



Phase 2 Programme (5 x 2013 RCs) Information Webinar

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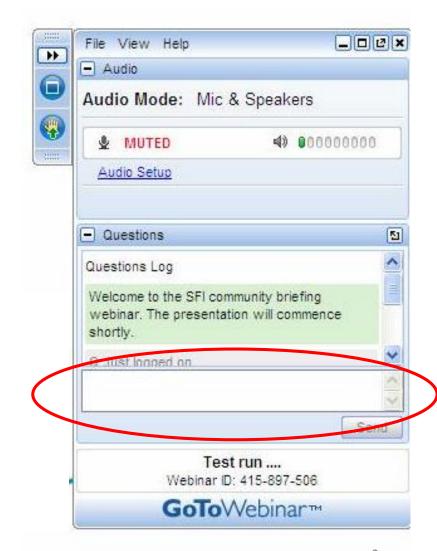
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Webinar Instructions

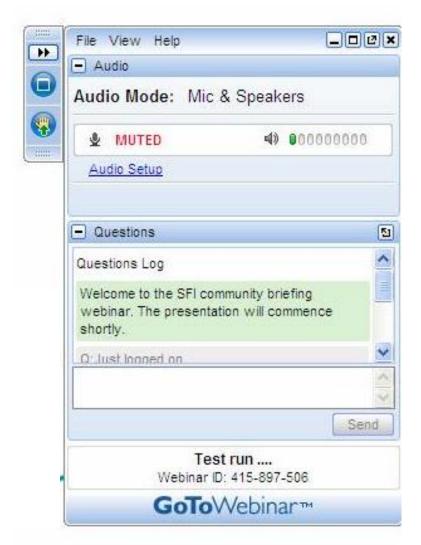
- This webinar consists of a short PowerPoint presentation with voiceover (1-way!)
- We'll walk you through the presentation and answer questions at the end
- Submit questions by text on the GoToMeeting control panel – be concise
- The webinar will be linked on the 2018
 Phase 2 Programme Call webpage





Webinar Issues

- We will now pause for a short time
- If you are experiencing any audiovisual issues please let us know using the Questions text box





Webinar Overview

- Introduction
- Overview of Call
- Submission Process
- Q&A



Overview of Call



Introduction

• The SFI Research Centres Programme was launched in 2012 to achieve a key objective of Agenda 2020 to develop a set of world-leading, large-scale Research Centres that will provide major economic impact for Ireland. Innovation 2020 the recently launched National Development Plan 2018-2027 (Project Ireland 2040) commit to further development and scaling of the network of SFI Research Centres.











- The 5 x 2013 SFI Research Centres were awarded funding to run from January 2015 to December 2020 and now have the opportunity to apply for a second phase of funding (Phase 2) for the period January 2021 to December 2026.
- As the Research Centres move into a second phase of funding, the programme objectives will largely remain the same, however, there will be additional expectations for Phase 2 Centres and there will be a greater emphasis on industry cost share and leveraging of non-exchequer, non-commercial funding.



Overview

http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfiresearchcentres-phase2/

- Applicable to the 5 x 2013 RCs only
- Opportunity to apply for a second phase of funding (2021 2026)
- As part of submission process, two key documents are required
 - Progress Report
 - Proposal for Phase 2 funding

Key Dates

- Call Launch: 2nd July 2018
- **Deadline for abstract submission:** 30th August 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time
- Deadline for submission of proposals: 30th November 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time
- **Site Reviews**: Q1/Q2 2019
- Funding Decision: Q4 2019



Call Document

Call Document Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Programme Details
- 3. Definitions
- 4. Eligibility
- 5. Economic and Societal Impact
- 6. Proposal Review Process and Criteria
- 7. Funding
- 8. Submission
- 9. SFI Policies and Positions
- 10. Progress Reporting Requirements
- 11. Further Information

Appendices

Appendices

- A. Abstract Sheet (new)
- B. CV Template (new)
- C. Progress Report template
 - D. US-Ireland C2C Partnership Programme Awards
 - **E.** Spokes Programme Awards
- Phase 2 Proposal template
 - G. Investigator Details tables (new)
 - **H.** Budget Tables
 - I. KPI Table
 - J. Good Research Practice Statement (new)
 - K. Data Management Plan (new)
- L. Checklist

Progress report template includes Appendices D and E

> Proposal template includes Appendices G-K



RC Programme Objectives

- Achieve, maintain and enhance research excellence and leadership
- Deliver significant economic and societal impact
- Increase the level of industrial and commercial investment in R&D activities with existing Ireland-based companies, and help to attract FDI
- Spin out new, high-technology start-up companies
- Transfer technology, through licences to companies based in Ireland
- Transfer knowledge, expertise & know-how to companies based in Ireland
- Undertake joint research projects with industry
- Inspire, educate & train future/current STEM students/researchers
- Attract additional non-Exchequer funding
- Engage the general public and equip them to understand and debate STEM
- To support Ireland's ambition to be among the most entrepreneurial countries in the world.
- To improve gender balance at all levels of the SFI Research Centres.



