



GSI Geoscience Research Travel for Access and Lab. Analysis Grants 2024 **- Frequently Asked Questions -**

1. Are overheads/indirect costs an eligible cost?

No.

2. Are the costs paid to the researcher or the host institute?

The relevant department of the host organisation is expected to pay the expenses/invoices and then invoice GSI for amount up to a maximum as indicated in the Letter of Offer.

3. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has co-funding or in-kind contribution from the Host Organisation?

No. Assessors will be asked to consider the overall project proposed and whether resources are appropriate. Host Organisation's will be expected to provide the essential resources such as technical support, storage, insurance etc. where required.

4. Is VAT allowable?

Yes, VAT is allowable on items/services purchased, however VAT on the overall research project is 0%.

5. Can I apply for funding to 'top-up' a previous project or complete a PhD project?

Priority will be given to projects/research that is not funded by other means or where it is clear the work could not otherwise be achieved due to a lack of funding.

6. Will there be a negotiation stage after the results are announced?

No, there is no negotiation stage. It is therefore advisable that you ensure your proposal is clear and considered before submission.

7. Can researchers outside the Ireland and Northern Ireland be funded?

No. Funding is only available to researchers based in Ireland and Northern Ireland and adhering to all other criteria.

8. How many applications can be submitted?

An applicant can only submit one application as lead applicant.

9. Do I have to make my results open access?

Yes, in line with [NORF policy](#) all project outputs (publications, data etc.) should be made open access within 6 months after the end of the project unless otherwise approved by GSI.

10. Will there be an external review of the proposals?

The review will be carried out internally in GSI by relevant experts. This will be a blind review with the name of the applicant withheld from the technical reviewers. Applicants found soliciting GSI team members will be deemed ineligible.

In line with international practice, GDPR and to ensure their personal safety, the names of reviewers will not be made available to Applicants. GSI will ensure fair and high quality reviews.