

Research Centres 2016 Phase 2 Call - Information Webinar

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Webinar Instructions



- This webinar consists of a short PowerPoint presentation with voiceover
- Following the presentation there will be a Q&A session
- Please have the FAQ document to-hand
- Submit questions by the Zoom chat function please be concise
- We will post a link to the presentation on sfi.ie following the webinar



Presentation Overview

• Overview of Call Document

- Submission Process
- Checklist

• Q&A

Overview of Phase 2 Call



- Applicable to 2016 RCs (BiOrbic, CONFIRM, FutureNeuro, I-Form and VistaMilk)
- Opportunity to apply for a second phase of funding (6 years duration)
- As part of submission process, four key documents are required
 - Abstract (via email)
 - Progress Report
 - Proposal for Phase 2 funding
 - Cost-share Document
- All documentation available on call webpage ;
- SESAME Application will go live at a later date. ROs and Centre Directors will be notified.

Abstract submission deadline to SFI : 8th Dec 2021, 13:00 Proposal submission deadline (via SESAME): 30th Mar 2022, 13:00

Late and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.





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 minimum of 3 months before submission deadline

Summary of eligibility criteria*

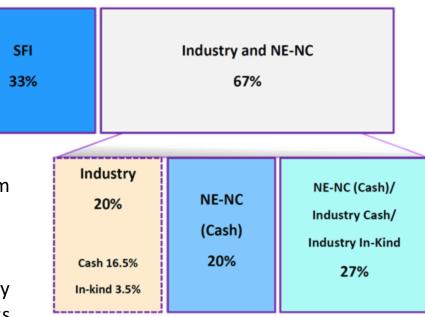
Applicant Type	Senior Author Publications	PhD Duration	Involvement in other RCs –What is Permitted
Lead Applicant (Director)	≥10	≥8years	Not eligible to serve as Director or Co-PI in other RCs Eligible to serve as an FI in other RCs subject to assessment of current workload and commitments Minimum time commitment 40% to RC award
Co-Applicant (Co-PI)	≥10	≥8years	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	≥3years	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



RC Phase 2 Funding Model

- 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).
- 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.



Call Document

- 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

12. Appendices

- APPENDIX A: SFI RCs Phase 2 Abstract Sheet
- APPENDIX B: Applicant CV Template
- APPENDICES C to F Progress Report
 Template and associated appendices
- APPENDICES G to K Phase 2 Proposal Template and associated appendices
- APPENDIX L Cost-share Document
- APPENDIX M Checklist





Appendix C - Progress Report Template

- The report should cover the entire duration of the Phase 1 award up to the submission deadline (30th March 2022).
- Word Version of Appendix C available here: <u>https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/research-centres-phase-2/</u>
- Ensure strict adherence to page limit requirements
 - <u>Submissions violating page limit requirements will not be reviewed</u>
- Related appendices include:
 - Appendix (D) Clinical Trials and Clinical Investigations
 - Appendix (E) Responses to Recommendations
 - Appendix (F) Research Activities
- Unsolicited appendices will result in an ineligible submission

Appendix G – Phase 2 Proposal



- Word Version of Appendix G available here: <u>https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/research-centres-phase-2/</u>
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 - <u>Submissions violating page limit requirements will not be reviewed</u>
- Related appendices include:
 - Appendix (H) Investigator Details
 - Appendix (I) Budget Tables
 - Appendix (J) Good Research Practice Statement
 - Appendix (K) Data Management Plan
- Unsolicited appendices will result in an ineligible submission



Appendix L – Cost-share Document (new)

- Appendix L of call document
- Word Version of Appendix L available here: <u>https://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/research-centres-phase-2/</u>
- Ensure strict adherence to page limit requirements
 - <u>Submissions violating page limit requirements will not be reviewed</u>
- This document consists of 3 sections
 - Funding Diversification in Phase 1
 - Proposed Business Plan
 - Industry Partner Engagement
- Unsolicited appendices will result in an ineligible submission

Submission Process for Phase 2 Call



- Submission through SESAME SFI's Grants Management System
- The application will go live at a later date. Research Offices and Centre Directors will be notified in advance.
- Documents can be prepared in advance of application being available
 - Co-Applicant CVs
 - Progress Report (new template)
 - Phase 2 Proposal (new template)
 - Cost-share Document (new template)
- All uploads must be in PDF format
- <u>Please allow enough time for Co-Applicant section completion and</u> <u>Research Office review</u>

Submission deadline to SFI : 30th March 2022 at 13:00 Late and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.

