

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RSE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS: JOINT PROJECTS



These are the terms and conditions of the RSE International Awards: Joint Projects. 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 Research Awards Programme sits within, and delivers to, this overall mission.

RSE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS: JOINT PROJECTS

1. Their purpose is to facilitate international collaboration between researchers based in Scotland with researchers overseas. Applications for two-year joint projects are invited from Scottish-based researchers to include an overseas Higher Education Institution (HEI), Research Institute (RI) or Cultural Institution of your choice (open to all countries). The RSE provides up to a maximum of £6,000 per year and up to a maximum of £12,000 over two years. The collaborating institution is expected to provide the equivalent level of funding per two-year joint project.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

2. For Scottish-based researchers:
 - a. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be of at least postdoctoral status or equivalent
 - b. PI and Scottish-based collaborators must be employed by a Scottish HEI, RI or Cultural Institution
 - c. Unrestricted number of participants per team.

PhD students may be included; however, their international activities (travel, subsistence, etc.) cannot be funded with project money

- d. Visits must take place in both directions.

3. For international researchers:
 - a. PI must hold a postdoctoral or equivalent degree.
 - b. PI and overseas based collaborators must be employed by an HEI, RI or Cultural Institution
 - c. An unlimited number of participants per team. PhD students may be included; however, their international activities (e.g., travel, subsistence costs etc.) while visiting in Scotland cannot be funded with Scottish PI project money
 - d. Visits must take place in both directions.
4. 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

5. RSE Joint Projects can be held in all academic disciplines.
6. Applications will only be considered for bilateral, not multilateral, projects. The collaboration should be based on a single project, with two teams or individuals based in Scotland and in the partner institution. The collaboration should involve bilateral exchanges between Scotland and the partner institution.
7. A statement of support from the Scottish PI's head of department, an institutional statement of support and a letter of invitation from the collaborator will be required as part of the application.

Additionally two references are required to be sent to the RSE as detailed on the RSE website.

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| Details | Awards with international institutions |
| Available | September 2021 |
| Eligibility | PI and overseas based collaborators must be employed by an HEI, RI or Cultural Institution (open to all countries) Refer to 'Applicant Eligibility' for further details. |
| Subject areas | Open call. Researchers agree topic areas. |
| Award period | 2 years |
| Funding | RSE provides up to a max £6,000 per year and up to a max £12,000 over two years. The collaborating institution is expected to provide the equivalent level of funding per two-year joint project. Proof of match funding should be identified as part of the Scottish PI application, however, it is the responsibility of the Scottish and collaborating institution to manage financial agreements. |
| Eligible Costs | The grant is provided for researchers to cover travel, subsistence, and research expenses. |

8. Eligible International Institutions (September 2021):

SELECTION PROCESS

9. The RSE specifically requests anyone involved in reviewing applications to consider them in confidence.
10. The selection process comprises:
 - a. Proposal submissions
 - b. Applications considered by RSE.
 - c. Announcement of funding decisions
 - d. Commencement of Joint Projects

SELECTION CRITERIA

11. In addition to those listed in the General terms and conditions, the criteria for International Joint Projects include:
 - a. the research background of the Scottish and overseas scholar
 - b. the strength of the scientists and institution in the area of the research proposed
 - c. the mutual benefit of the collaboration
 - d. the strength of the proposal in relation to potential outcomes/impact
 - e. the potential contribution to the Scottish and wider UK knowledge base

FUNDING

12. The RSE must be informed of any additional funding which has been requested or secured for the project
13. Payment to the institution will be made in arrears on receipt of an invoice. For Joint Projects (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.
14. For international travel, the RSE pays the cost of economy or equivalent fares for travel of Scottish researchers to the collaborator's country and accommodation, meals and transportation costs of visiting researchers while in Scotland.

15. You should abide by your own institute's finance policies in administering these funds.
16. It is your responsibility to discuss finance arrangements with your overseas collaborator(s) to ensure both parties are aware of their entitlements and responsibilities.
17. The award will be paid to the Scottish institution, not to an individual applicant.
18. Whilst the award is in effect, the Principal Investigator cannot apply for another RSE Joint Project grant. Principal Investigators and participants are not restricted from applying for other RSE grants.
19. 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-code-researchers>)

SPECIFIED REPORTING PERIODS

20. Joint Projects require the submission of two reports:
 - a. **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
 - b. **Final Report:** submitted no later than one month after the completion of the Joint Project.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS

21. 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 joint projects terms and conditions upon acceptance of the award by the host institution. Each of the funder and the RSE shall be entitled to enforce these Regulations.

CONTACT US

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