



GSI Geoscience Research Short Call 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are salaries eligible costs?

Salaries for any staff member carrying out the research in the project are eligible (e.g. scholarship for PhD, salary for a researchers, developers etc.). However, salary costs for project supervision or management are not eligible – funding is only for research activities.

2. Are overheads/indirect costs an eligible cost?

Overheads can be included in the budget but will not be paid in addition to the €25,000 limit. Indirect costs must not exceed 10% of the total 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 Republic of Ireland be funded?

No. Funding is only available to researchers based Republic of Ireland.

5. Can researchers outside the Republic of Ireland be collaborators/partners?

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

6. Are research performing agencies (e.g. Teagasc, EPA, Marine Institute) eligible for funding?

No.

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

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

8. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has co-funding/in-kind contributions?

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 company/institute considers computers a consumable or with a lifespan of less than a year, then it is an eligible cost. A computer is also allowable if you are hiring an additional staff member to do the work and they require a computer.

12. What are 'references'? These are any publications, papers, published documents etc. that you have referred to in your text.

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13. Are Soletraders eligible

Yes, but all eligibility criteria apply and tax certificates must be made available on request.

14. What is the max word count for the project description?

This is 3000words – a previous version of the terms and conditions states the limit is 2000, however 3000 is correct.