

RESEARCH COLLABORATION
COLLABORATION DE RECHERCHE

2020 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



Participating organisations:

- **Irish Research Council**
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www.research.ie
- **Ambassade de France en Irlande**
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www.ambafrance-ie.org/-English-
- **Campus France**
Email: Marguerite.DELAROCHEFOUCAULD@campusfrance.org
www.campusfrance.org/en
- **ADEME — French Environment and Energy Management Agency**
www.ademe.fr/en
- **EirGrid Group**
www.eirgridgroup.com/
- **Health Research Board**
www.hrb.ie
- **INSERM — French National Institute of Health and Medical Research**
<https://www.inserm.fr/en>
- **Réseau de Transport d'Électricité**
www.rte-france.com/enai.ie
- **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland**
www.seai.ie

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 one year. 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 in spite of the COVID-19 crisis 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 COVID-19 related research, in any disciplines, are welcomed.

Under the 2020 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 partner with Inserm, the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research, to 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 climate change.

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.

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. Please Note: For reasons relating to Covid-19 travel restrictions laureates will be allowed to spend 25% of their grant in 2021 on other research costs to help with the collaboration in place of travel. These awards are simultaneously receivable. Where travel is permitted, overnight subsistence rates for researcher(s) based in Ireland travelling to France must be calculated in accordance with [Irish civil service rates](#).

Costs 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. Costs for researchers based in France will be funded by Campus France, on behalf of the French Embassy, ADEME, or Réseau de Transport d'Électricité as appropriate.

Awards must be used by end of calendar year, 2022.

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 in partnership with Inserm.
- A number of proposals concerning climate change 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.
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- 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.
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- The scheme is only open to researchers resident in Ireland or France. There are no nationality or citizenship requirements.
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- Applicants who are past awardees under the Ulysses scheme on three or more occasions will only be considered if the budget is not fully allocated.

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 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
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- Applicants should submit a CV (one page maximum) for each of the team members (in both Ireland and France) referenced in the application.
 - 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 who are past awardees under the Ulysses scheme must highlight new French-based partner(s) and/or new areas of research with respect to previously funded applications.
 - One electronic copy of the application form and all related attachments must be submitted to the Council via email to 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 4 February 2021. Applications received after this time will not be considered. Results will be announced in June 2021

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) at 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.

7. Extensions to current awards

- It is not possible for Irish-based partner(s) to apply for a costed extension to a Ulysses award. Instead, they should reapply for a new award, while cognisant of the criteria for selection detailed above.
- 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). This is followed by a panel meeting 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, take into consideration the secondary evaluation criterion of achieving balance with regard to awardees' gender and/or research discipline.

