

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RSE SALTIRE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS



These are the terms and conditions of the RSE Saltire Research Excellence Fellowships. 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)

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 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS

- 1. Purpose:** To foster and support the exchange of internationally renowned academics between Scottish and European universities or research institutes that they should deliver transformative research in their chosen field and enhance research excellence and capacity within the participating departments. Funding will create the opportunity for academics to pursue original work away from the demands of teaching and/or administration and to work with colleagues in their "temporary host" department to address key research challenges.
- 2. Approach:** An opportunity for international exchanges (inbound/outbound) of internationally renowned Scottish-based/EU academics for up to 6 months. A total of four (2x2) internationally leading academics from Scottish and European HEI will be funded.
- 3. Funding:** A contribution towards salary costs is provided for the exchanging academics with an expectation of match-funding by each HEI. There is an additional contribution towards research costs.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- 4.** Open to senior career internationally recognised academics of all disciplines. This terminology takes no account either of an applicant's age or current status (e.g., Professor, Lecturer) in determining eligibility for this award.
- 5. Senior-career definition:** academics who are normally beyond 15 years from the award of their doctorate. This terminology takes no account of either an applicant's age or current status in determining eligibility for this award. This does not include career breaks.
- 6.** Open to academics based in Scotland or an EU country (see general terms and conditions for definitions of country eligibility). Applicants must identify an exchange partner(s) from an EU country (Scottish applicants) or Scotland (EU applicants).
- 7.** Open to applicants who are a full or part-time academic in any discipline and are tenured and/or salaried staff of a Higher Education Institution or Research Institute or Cultural Institution in Scotland or an EU country.
- 8.** Applicants on short or fixed-term contracts should ensure their contracts extend for at least three months after the end of the proposed project.
- 9.** Upon appointment, awardees will be required to devote themselves full time to the research project specified in the application form.
- 10.** An application will not be considered if a report on a previous RSE grant is overdue.

RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY

11. Applicants are required to pursue their research in a Higher Education Institution (HEI), Research Institute (RI) or Cultural Institution in Scotland or EU country; only these are acceptable as host and participating institutions.
12. The research can be in any academic discipline.

SELECTION CRITERIA

13. In addition to the criteria listed in the general terms and conditions, applications will be assessed according to:
 - **Economic and social impact:** While the research may be in any academic discipline including interdisciplinary areas, preference may be given to research likely to enhance the transfer of ideas and technology from the research community into sustainable economic growth and social benefits for all.
 - **Inclusion, diversity, and capacity-building:** While the applicant is the established researcher, the exchange is intended to foster capacity building among Early Career/Earlier Career Researchers (ECRs) through their inclusion in the research project proposed. The research project proposed should describe how the benefits of the exchange will be facilitated, shared, and enhanced through collective endeavour.
 - **The existence and strength of existing links between the exchanging departments:** The connection between the two applicant academics proposing to exchange must be already established. Applicants must demonstrate benefit for both departments through fostering new thinking, methodologies, analyses, and potentially through new multi/inter/trans-disciplinary working.
 - **Timeliness and promise:** The project should be timely with the potential to be sustainable.

PUBLICATIONS

14. Any publications or other output arising from the research associated with the award should acknowledge the RSE Saltire Research Award's support.

OTHER CONDITIONS

15. To undertake research at the participating, temporary host institution, the applicant will be required to negotiate their appointment directly with their own, and with the temporary host, institution – NB: This is not the RSE's responsibility.

FUNDING

16. The Award provides a contribution towards the salary costs for the applicant of up to £75,000 (including on-costs) split between the EU and Scottish HEI, and with expectation of match-funding by each HEI. Awards also provide up to £10,000 research costs, with eligibility as follows:
 - **Eligible** costs comprise:
 - **Research consumables:** examples include licenses for archival material or for software that are required for research to be carried out; printed brochures for dissemination events; tea, coffee, lunch for meetings etc.; postage, stationery and photocopying. **Throughout the duration of the funded project, Scottish and UK Government, and appropriate in-country EU, legislation and guidelines for Covid19-safe contact must be observed.**
 - **Research assistants.**
 - **Research-related travel:** reasonable expenses, using standard class fares excluding first and business class travel; where using private car, the rate equivalent of GBP0.40 per mile is allowed. **Throughout the duration of the funded project, Scottish and UK Government, and appropriate in-country EU, legislation and guidelines for Covid19-safe travel and contact must be observed.**
 - **Ineligible** costs comprise:
 - Equipment.
17. Administration: The award will be paid to the Scottish HEI and it is the responsibility of the academic partnership to ensure payment between the two exchanging departments.

18. Grants are tenable for a maximum of six months.

19. If you require funding from other sources in addition to the RSE Saltire Research Excellence Fellowship to complete the research, this should be clearly stated in the application form. This should include the amount sought, and the progress and likelihood of securing the funding.

EMPLOYMENT

20. The award of an RSE Saltire Research Excellence Fellowship is separate from a contract of employment. An award will, however, normally be terminated if such a contract of employment is terminated.
21. If the work on the funded project should be interrupted for more than a month, through illness or for other reason, the RSE must be notified. The grant holder must conform with local practice in informing their employer of absences on grounds of sickness or for any other reason. The employer is responsible for any replacement staff, and the RSE is not required to be notified, except where the nature or extent of the sickness absence is likely to affect payments to the replacement.
22. If the grant holder resigns from the research post or HEI before the project is complete, all unspent funds must be reimbursed to the RSE in full.

23. If a significant material change should occur in the applicant's circumstances after submitting the application, details should be notified in writing or by email to the Research Awards Officer(s).

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

24. By signing the Application Form and accepting the Grant Offer Letter, both the host institution and the applicant agree to be bound by the general terms and conditions and Research Excellence Fellowship Terms and Conditions upon acceptance of the award by the host Institution. Both the funder and the Royal Society of Edinburgh shall be entitled to enforce these terms and conditions.

CONTACT US

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