RC Phase 2 Expectations

As the Research Centres move into a second phase of funding the programme objectives will largely remain the same, however, there will be additional expectations for Phase 2 Centres and there will be a greater emphasis on industry cost share and leveraging of non-exchequer, non-commercial funding.

- To move towards a sustainable model with diverse sources of funding.
- To promote engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders, such as governmental, charitable and philanthropic stakeholders, to ensure that the research remains relevant and supports a wide range of economic and societal impacts.
- To develop research collaborations with other centres of excellence both nationally and internationally.
- To become more tightly integrated into the operations of the Host Research Bodies as the Centre evolves towards sustainability.
- To provide sustained funding of centres that can address major research challenges and drive challenge-based Disruptive Technology Initiatives to ensure that the Irish public gains substantial societal and economic benefits from high-risk, high-reward scientific research and innovation.
- To ensure that Education and Public Engagement (EPE) is strategic and embedded within the research culture of the Centre



NE-NC (Cash)/

Industry Cash/

Industry In-Kind

27%

Funding

 The Phase 2 model depicts an overall Centre Budget which comprises a 33% contribution (direct costs) from SFI with the remaining 67% coming from both industry (cash plus in-kind) and NE-NC sources (cash only).



NE-NC

(Cash)

20%

Industry

20%

Cash 16.5%

In-kind 3.5%

- 20% of the total Centre Budget must come from industry sources
- 20% must come from NE-NC sources.
- The remaining 27% can come from either industry cash, industry in-kind or NE-NC sources (direct costs only).
- Of the 20% that is required from industry, at least 16.5%
 of the total Centre Budget must be from industry cash.
- Phase 2 Centres will be required to meet their cost-share requirements by Year 6

There is no limit to the amount of funding that can be requested for Phase 2. However, the scale of request will be considered as part of overall assessment, with consideration to value for money and the Centres track record to date in securing industry and non-exchequer, non-commercial (NE-NC) funding.



Phase 2 Centre Budget

Operations

- Maximum of 20% of the SFI and projected industry cash cost share contributions to the Centre Budget
- Personnel costs e.g. Centre Manager, EU Grant Manager
- Director's Discretionary Fund must be strongly justified
- Governance committee costs can be included.

Platform

- Expected to fund core research activities or technologies that are necessary or valuable to the mission of the Research Centre
- Applicants may define an appropriate split between Platform Research and Targeted Projects – cap of 30% of the overall budget has been removed

Targeted Projects

 Total budget allocation to the Centre Spokes is flexible and will depend on the funds allocated to other aspects of the Centre Budget



Eligibility

It is assumed that the Lead Applicant and Host Research Body for the Phase 2 proposal will be the current Centre Director and current Host Research Body respectively – if this is to change, SFI should be informed a <u>minimum</u> of 3 months before submission deadline

Summary of eligibility criteria*								
Applicant type	Senior Author Publications	PhD Duration	Involvement in other RCs – what is permitted					
Lead Applicant (Director)	≥ 10	≥8 years	 Not eligible to serve as Director or Co-PI in other RCs Eligible to serve as an FI in other RCs subject to assessment of current workload and commitments Minimum time commitment 40% to RC award 					
Co-Applicant (Co-PI)	≥ 10	≥8 years	 Not eligible to serve as a Director in other RCs Eligible to serve as co-PI in 1 additional RC Eligible to serve as an FI in other Centres subject to assessment of current workload and commitments 					
Funded Investigator (FI)	≥ 3	≥ 3 years	 Eligible to serve as Director in 1 additional Centre Eligible to serve as Co-PI in up to 2 additional Centres but overall time commitment will be assessed 					

*For a full description of the eligibility criteria for Lead/Co-Applicants and FIs, see section 4.2-4.4 of the call document. The above table does not describe the research funding, mentoring and employment status criteria.



Key changes to call document*

- Additions to RC programmatic objectives and the expectations for Phase 2 RCs
 - Objectives addition of gender and entrepreneurship objectives
 - Expectations a section on Phase 2 expectations has been included

Review process details

• The review process is summarised in main body of call document and an overview chart of the process is provided on the website.