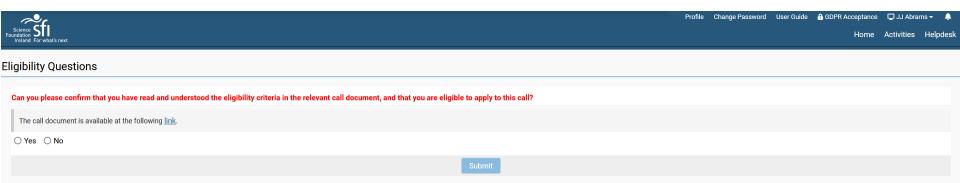


- Application will be available through Lead Applicant's SESAME account
 - 'Current Applications' tab on home page

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Eligibility Criteria:	This call for proposals is only open to the 5 x 2016 Research Centres, namely BiOrbic, CONFIRM, FutureNeuro, I-Form and VistaMilk.						
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- Resubmission Select No (unless you have been instructed to select otherwise by SFI)

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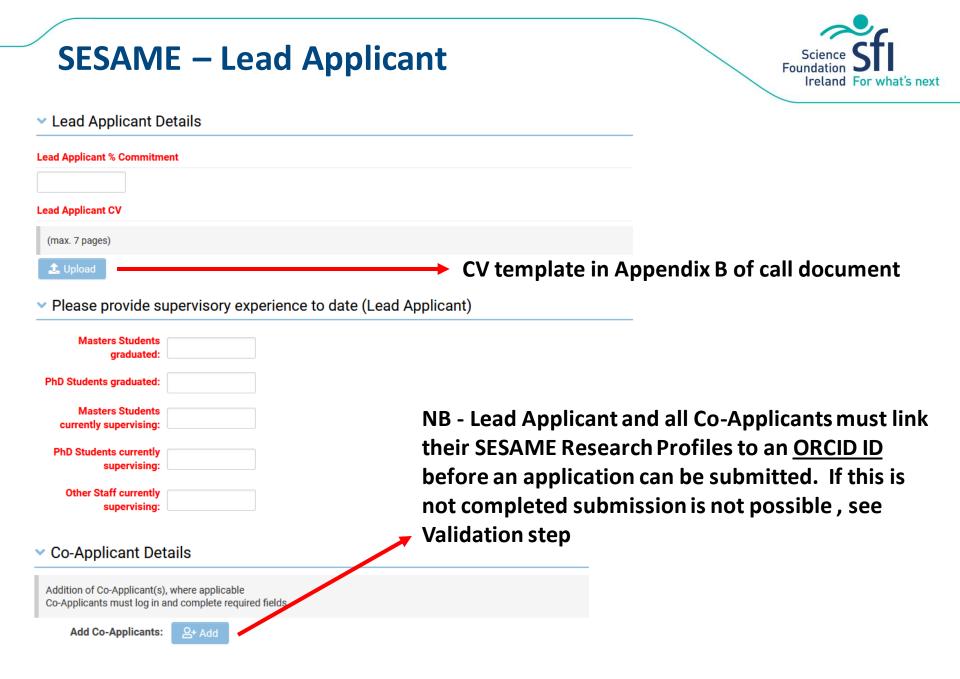
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Priority Area A - Future Networks, Communications and Internet of Things	
Priority Area B - Data Analytics, Management, Security, Privacy, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (including Machine Learning)	
Priority Area C - Digital Platforms, Content and Applications, and Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality	
Priority Area D - Connected Health and Independent Living	
Priority Area E - Medical Devices	
Priority Area F - Diagnostics	
Priority Area G - Therapeutics	
Priority Area H - Food for Health	
Priority Area I - Smart and Sustainable Food Production and Processing	
Priority Area J - Decarbonising the Energy System	
Priority Area K - Sustainable Living	
Priority Area L - Advanced and Smart Manufacturing	
Priority Area M - Manufacturing and Novel Materials	
Priority Area N - Innovation in Services and Business Processes	
Other - Area under SFI's Legal remit where there is convincing evidence that there be significant potential for economic, and/or societal impact	
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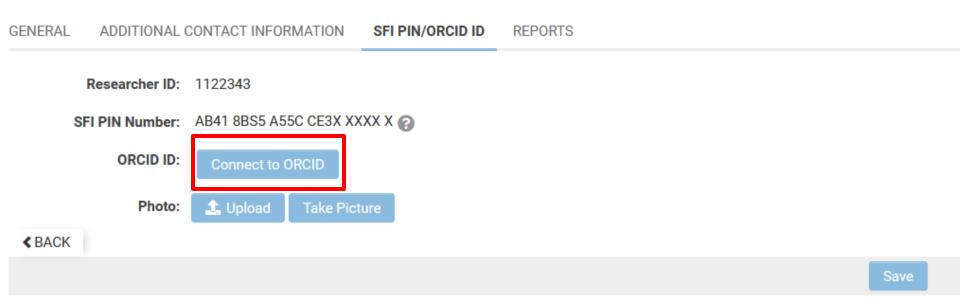
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SESAME – Linking ORCID ID



