

**Ulysses 2019
Frequently Asked Questions
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1. Eligibility

Can masters students be part of the research team?

Yes, students studying for a research master's can be included as part of the team. Applicants should submit a CV (one page maximum) for each of the team members referenced in the application.

Can team participants traveling to Ireland be based at a different French institution from the one of the Lead French Applicant?

This is permitted. Funds will be awarded to the project leader's host institution. The project leader, together with their host institution, will be responsible for distributing funds to the other members of the research team.

Can I just check that Ulysses is open to postgrad research students - and also to current IRCs?

Can PhD students apply for the Ulysses awards?

The Ulysses scheme is open to doctoral research students.

Could you confirm if the Ulysses programme is open to projects in the social and political sciences?

The Ulysses scheme facilitates the exchange of innovative ideas and approaches between Irish- and French-based researchers across all disciplines.

Can an Irish applicant submit two Ulysses applications each with a different French institution?

Applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding if an applicant submits more than one application to the 2018 call.

Our applicant was named on a former Ulysses award, where he was collaborating with the PI and travelled as part of the award, however he was not the awardee / lead applicant. The rest of the participants are all different, and the projects are entirely distinct. Could you clarify whether he needs to include the additional page with an outline on the project? My understanding would be that the answer to the question above should be NO because he was not the awardee, but can you confirm if this is correct?

This approach described above is correct — the synopsis of previous Ulysses funding should only be included where the applicant was the successful project leader.

I have identified a prospective partner in France, he is a retired Professor but he is still very much research active and remains associated with the institution. Will he be eligible as a project leader?

French partners should contact Campus France at www.campusfrance.org to determine their eligibility.

Can you please let me know if applicants from Northern Ireland are eligible?

Applicants based in institutions in Northern Ireland are not eligible to apply. Only applicants from institutions in the Republic of Ireland are eligible.

****New**** One of our researchers is involved in a project with a French collaborator and would be very keen to avail of Ulysses funding to send a doctoral student to the collaborator. However, they are not sure if the student will be in place by the closing date for this year's scheme. Would it be possible for them to submit an application or is this unworkable?

All applicants listed on the application form would need to be in place by the time the call outcome is announced i.e. January 2020.

2. Applying to the programme

How many applications typically received per call?

Stats on the national success rate of the Ulysses scheme in recent years?

In 2018, a total of 77 eligible applications were received and 25 awards were made. The success rate was therefore 33%. These numbers are representative of previous years.

****New**** There is no requirement to submit an Excel spread sheet file as it was the case before, is that right?

There is no requirement to submit an Excel spread sheet file. Please refer to the Ulysses' [Terms and Conditions](#), in particular section 5 Application Procedure, and the Ulysses Application Form for application submission criteria.

****New**** There is no requirement to submit a hard copy of the application in addition to the electronic submission, is that correct?

There is no requirement to submit a hard copy of the application in addition to the electronic submission.

3. Conditions of award

Can the award amount be budgeted to facilitate only travel and accommodation costs or is it possible to cover costs for experiments carried during the visits?

No, awards will be up to a maximum of €2,500 each to Irish- and French-based research partner(s) to cover travel and living expenses only.