call dates will be on a rolling basis - funding call deadlines are:

• 15th November 2021
• 15th December 2021
• 15th January 2022

Following submission, the proposal will be considered by members of the SICSA Directorate and the outcome will be notified to you within 4 weeks.

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