Time Commitment

- Lead applicant (Director) Minimum time commitment of 40% is specified
- For the Lead and Co-Applicants as part of the new CV template, a statement on current commitments is to be provided as Section 3 of the CV (max 1 page, to also include conflict of interest statement, where relevant)

CV template

Max 7 pages (1 page increase to allow for inclusion of time commitment and COI statement –
 Section 3))

KPI table (progress report)

- Validated H1 2018 KPI data must be provided as an appendix to progress report
- The validated H2 2018 data will be provided to the review panels in advance of the SVs. RCs can discuss H2 2018 results up to full proposal submission within the main body of $_4$ the progress report.



Key changes to call document (contd.)*

- Tables for Investigator Details (new)
 - Include as an appendix to the proposal document using templates provided
 - High level information to cover eligibility criteria
- Proposal template and appendices
 - Research programme extended page limit to 40 pages; details on exemplar projects are to be provided
 - Business plan the section has been merged with the commercialisation plan (cost-share and commercialisation sections within the business plan). The overall page limit will remain the same (max 25 pages total).
 - KPI table and budget tables (proposal) these tables must be included as appendices to the
 proposal document using table templates provided. These are not mandatory to be included in
 main body of proposal document.
 - Data management plan (new)
 - Max 2 pages
 - Include as appendix to proposal
 - Good research practice statement (new)
 - Max 1 page
 - Include as appendix to proposal

^{*}Note: This is not an exhaustive list of changes from the previous iteration of the Phase 2 call (7 \times 2012 RCs). It is the responsibility of the applicant to review the call document in its entirety and use the templates provided as part of the 2018 call.



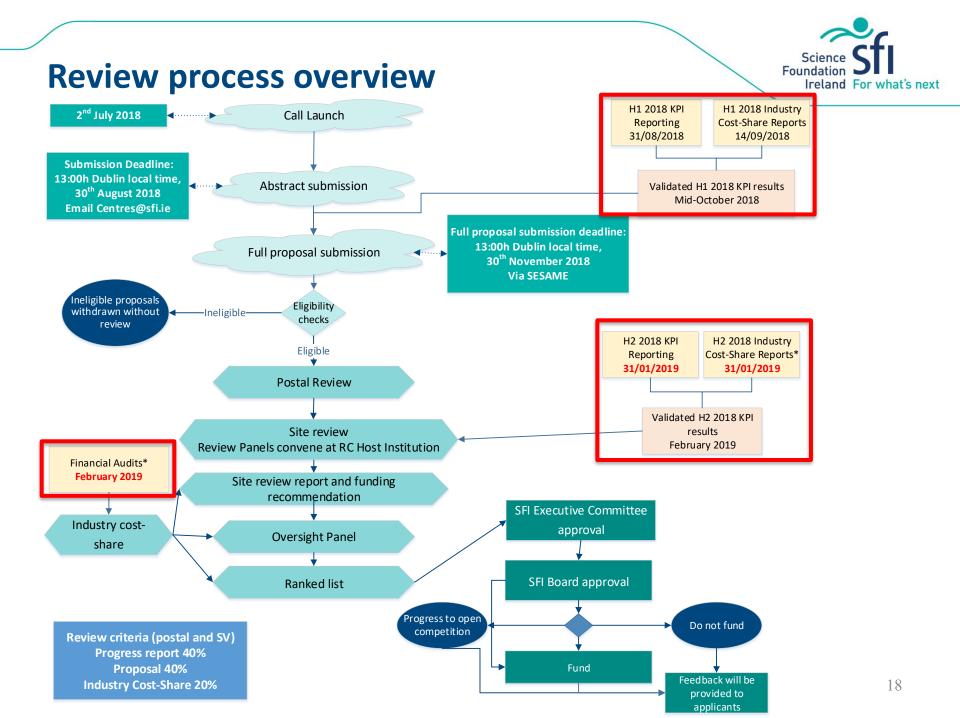
Note - Error in checklist

Main Body of Full Proposal (SESAME fields)

- Word limits specified are incorrect:
 - Scientific Abstract/Technical summary should be <u>200 words</u>, not 250 words
 - Lay abstract should be <u>100 words</u>, not 150 words
 - Section 8.4.5 of call document has the correct word limits
 - Updated checklist to reflect the correct word limits for these fields will be uploaded to Phase 2 webpage



Application and review process



Evaluation Criteria



Progress Report 40%

Industry Cost-Share 20%

Phase 2 Proposal 40%

Progress Report Evaluation Criteria

The performance of the Research Centre management **team**, investigators, governance and support structures

