

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## RSE SALTIRE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AWARDS



These are the terms and conditions of the RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards. Applicants should read these carefully, as well as the general terms and conditions, before completing and submitting their application.

### THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH (RSE)

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As Scotland's National Academy, the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) supports high-quality academic research and public engagement activities. The RSE delivers upon its mission 'to promote the Advancement of Learning and Useful Knowledge' by supporting academic researchers, practitioners and policy makers, and in assisting the development, dissemination and deployment of research. The RSE's Saltire Research Awards Programme sits within, and delivers to, this overall mission.

### RSE SALTIRE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AWARDS

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- 1. Purpose:** to facilitate international collaboration between researchers based in Scotland with researchers in the EU for up to two years.
- Applications are invited from Scottish-based researchers to include a European Higher Education Institute (HEI), Research Institute (RI) or Cultural Institution of your choice as per eligibility. The RSE provides up to £6,000 per year and up to a maximum of £12,000 over two years. The partner institution is expected to provide the equivalent level of funding per two-year joint project.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

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- For Scottish-based researchers:
  - The Principal Investigator (PI) must be of at least postdoctoral status or equivalent.
  - PI must be employed by a Scottish HEI, RI or Cultural Institution.
  - Scottish-based collaborators can be employed by either a Scottish HEI, R&D centre or from the innovative business or industry sectors.
  - There can be unrestricted number of participants per team. PhD students may be included; however, their international activities (travel, subsistence, etc.) cannot be funded with project money.
  - Visits must take place in both directions.
- For European-based researchers:
  - PI must be of at least postdoctoral status or equivalent.
  - PI must be employed by a European HEI, RI or Cultural Institution.
  - European-based collaborators can be employed by either a European HEI, R&D centre or from the innovative business or industry sectors.
  - There can be unrestricted number of participants per team. PhD students may be included: however, their international activities (e.g., travel, daily expenses, etc.) cannot be funded with project money.
  - Visits must take place in both directions.
- An applicant can only apply once per deadline. Current Scottish-based holders of an RSE Joint Project Award are not eligible to apply. Holders of other RSE awards are eligible to apply.

## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

6. RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards can be held in all academic disciplines.
7. Applications will be considered for both **bilateral** and **multilateral** projects. The collaboration must be based on a single project.
8. The project will consist of two consortium teams or two individuals: one based in Scotland and the other in the partner country/ies.
9. The collaboration should involve bilateral and/or multilateral exchanges between Scotland, the partner country or relevant collaborator countries.

## SELECTION PROCESS

10. The RSE specifically requests anyone involved in reviewing applications to consider them in confidence.
11. The selection process comprises:
  - Proposal submissions;
  - Applications considered by RSE;
  - Announcement of funding decisions;
  - Commencement of project.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

12. In addition to those listed in the general terms and conditions, the criteria for RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards include:
  - the research background of the UK and European scholar;
  - the strength of the scientists and institutions in the area of the research proposed;
  - the mutual benefit of the collaboration;
  - the strength of the proposal in relation to potential outcomes/impact;
  - the potential contribution to the UK knowledge base.

## FUNDING

13. RSE provides up to £6,000 per year and up to a maximum of £12,000 over two years.
14. The partner institution is expected to provide the equivalent level of funding per two-year joint project. The equivalent level of funding needs to be in place by the proposed start-date of the project. Evidence must be provided that:
  - equivalent funding is being applied for,
  - and/or the funding is in place. If the equivalent level of funding is not secured, then the RSE Saltire Research Award cannot proceed.
15. The RSE must be informed of any additional funding which has been requested or secured for the project.
16. Payment to the institution will be made in arrears on receipt of an invoice. For RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards (a maximum of a two-year award), invoices should be submitted at the end of year one (interim report) and at the end of year two.
17. The grant is provided for researchers to cover travel, subsistence, and research expenses.
18. You should abide by your own institute's finance policies in administering these funds.
19. It is your responsibility to discuss finance arrangements with your overseas collaborator(s) to ensure both parties are aware of their entitlements and responsibilities.
20. The award will be paid to the Scottish institution, not to an individual applicant.
21. Whilst the award is in effect, the Principal Investigator cannot apply for another RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards or RSE Joint Project Award. Principal Investigators and participants are not restricted from applying for other RSE grants.
22. You may find it useful to read the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter>).

## SPECIFIED REPORTING PERIODS

23. RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards require the submission of two reports:
- **Progress Report:** submitted to the RSE 12 months after the start date. Payment for the first year of the project will not be made available until a satisfactory report has been received.
  - **Final Report:** submitted no later than one month after the completion of the RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards.

## ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS

24. By signing the Application Form and accepting the Grant Offer Letter, both the Host Institution and the Applicant for the Award agree to be bound by the general terms and conditions and specific RSE Saltire International Collaboration Awards terms and conditions upon acceptance of the award by the Host Institution. Each of the Funder and the Royal Society of Edinburgh shall be entitled to enforce these Regulations.
25. **Throughout the duration of the funded project, Scottish and UK Government, and appropriate in-country EU, legislation and guidelines for Covid19-safe contact and travel must be observed.**

## CONTACT US

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