

SULSA - Rheinland-Pfalz Research Collaboration Funding Guidelines

Funding research collaboration across the Rheinland-Pfalz region of Germany and Scotland

○ **Scope**

This funding aims to support the development of ECRs including their international networks, research outputs and technical skills and knowledge. This fund has been jointly created by Scottish Government, the State Government of Rheinland-Pfalz, and SULSA to support research collaborations between Scotland and the Rheinland-Pfalz region of Germany.

○ **Eligibility**

- Proposals must include 2 co-applicants (at a minimum), between a Scottish University or Research Institute and an Institute or University within the RLP region of Germany
- Proposed projects must include travel of a Scottish researcher (co-applicant) to Germany to undertake a collaborative research project¹
- Co-applicants from Scotland must be an early career researcher (within 8 years of completing their PhD)
- Co-applicants from Germany need to be employed/enrolled at a university or institute within the Rheinland-Pfalz region
- Research projects must fall within the life sciences and biotechnology field
- Funding can be used for
 - Travel, subsistence and accommodation (mobility) for the Scottish researcher to travel to the host RLP institution
 - Research costs including consumables and facilities access to be used at the RLP institution
 - Running a workshop/seminar during the visit
- Mobility funding cannot account for more than 1/3 of the full costs
- A maximum of €10,000 can be applied for
- Visits can be a minimum of 1 week to a maximum of 6 months
- SULSA recommends co-applicants draw up a collaboration agreement

¹ On a discretionary basis, travel from RLP to Scotland may also be considered

○ Judging Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by an international panel and will be judged on:

- Feasibility of project with reasonable milestones
- Opportunity for career progression/benefit to researchers
- Opportunity to learn new skills and share knowledge (away and at home)
- Quality of science and potential impact of findings
- Opportunity to leverage further funding

○ Key Dates and Important Information

- **Call Launch:** Tuesday 15th March 2022
- **Application Deadline:** Wednesday 15th June 2022

○ Submitting Your Application

Please submit your application (a single PDF) to jill.inkster@glasgow.ac.uk at SULSA by **5pm on Wednesday 15th June 2022**.

○ Notification of Outcome

Successful applications will be notified by email in July 2022.

○ Spending of Funds and Proof of Spend

Funds must be spent and settled by end of July 2023. A proof of spend report must be submitted by this date.

○ Reporting

You must provide the SULSA administration with project updates and outcomes when requested for reporting purposes. An update will be requested at 9 months and a written report will be requested at 3 months post award ending. The lay person summary of the project will be used as a case study to showcase outcomes. Reports and other outcome

information will be shared across the 3 funders (Scottish Government, the State Government of Rheinland-Pfalz, and SULSA)

If this project leads to a published article, or leverages grant funding, or any other outputs please contact the SULSA administration to make them aware.