The **scientific excellence** of the research that has been undertaken by the Research Centre to date

Progress of the Research Centre in meeting or exceeding its **KPI** targets

The **impact** being made by the Research Centre to date

The quality of the **Education and Public Engagement (EPE)** programme of the Research Centre to date

Phase 2 Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Quality, significance and relevance of the Research Centre management **team**, investigators, governance and support structures which will lead the Centre into Phase 2

Quality, significance, and relevance of the **proposed research**, including value for money and the potential to advance knowledge and understanding within its own field or across different fields

Quality, significance, and relevance of the plans for execution and delivery of the Research Centre **Business Plan**

The potential for the proposed Centre to deliver direct, measurable economic and societal **impact**

The potential for the Centre to stimulate public understanding, interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) through its education and public engagement (EPE) programme



Application and review process overview Key Dates

- Call Launch: 2nd July 2018
- Deadline for abstract submission: 30th August 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time
- H1 2018 KPI reporting deadline 31/08/2018
- H1 2018 Industry cost-share reports (5 x 2013 RCs) 14/09/2018
- Deadline for submission of proposals: 30th November 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time
- H2 2018 KPI reporting deadline (5 x 2013 RCs) 31/01/2019
- H2 2018 Industry cost-share reports (5 x 2013 RCs) 31/01/2019
- Financial audits (5 x 2013 RCs) February 2019
- Final agendas from RCs 4 weeks in advance of site review
- Presentations from RCs 3 weeks in advance of site review
- Site Reviews: Q1/Q2 2019
- Funding Decision: Q4 2019

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Abstract

Deadline for abstract submission: 30th August 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time

- Lead Applicant to submit completed abstract to <u>centres@sfi.ie</u> using the template provided
- Template provided in Appendix A of call document word format available for download http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfiresearchcentres-phase2/

The abstract has 2 parts:

1. Cover sheet

- List of current and prospective investigators (both FIs and PIs) to be provided as part of abstract submission
- Excluded reviewers (up to 3 individuals) to be provided as part of abstract submission

2. Technical abstract

- Max 2 pages which provides an overview of the research programme for Phase 2
- This abstract will be used for SFI planning purposes only
- Submit as one document in PDF form.

Note, in advance of the abstract submission deadline, please contact your SPM to inform them of new research directions and/or new researchers who will be added to your Centres team.



Full Proposal Submission

Deadline for submission of full proposals: 30th November 2018, 13:00h Dublin Local Time

- Documents can be prepared offline
 - Lead and Co-Applicant CVs (new template)
 - Progress Report (new template)
 - Phase 2 Proposal (new template)
- For the above documents, the templates provided must be used and these are available to download in word format at http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfiresearchcentres-phase2/
- For the 5 x 2013 Research Centres Phase 2 Programme (2018 Call) full proposal submissions will
 only be accepted through SESAME, SFI's grants and awards management system.
- All uploads to SESAME must be in PDF
- Allow enough time for Co-Applicant section completion and Research Office review
- Late and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed



Full Proposal Submission - Requirements

- Completed fields on SESAME
- Ethical Table (PDF), where relevant
- Add Co-Applicants, Fls, industry partners and collaborators to application on SESAME
- Upload completed CVs for each Lead/Co-Applicant using CV template (Appendix B) (PDF)
- Research Funding for each Lead/Co-Applicants
- Progress Report (PDF)
- Phase 2 Proposal (PDF)
- Checklist available on call webpage please consult

All text should be provided in Times New Roman font or similar, with minimum font size of 12, and at least single-line spacing as well as a minimum margin size of 2.5cm. Text in diagrams may be in any clearly legible font.

Uploads in SESAME must be submitted in Adobe or Microsoft PDF format only.

The number of pages in uploads must not exceed the specifications for any given section.

Appendices or other unsolicited documentation are not permitted.

The currency to be used is the Euro (€).



Full Proposal Submission Progress Report and Phase 2 Proposal

Progress report, inclusive of:

- Completed sections of progress report template (sections 1-12)
- US-Ireland C2C partnership award reports, where relevant
- · Spokes awards reports, where relevant
- KPI table, validated up to end H1 2018

Phase 2 proposal inclusive of:

- Completed sections on proposal template (sections 1-13)
- Investigator details tables
- Budget Tables
- KPI Table
- Good Research Practice Statement
- Data Management Plan
- Research Bodies Letters of Support (guidance provided in section 14 of template)

Progress Report and Phase 2 Proposal templates must be used

Download at https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfiresearchcentres-phase2/



CV template (Appendix B)

