

Ulysses Programme 2017

FAQs

Q1: Is the Ulysses scheme open to registered research students or confined to Staff in HEIs?

A.1: The Ulysses scheme is open to academic research students and staff. However as per the guidelines, applications must be submitted by a person authorised by their institution to hold responsibility for research grants.

Q2: Does the Ulysses Scheme also apply to academic institutions outside the Republic of Ireland and France?

A.2: No Ulysses is only open to academic researchers in eligible institutions in the Republic of Ireland and France.

Details on eligible Republic of Ireland institutions can be found here:

<http://www.research.ie/aboutus/irish-research-council-policies>.

Q.3: Should specific post-doctoral fellows and doctoral students who will participate in the project be named in the application?

A.3: The application form allows listing by name of 'other participants in the project' on page 2. We also advise applicants that a CV should be attached for all team members.

Q.4: Do the post-doctoral fellows need to be at the same institution as an applicant?

A.4: We don't explicitly state they have to be from the same HEI but as only one HEI endorses the application it would not be appropriate for participants to be from several institutions.

Q.5: On the application form for the Ulysses programme on the IRC website there is an option to identify the project research area as belonging to the humanities or social

sciences. However, on the campusfrance.org page for the French partner the call is for scientific or technological projects. Could you confirm if the Ulysses programme is open to projects in the social and political sciences?

A.5: As per the guidelines the Irish Research Council will fund applications across all fields of research, except clinical medicine.

Q.6: Can previous awardees apply again?

A.6: In the terms and conditions section under eligibility it refers to the following criteria for previous awardees:

- 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.

However priority will be given to new applications.

Q.7: As a current holder of a Ulysses award, is it possible to apply in 2017 with the same partner but on a different project?

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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.

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).

Q.8: Is there is an expectation that there would be more than one person on each team?

A.8: As stated in the guidelines, 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. There are no advantages or disadvantages to applications that have a partner on each side (Ireland and France) or more than one partner on each side (Ireland and France).

Q.9: Is it possible to send in the hard copy of the submission after the closing date if the digital version is received before the closing date?

A.9: As per the guidelines the deadline for receipt of both the soft and hard copies of the submission is Midday on Friday 22 September 2017. No extensions will be given.

Q. 10: Myself and my French collaborator are applying for the Ulysses programme this year and we are both unsure of a few details that I hope you can help me with?

1. The scientific description is limited to 2 pages, should that be identical for both applications?
2. The French collaborator must complete a more detailed budget description, including daily costs, is that required for the Irish application?

A.10: The project description should address the headings outlined in the form and the terms and conditions. The content of the form is at the discretion of the applicant but the proposals should complement each other and demonstrate the added value of the collaboration.

The budget for the Irish Partner should be completed as per the template in the Irish applicant form.

Q. 11 Query relates to 2017 Call for Ulysses Scheme: When making an application for this scheme does it have to be the Project Leader that travels to France. Can PhD student completing the work on proposed project travel?

A.11: The application form provides a section where applicants can list which team members are going to be funded to travel as part of the project. A PhD student can be funded as part of the project's travel.

Q. 12: I would like to confirm the deadline for submission to Ulysses 2017.

A. 12: The deadline for the Ulysses scheme 2017 is Friday, 22nd September 2017.

Q. 13: Does the application from the French partners need to be translated into French?

A. 13: No, applications submitted by the French partner can be submitted in either French or English.

Q. 14: Do both applications (French and Irish) require original signatures from both institutions, e.g., do we require original Ifremer signatures on the Irish application and vice versa?

A. 14: An application only requires the signature of the institution submitting the application.

Q. 15: I would like to ask clarification as it is asked at some stage if any of participants have received a Ulysses funding in past 5 years. If we include 2017 in calculations that means between 2017-2016-2015-2014-2013? Is that right? Sorry to ask but it can affect the structuration of our proposal.

A. 15: The 5 year period is backdated from the application deadline, 22 September 2017.

Q.16 I have two question regarding the proposal submission process:

- 1) In the "Partners" section of the Ulysses-Application-Form-2017.doc" file, what is meant by "period held"?
- 2) In the research project description, a maximum of 5 "Recent significant publications relating to the research project" is asked, do those have to be papers from the project leaders or any paper about the topic?

Q.16

1) The 'period held' refers to the length of time that you have been in your current position.

2) The recent significant publications refer to applicant publications.

Q.17. I had a quick question about the page limit for the Project Description. I understand that references are outside this limit. Is the heading "Recent significant publications regarding the mutual research project (5 maximum)" to be considered within the scope of the 2 pages? Or are this part of the References? Thanks.

A.17. Listed publications should be limited to five and would be included in the two page limit.

Q. 18. In the programme guidelines you request that "applicants are required to submit one electronic copy of this application form and all related attachments to the Council at

ulysses@research.ie and copied to info@research.ie. The file should be in PDF format, and should include all parts of the proposal collated into one single file”

Does the single PDF file submitted by the applicant include the ‘Ulysses 2017 Project Details your name.xls’ file (excel budget sheet) because you also state “ 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://research.ie/assets/uploads/2017/05/Ulysses-Project-Details-2017.xls>. “

Basically I am asking if there is just ONE electronic file being submitted by applicants?

A.18 The project details form should preferably be sent in a separate excel document to the PDF application, but in the same email.

Q.19 Can I confirm that the application from the Irish partner is entirely in English.

References are mentioned in relation to the description of the project on the checklist. 'Description of project attached (2 pages maximum, excluding references)'

I cannot find details as to the requirement of references - who do the references come from?

A.19 Applications can be submitted in either English or French. The references referred to in the project description are publications related to the proposal.

Q.20: Re. early career stage postgraduate students, do you mean both Master’s and PhD students? Our French co-applicant would like to include a Master’s student.

A.20. Yes, research Masters students can be included in the application.