

# Saltire Funding

## FAQs

1. How does this work for subsistence? Would that need to be itemized to claim? Or just claim x number of days at y rate?

The subsistence payments are determined by your own university. The visiting researcher will apply for reimbursement from the university where they are based in Scotland. In the case of European researchers visiting Scotland, the European researcher will be reimbursed by the university they are visiting in Scotland. Then the Scottish university will be reimbursed from SUPA.

If your university requires that you submit receipts for reimbursement, then you will have to follow their expectations.

2. How structured does the exchange 'project' need to be? Would the application panel expect publications out of this or is it enough to simply be part of a research group and learn new skills?

It would be great if this visit led to the publication of a paper and if you think that is likely you should include that in the application. However, research is not always predictable, and you may not be able to guarantee a publication as the result of the visit. You are not required to publish a paper.

If you do not anticipate a publication, it might be useful to emphasize the other benefits of this visit. For example, if this will allow a new technique to be employed in a research group in Scotland.

3. Is it allowed to apply in both rounds if rejected in the first round?

Yes, you are allowed to apply again if your first application is rejected.

You are only allowed to accept one award. If you are successful in the first round, you will not be able to accept a second award in the second round.

4. I'm a physicist and biologist, can I apply through SULSA and SUPA at the same time and hope for the best?

Yes, you can apply to multiple organizations. However, you can still only accept one award. If you are successful in both cases you will have to reject one award.

Please note that the organizations have different deadlines. SUPA has a deadline on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>. The other organizations have different deadlines.

5. I would like a researcher in Europe to come to Scotland. Should I apply as the host, or can the researcher apply?

Either one can apply. The visiting researcher, in this case from Europe, can apply or the host organization can apply.

Alternately, an organization in Europe could apply for a researcher in Scotland to visit them.

**6. Do you need to have evidence of previous collaboration to apply?**

No. This funding is for existing collaborations or new collaborations. Even if you have not worked with a collaborator before, you are eligible for this funding.

**7. What does it mean for an Early Career Researcher to be within 7 years of their PhD?**

The applicant must begin their travel less than 7 years from the date of their PhD graduation.

**8. Is there a minimum length for a visit?**

There is no minimum. However, please consider how much can be accomplished in a short visit.

**9. While on this visit, I will need to commute by public transportation daily. Can the funds be used to pay for this?**

Yes, the costs of commuting can be paid for with this funding. Please include this cost in your application.

**10. I am an early career researcher and am close to 7 years from the date I graduated. Can you clarify what is meant by the eligibility criterion of, "being within 7 years (full time equivalent) of graduating from a doctorate."**

You are eligible to apply if you have been employed full time and it is less than 7 years from the start of your planned trip and the graduation date for your PhD.

If you have taken time away from work or have worked part-time due to caring responsibilities or for other reasons, you may be able to apply even if it has been more than 7 years from your PhD graduation date. Please contact SUPA about your situation.

**11. Is a long or short trip more likely to be funded?**

The applications are not being judged on their length. However, they are being judged on value. A trip that lasts one month with expenses of £10,000 is less likely to be funded than a similar project that lasts one month with expenses of £5,000.

**12. Will I need a visa for this trip?**

Applicants should check with their host institution for the rules regarding visas. SUPA is not an authority on visa regulations. If you are travelling FROM Scotland, you will need to check the rules for the country you are travelling to.

If you are travelling TO Scotland, there are a few websites to start with:

- You can check what you can and can't do without a visa on [this UK Government webpage](#), by selecting your nationality.
- You may need something called an ATAS Certificate, which also depends on your nationality and career stage (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-out-if-you-require-an-atas-certificate>).
- There are also rules around "Permitted activities for Science and Academia", from this page <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-permitted-activities>

13. If I receive a Saltire travel award, and part way through the visit I realize I will need more time to complete the project, is it possible to apply for an extension?

No. There is no intention to grant extensions.

Please be aware that all expenses related to this travel must take place before the end of July, 2022. Any money spent after the end of July will not be reimbursed. Please consider this deadline in your planning.