- Available on the Call Webpage http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/sfiresearchcentres-phase2/. The template will also be available in the guidelines section of the application page on the SESAME researcher workbench
- Three sections must be completed for each Lead/Co-Applicant CV:
 - Section 1 Applicant Details (max. 3 pages)
 - Section 2 Publication Details (max. 3 pages)
 - **Section 3 (new)** Time Commitment Statement and Conflict of Interest Declaration (max. 1 page)
- CV length maximum 7 pages total
- Minimum font size 12. CV template must be used
- Upload CVs to application page on SESAME PDF format only

NOTE: The research funding track record is <u>not</u> part of the CV and must be completed by each applicant *via* SESAME

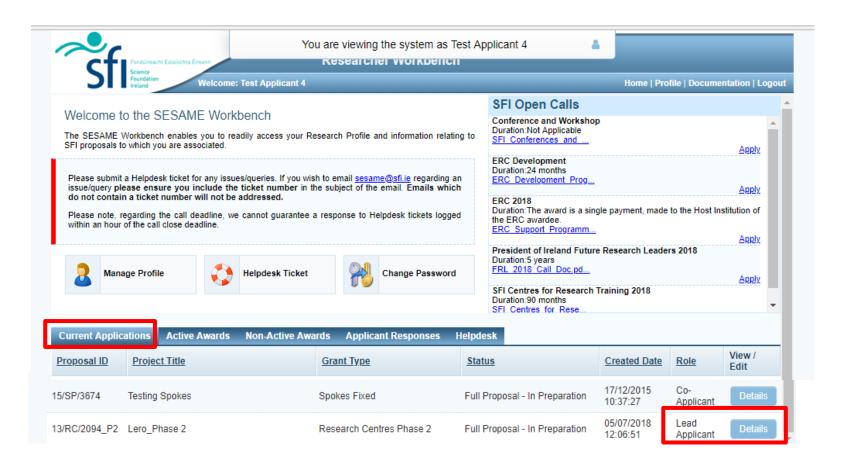


SESAME Submission Process (Full Proposal)



