

RESEARCH COLLABORATION  
COLLABORATION DE RECHERCHE  
2021 CALL

# *Ulysses*

## ***Terms and Conditions***

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

Pour tous les chercheurs des universités et instituts



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- **ADEME — French Environment and Energy Management Agency**  
[www.ademe.fr/en](http://www.ademe.fr/en)
- **EirGrid Group**  
[www.eirgridgroup.com/](http://www.eirgridgroup.com/)
- **Health Research Board**  
[www.hrb.ie](http://www.hrb.ie)
- **Réseau de Transport d'Électricité**  
[www.rte-france.com/enai.ie](http://www.rte-france.com/enai.ie)
- **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland**  
[www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie)
- **Inserm**  
<https://www.inserm.fr>

## 1. Background

The immediate aim of the Ulysses scheme has been to foster new collaborations between Irish- and French-based researchers by providing seed funding for reciprocal travel visits over the course of 16 months. The scheme thus facilitates the exchange of innovative ideas and approaches between Irish- and French-based researchers across all disciplines. The Irish Research Council and the Embassy of France in Ireland are committed to supporting continued knowledge exchange between Irish and French researchers through appropriate forms of collaboration.

The longer-term goal is to establish lasting professional networks of researchers and institutes. Successful applicants are encouraged to develop their collaboration post-Ulysses by seeking larger-scale funding.

Applications seeking support for collaboration on related research in any disciplines are welcomed.

Under the 2021 call, selected projects will also be supported by the following strategic partners:

- Electricity transmission system operator EirGrid will partner with French-based Réseau de Transport d'Électricité to support suitably aligned research projects in the area of renewable energies and smart grids.
- The Health Research Board will support research projects focusing on patient-oriented and clinical research, population health or health services research.
- The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and ADEME, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency, will provide support to research projects exploring topics relating to energies.

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

Applications submitted for funding under one of the strategic partnerships listed above will be made available to the relevant partner(s) for their consideration on a strictly confidential basis. Only one strategic partner can be listed in any given application.

## 2. Finance

A Ulysses award will involve researcher(s) based in Ireland collaborating with researcher(s) based in France.

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. These awards are simultaneously receivable. Overnight subsistence rates for researcher(s) based in Ireland travelling to France must be calculated in accordance with [Irish civil service rates](#).

Expenses for researchers based in Ireland will be funded by the Council, EirGrid, the Health Research Board or the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland as appropriate. Expenses for researchers based in France will be funded by Campus France, on behalf of the French Embassy, ADEME, Inserm or Réseau de Transport d'Électricité as appropriate.

Awards must be used between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## 3. Disciplinary areas concerned

- The Council and the Embassy of France in Ireland will fund applications across all disciplines, from archaeology to zoology.
- A number of proposals concerning renewable energies and smart grids may be funded by EirGrid in partnership with Réseau de Transport d'Électricité.
- A number of proposals concerning patient-oriented and clinical research, population health or health services research may be funded by the Health Research Board.
- A number of proposals concerning energy may be funded by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in partnership with ADEME.

## 4. Eligibility

- Eligible Irish-based partner(s) include academic researchers in third level institutions or publicly-funded research institutions.
- Eligible French-based partner(s) include academic researchers and staff in an academic institute, research institute or facility, or the R&D unit of a private company.
- The scheme is only open to researchers resident in Ireland or France. There are no nationality or citizenship requirements.

## 5. Application procedure

- Applications from the Irish-based partner(s) should be submitted to the Council; applications from the French-based partner(s) should be submitted to Campus France. French-based partner(s) should visit [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) for information about the correct submission procedure for their application.
- The application form must be accompanied by a description of the project written for a general scientific audience. This description should be no longer than two pages, excluding references, and cover the following headings, where relevant:
  - > Research aims and objectives
  - > Proposed methodology
  - > Research plan including a schedule for task completion
  - > Reason for collaboration and complementary team requirements
  - > Equipment available for the project where appropriate (both in Ireland and France)
  - > Recent significant publications regarding the mutual research project (five maximum)
  - > Contribution to the training and career development of early-stage researchers
- Applicants should submit a CV (one page maximum) for each of the team members (in both Ireland and France), including early career researchers, referenced in the application.
- If any of the applicants in the proposed collaboration have previously received Ulysses funding they must highlight new French-based partner(s) and/or new areas of research in the proposed collaboration. Applicants who are past awardees on three or more occasions will only be considered if the budget is not fully allocated.
- If any of the applicants in the proposed collaboration have received Ulysses funding in the past five years, a synopsis of this previous funding should be included (one page maximum). This synopsis should briefly outline the current status of the collaboration, the outputs already obtained and those anticipated in the future.
- Applicants should select only one strategic partner.
- One electronic copy of the application form and all related attachments must be submitted to the Council via email to [ulysses@research.ie](mailto:ulysses@research.ie) **by a person authorised by their institution to hold responsibility for research grants**. This copy must include original signatures and institutional stamp.
- 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 PDF format will not be considered.

**Please note that applications must be received by the Council by 4pm (Irish time) on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Applications received after this time will not be considered. Results will be announced in June 2022.**

## 6. Final report

- **The final report template for the Ulysses scheme, available for download on [website](#) must be completed by the Irish-based partner(s) within three months of the end of the award period.**
- The expenditure section must be signed and stamped by the research institution's finance office.
- Awardees are required to submit one electronic copy of their final report to the Council at [ulysses@research.ie](mailto:ulysses@research.ie).

## 7. Extensions to current awards

- It is not possible for Irish-based partner(s) to apply for a costed extension to a Ulysses award.
- Irish-based partner(s) 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.

## 8. Assessment Process and Evaluation Criteria

- Each application is assessed remotely and ranked by two independent, expert peer reviewers (one Irish reviewer and one French reviewer). We assess under the following categories:
  - Quality of research programme
  - Individual merits of Irish and French teams
  - Merits of collaboration between Irish and French teams
  - Active participation of early-stage researchers
  - Scientific/economic impact as a direct result of collaboration.
- A panel meeting follows to discuss and decide the final ranking list of projects.
- The primary criterion for the selection of funded projects is excellence.
- Where appropriate, the assessment panel may, as part of their decision-making process, prioritise new collaborations and/or take into consideration the secondary evaluation criterion of achieving balance with regard to awardees' gender and/or research discipline.