

EU Joint Transnational Co-funding – ERA-NET on Quantum Technology (QuantERA)

QuantERA 2017 Co-Fund Call

As per the SFI eligibility criteria, it is mandatory that Irish researchers inform SFI of their intention to submit a pre-proposal in advance of the pre-proposal deadline. Therefore, Irish based partners must submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) and CV, prior to the submission of a pre-proposal, by **1st March 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 pre-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 pre-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 member 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.

PhD funding through QuantERA:

As detailed in the Call Text document for the 2017 co-funded QuantERA call, funding is awarded as a grant for either two or three years. As per Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Budget Policy, it is the Foundation's preference to provide funding for four year PhD programmes. However, in this instance, as the maximum duration of awards funded through the QuantERA 2017 co-funded call cannot exceed 3 years, SFI will accept applications for funding which include three year PhD programmes. In these cases, where applications for funding advance from the pre-proposal to full-proposal stage of the review process, applicants will be required to provide the Foundation with a letter of commitment from the host institution confirming that the financial support required for a fourth year of PhD funding (stipend + fees), if required, will be the responsibility of said institution. Furthermore, the project co-ordinator must submit a final scientific report at the end of the three-year funding period, even if the PhD extends beyond the term of the award.

Contact

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

Applicants are directed to the **QuantERA website** for further information and guidance on the QuantERA 2017 co-fund call.

Web Links

Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Terms & Conditions:

<http://www.sfi.ie/funding/grant-terms-conditions.html>

Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Budget Policy:

<http://www.sfi.ie/funding/grant-policies/grant-applications-budget-policy.html>

QuantERA website:

<http://www.quantera.eu/>