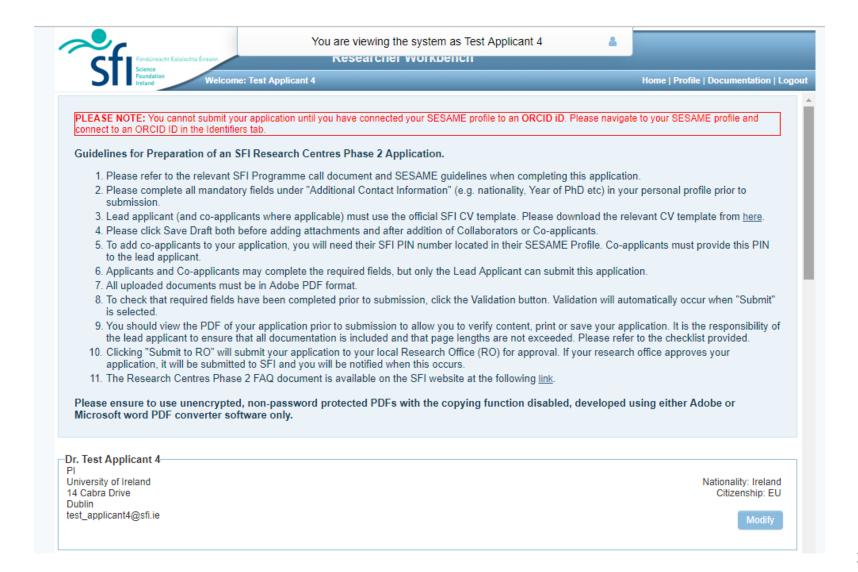
Submission Process - SESAME

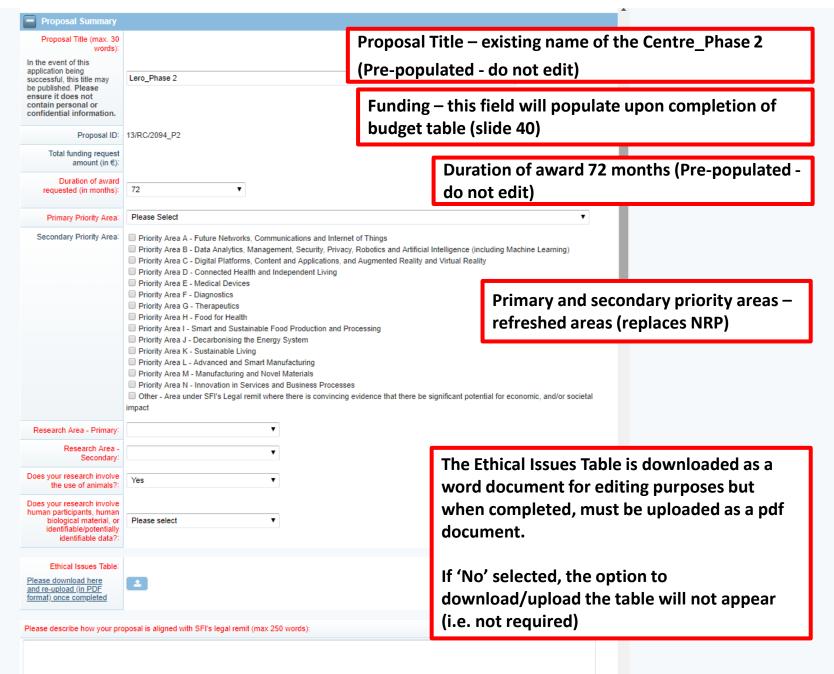
- Application will be available through Lead Applicant's SESAME account
 - 'Current Applications' tab on home page





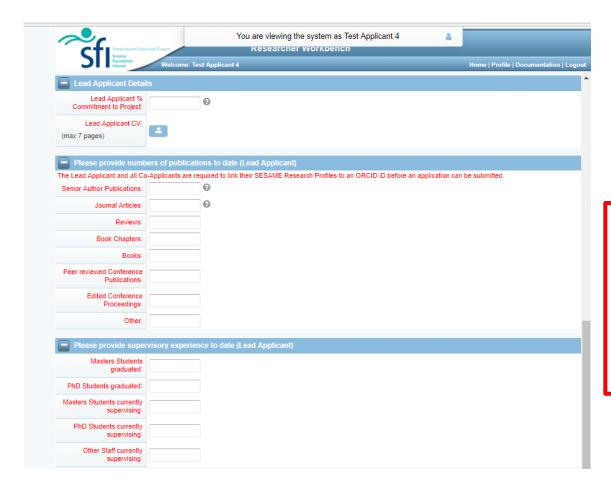
Submission Process - SESAME







Lead Applicant details



CV template in Appendix B of call document.

Lead Applicant <u>and</u> all Co-Applicants must link their SESAME Research Profiles to an <u>ORCID ID</u> before an application can be submitted. If this is not completed submission is not possible, see Validation step



SESAME – Linking ORCID ID

- Lead and Co-Applicants must link their ORCID ID to their SESAME profile
- ORCID provides a unique identifier for all researchers, which can then be linked to their different research works across different platforms
- ORCID ID is entered through 'Connect to ORCID' function under the 'Identifiers' tab of the researcher's SESAME profile

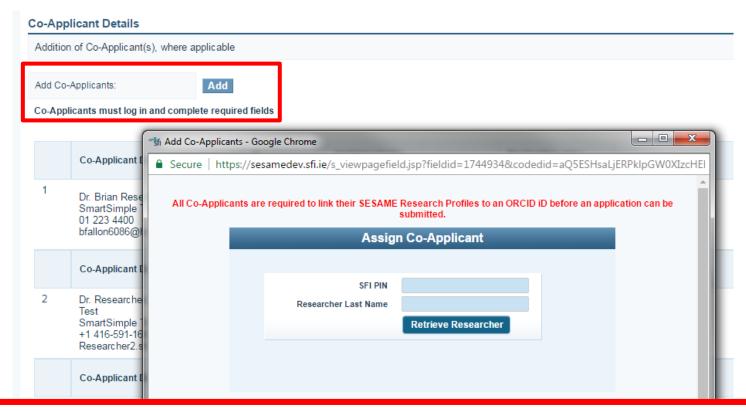


If the Co-Applicant is not registered with SESAME, they need to contact their Research Body immediately to get set up



SESAME – Assignment of Co-Applicants

- Co-Applicants added by Lead Applicant to application
- Need to know 1) Researcher's last name and 2) Researcher's SFI PIN (Identifiers tab of Researcher's profile)



If the Co-Applicant is not registered with SESAME, they need to contact their Research Body immediately to get set up



