



Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance

Advancing Scotland's Life Science Sector through Strategic Collaboration

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SULSA is an alliance of twelve Scottish Universities and one Research Institute that aims to advance Scotland's research and innovation in the life sciences through strategic collaboration across institutes, disciplines and sectors.



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RESEARCH INNOVATION SCOTLAND

RESEARCH POOLS



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INTERFACE



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NEW Alliance for Research Challenges (ARCs):

1. Brain Health
2. Food Security
3. Energy
4. Quantum





RIS INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION FUND

This funding aims to promote connectivity between Scotland and European research partners with the aim of strengthening existing, and seeding future, research relationships and creating paths to European research funding.

This fund is being delivered by the Research Innovation Scotland partnership and it is open to students, researchers and staff within Scotland's Universities and Research Institutes.



<https://www.research-innovation-scotland.co.uk/ris-international-collaboration-fund/>



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A Visit/Exchange is when there is outward/inward travel out of/into Scotland

A Preparatory activity does not include any international travel

You can only apply for one option



For bilateral exchanges, funding can be used to support inbound travel for researchers from EU Member States, EEA and EFTA countries and outbound travel for researchers from Scottish Universities and Research Institutes.

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Eligibility

- The lead applicant must be actively undertaking research within a Scottish University or Research Institute i.e., postdoctorate researcher, research fellow or principal investigator
- PhD students can be part of the international visit if supported by their Principal Investigator
- Exchanges must take place between Scotland and an EU Member State, EEA or EFTA country
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- For visits and exchanges a maximum of £5,000 can be applied for and visits can be a maximum of 3 months, we expect the amount requested to reflect the duration
- For preparatory activities a maximum of £2,000 can be applied for. We encourage multiple institutes and European partners to be involved
- We strongly recommend the lead applicant is registered on the Horizon Europe Portal
- We strongly recommend the proposal links to a defined funding call or mission
- We strongly recommend that applications include collaborators from universities or institutes external to your own, whether in Scotland, the rUK or rEurope

Eligibility



- Eligible costs are restricted to economy travel with subsistence and accommodation rates limited to the values detailed below*

* As a guide for justified costs for travel:

- Air travel should be limited to economy
- Accommodation should be no more than £160 per night (for extended trips rented accommodation should be sought)
- Subsistence should not exceed £60 per day

Applicants should book travel and accommodation according to their own University policy



Conditions:

- The activity must take place by the **31st March 2025**
- An end of project report must be submitted to Research Innovation Scotland by **30th June 2025**
- Requests for further information on outputs/career progression etc. from the exchange at later dates may be requested by Research Innovation Scotland, and must be provided from the recipient
- Research Innovation Scotland reserves the right to claw back funds should the grant not be used in accordance with these T&Cs
- Any unspent funds, must be returned to Research Innovation Scotland



Exclusions:

- Funding must not be used for attendance at conferences, training seminars or similar. You may attend a conference in the country you are visiting but expenses associated with the conference (internal travel, subsistence, conference fees) cannot be claimed
- Funds cannot be used to cover salaries or research costs
- Visa costs for incoming or outgoing exchanges/placements will not be covered



Judging Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of academics from across disciplines and final decisions made by a panel of Research Innovation Scotland partners.

Applications will be judged on the below criteria:

- Alignment to Horizon Europe funding and training opportunities
- Quality of science and potential impact of findings
- Opportunities identified to leverage further funding
- Inclusion of cross-university and international collaborators
- Feasibility of project with reasonable milestones
- Opportunity for career progression/benefit to researchers



Submitting Your Application

Please submit your application (a single PDF) to jill.inkster@glasgow.ac.uk at SULSA by **Monday 21st October 2024**.

Notification of Outcome

Successful applications will be notified by email before **Wednesday 30th October 2024**.

Payment of Funds

If successful, funds will be transferred to your Institution. Funds must be spent by 31st March 2025.



Reporting

A short report (2 pages A4) must be submitted to Research Innovation Scotland within three months of the exchange (by 30th June 2025). You must provide the Research Innovation Scotland administration with project updates and outcomes when requested for reporting purposes. If this project leads to a published article, or leverages grant funding, please contact the Research Innovation Scotland administration to make them aware.



International Coffee Break



Coffee Breaks

Build your international network by scheduling short, no-commitment, informal coffee breaks over video calls with researchers across disciplines in Scotland and Germany.

- ✓ Aiming to increase academic international networks between Germany and Scotland
- ✓ Researchers from across Scotland and Germany will be matched with one other researcher for an informal 1:1 15 minute 'coffee break' conducted over Zoom.
- ✓ **ALL DISCIPLINES**

INTERNATIONAL

Explore the activity SULSA is undertaking on an international level.



<https://sulsa.ac.uk/international/>

International

All International

RIS International Coffee Break

SULSA-Rhineland Palatinate Cooperation

International Activity with German Partners

Collaborative Research & Mobility Funding Opportunities with Germany



Any questions?