- 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



SESAME – Assignment of Co-Applicants



- Co-Applicants added by Lead Applicant to application
- Required information
 - Researcher's last name
 - Researcher's SFI PIN (SFI PIN/ORCID ID tab of Researcher's profile)
- If a Co-Applicant is not registered with SESAME, they need to contact their Research Body to create an account

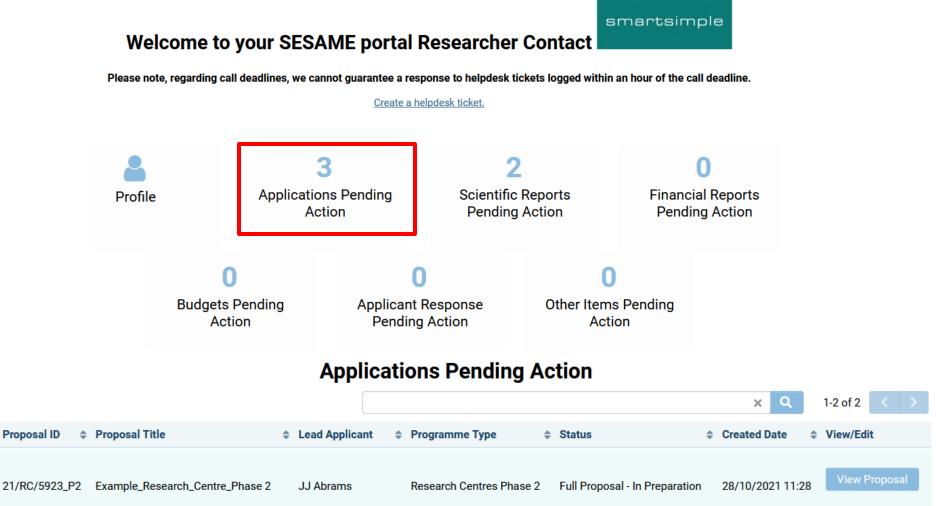
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Submission Process for Co-Applicants



• For Co-Applicants, the application will be available through their SESAME account on the 'Applications Pending Action' tile of their home page



SESAME – Co-Applicant Requirements



- **1.** Link to ORCID ID in own research profile
- 2. Upload CV using template in Appendix 2 of Phase 2 call document
- 3. Complete all

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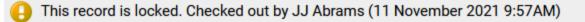


- If the Lead-Applicant is logged in the record is locked (indicated at bottom of application page – see below)
- Co-Applicants can still access application and complete all required fields
- However, only the Lead Applicant can submit the proposal and the Lead Applicant will not be able to submit if a Co-Applicant is logged in!!
- Please make sure all Co-Applicant details are completed well in advance of the deadline.

Additional Application Details

Created Date: 28/10/2021 11:28:26

Full Proposal Application Deadline Date: 30/03/2022 13:00:00



SESAME – Co-Applicant Tracking



- Co-Applicants can track their progress in the application
 - A table can be found below the "Co-Applicant Details" section
- Applications cannot be submitted unless all Co-Applicants have completed the following
 - 1. ORCID ID connected \checkmark
 - 2. CV uploaded \checkmark
 - 3. All required fields completed \checkmark
 - 4. Research Funding section \checkmark (not included in the table)

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Checklist – Co-Applicants



Prior to SESAME Application going live please check the following

- Is the Co-Applicant registered on SESAME with SFI PIN?
- Is the Co-Applicant Research Funding History up to date?
- Is the Research Profile on SESAME linked to ORCID ID?
- Completed required co-applicant fields on application page in SESAME?
- Do Co-Applicants have the correct CV template?

