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GSI Geoscience Research IODP Call 2022 - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are personnel costs eligible costs?

(i) For new research that is not supported through other funding programmes, salaries for students/staff carrying out the research in the project are eligible (e.g. scholarship or salary for researchers, technical staff etc. working directly on the project). (ii) For additional research activities to support existing research programmes or projects (e.g. additional lab analysis in a PhD project), personnel costs are not eligible. Salary costs for project supervision or management are not eligible in either (i) or (ii).

2. Are overheads/indirect costs an eligible cost?

Overheads/Indirect costs can be included in the budget but within €25,000 limit. Indirect costs must not exceed 10% of the total direct costs excluding subcontracting (e.g. lab analysis contracted to a third party).

3. Can the GSI staff be named partners on a project?

Yes, GSI staff can provide expertise, supervision, data etc. but cannot receive funding for their contribution.

4. Can researchers outside the Republic of Ireland be funded?

No. Funding is only available to researchers based Republic of Ireland and adhering to all other criteria. The call is for those eligible for IODP under the GSI participation, i.e. within the same jurisdiction. For those outside this jurisdiction, they may be eligible for their own national funding.

5. Can researchers outside the Republic of Ireland be collaborators/partners?

Yes. There is no limit to the number or type of partner but they cannot receive funding.

6. Are research performing agencies (e.g. Teagasc, EPA, Marine Institute) eligible for funding?

Research performing agencies are not eligible for funding but are encouraged to join as partners.

7. What if my project is not covered by themes outlined?

All applications for GSI funding should comfortably fit within the themes outlined in the Terms and Conditions.

8. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has co-funding/in-kind contributions?

No.

9. Will my project be assessed more favourably if it has a GSI partner?

No. Assessors will be asked to consider the overall team composition in the context of the project proposed.

10. Is VAT allowable?

Yes, VAT can be included on e.g. consumables, however the research project overall is not vatable.

11. Is a computer considered durable equipment (and therefore not an eligible cost)?

If your company/institute considers computers a consumable or with a lifespan of less than 12 months, then it is an eligible cost. A computer is also allowable if you are hiring an additional staff member to do the work and they require a computer.

12. What are 'references'?

These are any publications, papers, published documents etc. that you have referred to in your text.

13. Can GSI IODP Call funding be used to 'top-up' a previous project or complete a PhD/MSc project?

GSI IODP Call funding should be used for a stand alone project that has independent workflows, outputs and deliverables that are not supported by other funds. Where the proposed GSI IODP project is intended to support an existing project, personnel costs may not be charged to GSI.

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

No, there is no negotiation stage or opportunity to respond to reviewers comments. It is therefore advisable that you ensure your proposal is clear and considered before submission.

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

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

16. When does the project have to start?

All contracts must be in place before the end of September 2022, however if the project is less than 12 months the work/activities can start after that date. All projects must be completed within 12 months of the contract start date.

17. If a project is 'blue skies' or higher risk and does not achieve its goals, what happens?

'Blue skies' projects should still have clear objective. A null answer is still valid and the project is still expected to deliver a full report to outline the project outcomes and potential future work to progress it or alternatives.

18. Will the names of the review panel be available?

No, in line with international practice, GDPR and to ensure their personal safety, the names of reviewers will not be made available to Applicants. However, GSI will ensure reviewers are of an international standard and follow the guidelines and regulations provided to ensure fair and high quality reviews.

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