SESAME – Co-Applicant Requirements

1. Link to ORCID ID in own research profile

Co-Applicant Details

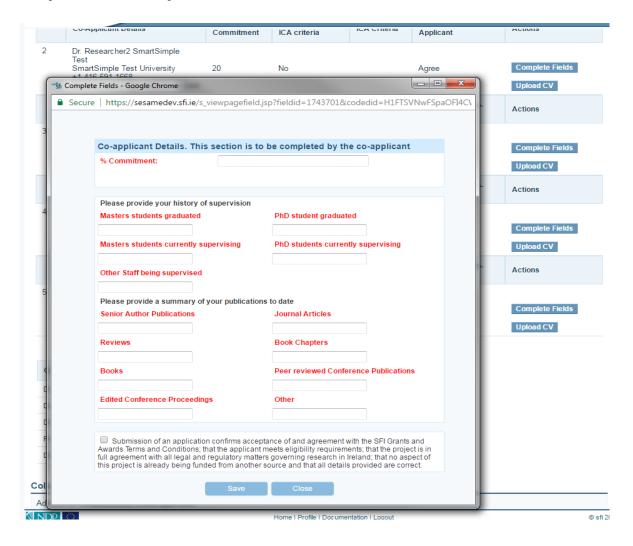
2. Upload CV using template in Appendix B of Phase 2 call document

Addition of Co-Applicant(s), where applicable									
Add Co-Applicants: Add									
Co-Applicants must log in and complete required fields									
	Co-Applicant Details	% Commitment	Applying Under ICA criteria	ICA Criteria	Declaration of Co- Applicant	Actions			
1	Dr. Brian Researcher SmartSimple Test University 01 223 4400 bfallon6086@hotmail.com.fake	25	No		Agree	Complete Fields Upload CV			
	Co-Applicant Details	% Commitment	Applying Under ICA criteria	ICA Criteria	Declaration of Co- Applicant	Actions			
2	Dr. Researcher2 SmartSimple Test SmartSimple Test University +1 416-591-1668 Researcher2.sfi@smartsimple.com	20	No		Agree	Complete Fields Upload CV			



SESAME – Co-Applicant Requirements

3. Complete all required fields and hit 'save'





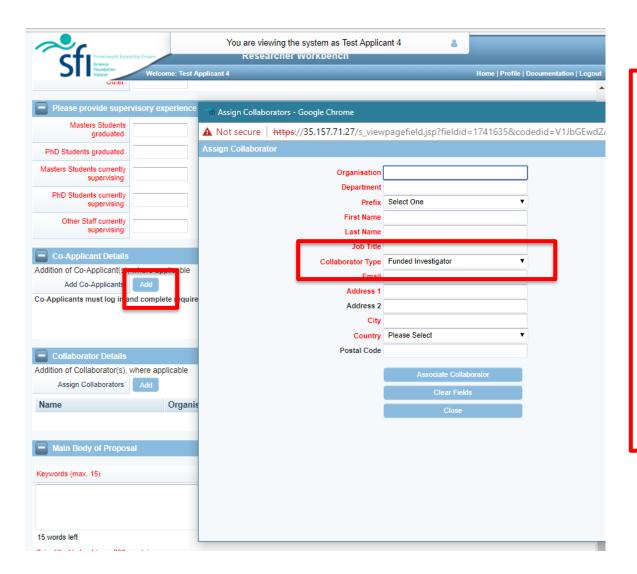
SESAME – Co-Applicant Tracking

- A Co-Applicant tracking function is enabled in the application
 - Table below the Co-Applicant details
- Applications cannot be submitted unless all Co-Applicants have completed the following
 - ORCID ID connected ✓
 - CV uploaded ✓
 - 3. All required fields completed ✓
 - 4. Research Funding section ✓ (not included in the table)





Funded Investigators and Collaborators



CVs are not required for FIs

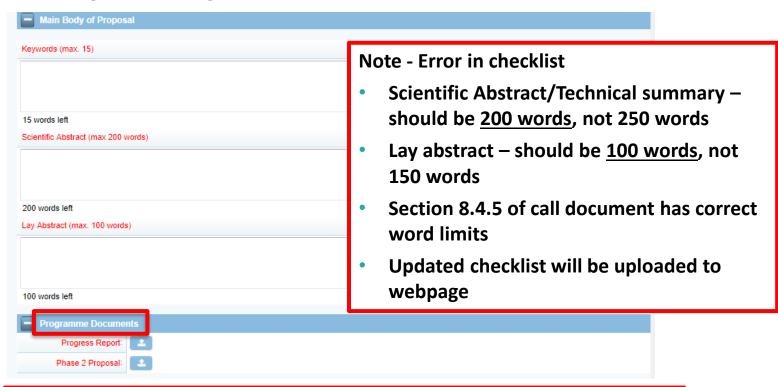
Summary information for FIs, and for industry and academic collaborators entered in the Collaborator section on the application page

Note, high-level eligibility details for FIs are to be provided in table as an appendix to the Phase 2 proposal – see Appendix G of call doc for details