Given the large number of co-Applicants in each Research Centre, it is the responsibility of the Lead-Applicant to ensure that this activity is co-ordinated well in advance of the submission deadline

Funded Investigators



- CV not required
- Summary information entered in the Collaborator section

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Main Body of Proposal



- In Addition to the Keywords, Scientific Abstract, and Lay Abstract sections that are required, 3 programme documents (in pdf format) must be uploaded later as part of the submission process
 - 1. Progress Report
 - 2. Phase 2 Proposal
 - 3. Cost-Share Document
 - Main Body of Proposal

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Ethics and Sex/Gender Dimension



- Each Centre will be asked if there is any ethical aspect to their research. Selecting 'Yes' for research involving human participants will cause more questions to appear.
- Each Centre is asked to consider if there is a sex/gender aspect to their research.
 Selecting 'No' will prompt the applicant to explain why there is no sex/gender dimension to their research.

Ethical Issues

Science Foundation Ireland requires evidence that relevant ethical and regulatory approval has been granted Funded Investigators ig human or animal subjects as well as human cells/tissues prior to research commencing.
Submission of an application to Science Foundation Ireland represents an agreement by the applicant to obtain the relevant approval for any research which requires ethical and/or regulatory approval prior to the commencement of the research.
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O Yes O No

Sex/Gender Dimension in Research

In this section, consider how the sex and/or gender dimension impacts your research. Please consult the Guidance for Applicants on Ethical and Scientific Issues for resources on how to address the sex and/or gender dimension of research in your grant. **D0 NOT** include information on how you have or will address gender equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in your research team/environment; your track record supporting EDI should be addressed in your CV, should you choose to highlight this. <u>Guidance for Applicants on Ethical and Scientific Issues</u>.

To complete this section, please consider the following questions:

1. Is sex as a biological variable taken into account in the research design, methods, analysis and interpretation, and/or dissemination of findings?

2. Is gender as a socio-cultural factor taken into account in the research design, methods, analysis and interpretation, and/or dissemination of findings?

Is there a sex and/or gender dimension to be considered in your research proposal?

⊙ Yes ု No

Please describe how sex and/or gender considerations will be integrated into your research proposal.

(max. 1000 words)

Research Funding



To be completed by Lead and Co-Applicants

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

Research Funding

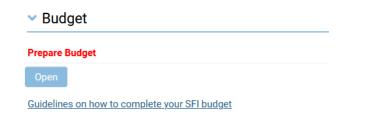
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Submission Process - SESAME

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Submission Process - Budget



Budget History

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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

SESAME – Validation Step



What Lead-Applicant sees

View Proposal Prior to Submission

Full Submission Document:

Open

Declaration

Submission of an application confirms acceptance of and agreement with the SFI Terms and Conditions of Research Grants; that the applicant meets eligibility requirements; that the project is in full agreement with all legal and regulatory matters governing research in Ireland; that no aspect of this project is already being funded from another source and that all details provided are correct.

I Agree

Additional Application Details

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Research Office Information



- Once the Lead Applicant submits their application for Research Office review, the Research Body will receive an email notification to their 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) <u>http://www.sfi.ie/funding/award-management-system/ams-user-guides.html</u>

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 <u>received by SFI</u> on, or before, <u>30th March 2022 at 13:00</u>.
- 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.

Checklist



- Key Documents for upload:
 - Lead Applicant and all co-applicant CVs (PDF)
 - Progress Report (PDF)
 - Phase 2 Proposal (PDF)
 - Cost-share Document (PDF)
- Key messages:
 - Uploads in SESAME must be in Adobe or Microsoft PDF format only
 - Number of pages must not exceed the specifications for any given section
 - Unsolicited appendices or other unsolicited documentation are not permitted
 - Currency to be used is the Euro (€)





Deadline for Abstract	8 th December 2021, 13:00
Deadline for submission	30 th March 2022, 13:00
Postal review of progress report and	Q2-3 2022
proposal	
Applicant response (two week period)	Q2-4 2022
Finalise review schedule	4 weeks in advance of review
Submit presentations to SFI	3 weeks in advance of review
Oversight panel	Q4 2022

If you have a question.....



- Q&A session now
- Consult the Centres Programme Call Document & FAQ
- Contact your Research Office
- Subsequently, email <u>Centres@sfi.ie</u>





- We will take a few minutes to gather questions thank you for your patience
- Please submit your text-based questions via the Zoom chat function
- We will answer as many of these questions as we can today, but any outstanding questions will be resolved in an updated FAQ document that we will post on the Phase 2 Call page.
- We will post a recording of the webinar portion of today's meeting on the Phase 2 Call page



Q&A Session

The Q&A session will start in 10 minutes. Thank you very much for your patience