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## **GSI Geoscience Research Griffith Geoscience Award 2016**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What salaries are eligible costs?**

Salaries for staff providing teaching cover and some research related costs (e.g. travel and consumables) are eligible; other staff costs are not eligible (e.g. scholarship for PhD, salary for a researchers, developers, Applicant etc.). See terms and conditions.

**2. Are overheads/indirect costs an eligible cost?**

Overheads can be included in the budget but must be included in the €100,000 limit. They are also limited to 10% of Direct costs.

**3. Can the GSI staff be named partners on a project?**

Yes, GSI staff can provide expertise, supervision, data etc. but cannot receive funding for their contribution.

**4. Can researchers outside the Island of Ireland be funded?**

No. Funding is only available to researchers based in Higher Education Institutes in the Republic of Ireland.

**5. Can researchers outside Ireland be collaborators/partners?**

Yes, there is no limit to the number or type of collaborator but they cannot receive funding.

**6. Are agencies (e.g. Teagasc, EPA) eligible to be a Host Organisation?**

No, only teaching academic institutes are eligible

**7. What if my project is not covered by themes outlined?**

All applications for GSI funding should comfortably fit within the GSI Research Strategy and themes outlined in the Terms and Conditions.

**8. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has co-funding?**

No.

**9. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has a GSI partner?**

No. Assessors will be asked to consider the overall team composition in the context of the project proposed.

**10. Is VAT allowable?**

Yes.

**11. Is a computer considered durable equipment (and therefore not an eligible cost)?**

If your institute considers computers a consumable or with a lifespan of less than a year, then it is an eligible cost. However, it is envisaged that all research facilities and infrastructure are already available to existing staff.