Note, the mentor role in 'collaborator type' is not applicable for the Phase 2 call



Main Body of Proposal



Two programme documents to be uploaded as part of submission process:

- Progress Report
- Phase 2 Proposal

Templates must be used

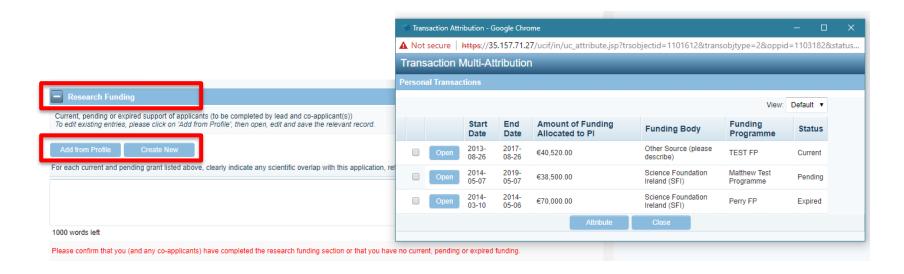
Upload the two documents in PDF format only!



Research Funding

Complete Research Funding section

- Click 'Add from Profile' or 'Create New'
- Tick relevant awards and click 'Attribute' to add to the application



Must be completed by Lead and all Co-Applicants

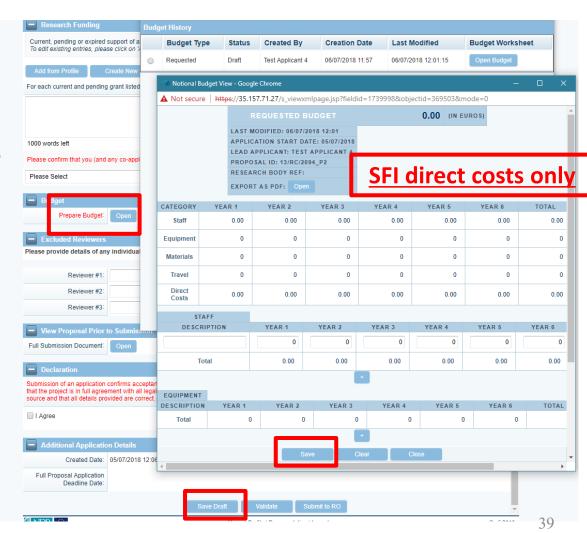


Budget

Complete the *Budget* section and save

The budget should match the budget summary table submitted as an appendix to the proposal

Click 'save draft' at the bottom of the application page. This will populate the Total funding request amount (in €)' at the top of the application page





Excluded reviewers



If providing names of excluded reviewers, these must match those provided in the abstract cover sheet

If different, the names on the abstract will be used as the excluded reviewers



SESAME – Validation Step

What Lead-Applicant sees





Submission Process - Key Messages

- Lead Applicant is responsible for coordinating the co-Applicants' input to the application in SESAME – set an internal deadline
- It is the responsibility of the Lead Applicant to ensure that eligible proposals are received by SFI on, or before, 30th November 2018 at 13:00h.
- Ensure that the application is submitted to the Research Office well in advance of the 30th November deadline.
- In order to safeguard against ineligibility, applicants are reminded to adhere rigorously to the guidelines in the call documentation.
- Applications not adhering to the specifications in the call documentation, or with incomplete content, will be deemed ineligible and will not be accepted for review, regardless of the date of submission.



Research Office Information

 Once the Lead Applicant submits their application for Research Office review, the Research Body will receive an email notification to your generic SESAME email address

- The Research Office can take any one of the following actions in relation to the application:
 - Endorse
 - Request Revision
 - Decline Proposal
- See Research Body User Guide for SESAME Award Management System
 (page 27) http://www.sfi.ie/funding/award-management-system/ams-user-guides.html



Checklist

- Key Documents for upload:
 - Lead Applicant and all Co-Applicant CVs (PDF)
 - Ethical Issues Table (PDF), where relevant
 - Progress Report (PDF) inclusive of specified appendices and H1 2018 KPI results
 - Phase 2 Proposal (PDF) inclusive of specified appendices

Progress Report, inclusive of:

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Q&A Session

- Q&A session now
- We may put voice on 'mute' for a few minutes while we gather questions – please be patient
- Submit your text-based questions via the GoToMeeting control panel
- We will deal with as many of these as we can, verbally
- We will post a recording of the webinar on the Research Centres
 Phase 2 2018 webpage







Thank you

If you have further queries

- Consult <u>Call Document & FAQ's</u>
- Contact your Research Office
- Remaining queries to <u>centres@sfi.ie</u>