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**2017 CALL**

*Ulysses*

***Terms and Conditions***

Pour tous les chercheurs des universités et instituts

For all researchers in third level colleges  
or in publicly funded research institutions



Participating organisations

Irish Research Council

[www.research.ie](http://www.research.ie)

Health Research Board

<http://www.hrb.ie>

Campus France

<http://www.campusfrance.org/en>

French Embassy in Ireland

<http://www.ambafrance-ie.org/-English->

**Purpose :** The immediate aim of the Ulysses scheme is to foster new collaborations between researchers in Ireland and France, by funding reciprocal travel visits between the two research groups over the course of one year. The longer term goal is to establish lasting professional networks of researchers and institutes. The programme provides 'seed-funding' to begin collaboration. Successful applicants are encouraged to develop their collaboration post-Ulysses by seeking larger-scale funding from other sources.

An application form submitted by the Irish research partner(s) to the Irish Research Council must be matched by an application form submitted by the French research partner(s) to Campus France, otherwise it will not be considered.

***French partners should visit [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) for information on the correct submission procedures for their application.***

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**Areas concerned:** The Irish Research Council (the Council) will fund applications across all fields of research. Proposals concerning patient oriented research, population health or health services research will be processed by the Council and funded by the Health Research Board.

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**Finance:**

- a) The project will involve researcher(s) based in Ireland travelling to France and researcher(s) based in France travelling to Ireland. Expenses for the researchers based in Ireland will be funded by The Irish Research Council, or the Health Research Board where appropriate. The researchers based in France will be funded by Campus France, on behalf of the French Embassy.
- b) The award made by each agency is up to a maximum of €2,500 to cover travel and living expenses. These awards are simultaneously receivable.
- c) Overnight subsistence rates for researcher(s) based in Ireland travelling to France must be calculated in accordance with Irish civil service rates.
- d) Awards must begin in the calendar year 2017 and are tenable for 12 months after the start-date.

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**Criteria for selection:**

- a) Merit of the project (originality, relevance, impact)
- b) Cooperation must be based on a joint research project
- c) Proposals must demonstrate the added value of the proposed cooperation
- d) Exchange of researchers at an early career stage (postgraduate students and post-doctoral fellows) will be positively valued
- e) Priority will be given to new collaborations

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- Eligibility:**
- a) Eligible Irish partner(s) include academic researchers in a third level institution or publicly funded research institution. However, applications must be submitted by a person authorised by their institution to hold responsibility for research grants.
  - b) Eligible French partner(s) include academic researchers and staff in an academic institute, research institute or facility, or the R&D unit of a private company.
  - c) Applicants who are also past awardees under this scheme must include with their application a short synopsis (maximum 1 page) outlining the current status of the co-operation, the outputs already obtained and those anticipated in the future.
  - d) Applicants who are past awardees under this scheme must highlight new French partners, and/or new areas of research with respect to previously funded applications.
  - e) Applicants who are past awardees under this scheme on three or more previous occasions will be considered only if the budget is not be fully allocated.
  - f) The scheme is open only to researchers resident in Ireland or France. There are no nationality or citizenship requirements.
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***Application procedure:***

- a) Applications from the Irish partner should be submitted to the Irish Research Council; all applications from the French partner should be submitted to Campus France.
- b) The application form must be accompanied by a description of the project (2 pages maximum – excluding references) covering the following headings, where relevant:
  - Research aims and objectives
  - Proposed methodology
  - Research plan including a schedule for the completion of tasks/phases of the project
  - Reason for collaboration and complementary team requirements
  - Equipment available for the project where appropriate (in both Ireland and France)
  - Recent significant publications regarding the mutual research project (5 maximum).
  - Contribution to training and career development of early stage researchers (i.e. postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers).

***N.B. The project description should be written for a general scientific audience.***

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Applicants should submit a one page (maximum) CV of each of the Team members (in both Ireland and France) with the project description.

If any of the applicants in the proposed collaboration have received Ulysses funding in the past 5 years, a synopsis of previous funding under Ulysses should be attached to this form (**max 1 page**).

The synopsis should briefly outline the funded research project, any successful outputs/outcomes and any follow-up activities (continuation or expansion of the collaboration).

**Submission Process (two-step):**

**1. Electronic Submission:** applicants are required to submit one electronic copy of this application form and all related attachments to the Council at [ulysses@research.ie](mailto:ulysses@research.ie) and copied to [info@research.ie](mailto:info@research.ie). *The file should be in PDF format, and should include all parts of the proposal collated into one single file.* Submission of multiple files is not permissible. Applications not submitted in the PDF format will not be considered. A free PDF creator may be downloaded from [www.pdf995.com](http://www.pdf995.com).

In addition, the applicants should submit one electronic copy of a completed 'Ulysses 2017 Project Details\_your name.xls' file. This is available for download at [http://www.research.ie/sites/default/files/ulysses\\_project\\_details\\_0.xls](http://www.research.ie/sites/default/files/ulysses_project_details_0.xls).

**2. Hard-Copy Submission:**

Applicants are required to submit one hard-copy of application form and all related attachments to the Council. This copy must include *original signatures and institution stamp* (no photocopies or scanned copies permitted). Do not submit a hard-copy of the 'UlyssesProjectDetails\_your\_name.xls' file.

**Please note BOTH the electronic and hard copy submission must be received by the IRC by Midday on Friday 22 September 2017.**

**Applications received after this time will not be considered. Applicants are responsible for the timely delivery of BOTH applications.**

**\*\*\* Results will be announced December 2017 \*\*\***

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**Final Report:** The final report template for the ULYSSES scheme, available on the Council's website, must be completed by the Irish-based awardee at the end of the award period. The expenditure section must be signed and stamped by the research institute's finance office. The report must be sent in hardcopy to:

ULYSSES Programme Officer, Irish Research Council,  
Brooklawn House, Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

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**Extensions to Current Awards:** a) It is not possible for the Irish partners to apply for a full-cost extension to a current Ulysses award. Instead, they should reapply for a new award, while cognisant of the criteria for selection detailed above.

b) Irish partners who are current holders of a Ulysses award and who wish to apply for a no-cost extension may contact the Council with such a request.

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