

Centres of Excellence in Neurodegeneration (CoEN) Pathfinder II Call

CoEN Pathfinder II 2017 Call

As per the SFI eligibility criteria, it is mandatory that Irish researchers inform SFI of their intention to submit a proposal in advance of the proposal deadline. Therefore, Irish based partners must submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) and CV, prior to the submission of a proposal, by the **18th of August 2017**. EoI and CV templates and further information can be found [here](#). EoIs should be e-mailed to h2020@sfi.ie. Only Applicants that have submitted the requested EoI will be permitted to submit a proposal to the call. EoIs should include:

- Title and abstract of work which will be carried out
- All researcher/consortia names (including any industry partners and partners from other member countries), country of residence of all members and basic budget plan associated with the proposal
- CV for Irish partners – template provided on the SFI website

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The Ireland based partner must hold a **PhD or equivalent qualification for at least 5 years** by the proposal deadline (please visit the SFI website for further details on equivalence).

The partner must:

- be a member of the academic staff of an eligible Research Body (permanent or with a contract that covers the period of the grant) **OR**
- be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, who is recognised by the eligible Research Body as an independent investigator and will have an independent office and research space for which he/she will be fully responsible for at least the duration of the SFI grant **OR**
- be an individual who will be recognised by the eligible Research Body upon receipt of the grant as an academic staff or as a contract researcher as defined above. The applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Research Body at the time of the application submission.

The partner is required to have demonstrated research independence through securing **at least one internationally peer-reviewed, independent research grant** as a Principal investigator or as a Co-Principal investigator. Personal awards such as travel awards, career fellowships (which only include the salary of the PI and not research team costs (i.e., salary for team member(s) & consumables etc.)) do not count as independent research grants.

The applicant must be a **senior author** (first, last or corresponding or in those fields where alphabetic order authorship is the norm, joint author) **on at least 10 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles**. Please note that only original research publications, and not review articles or other secondary research literature, are acceptable

Applicants must ensure that proposals align with Science Foundation Ireland's legal remit. Please refer to the Science Foundation Ireland website for more information.

Budget Preparation

Please refer to Science Foundation Ireland's **Grant Terms & Conditions** and **Grant Budget Policy**.

Note that overheads need to be included in the budget requested and the budget needs to be fully justified.

Eligible Costs

Salary-related costs

Small equipment costs

Travel

Direct running costs

Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs

Overheads (overhead is calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the application)

Ineligible Costs

The partner cannot request a salary.

Contact

Any queries should be directed to SFI through the H2020@sfi.ie mailbox.

Applicants are directed to the **CoEN website** for further information and guidance on the CoEN Pathfinder II 2017 call.

Web Links

Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Terms & Conditions:

<http://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/sfi-general-terms-and-conditions/>

Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Budget Policy:

<http://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/sfi-general-terms-and-conditions/index.xml>

CoEN website:

<http://www.coen.org/home.html>