

EU Joint Transnational Co-funding- ERA-NET on Materials Science & Engineering (M-ERA.NET2)

M-ERA.NET2 2016 Co-Fund Call

As per the M-ERA.NET2 Consortium requirements, it is mandatory that applicants inform SFI of their intention to submit a pre-proposal in advance of the pre-proposal deadline. Therefore, applicants must notify SFI, by **1st June 2016**, if they intend to submit a pre-proposal by submitting:

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

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 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 and one, or more, of the 14 National Research Prioritisation areas. 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 Application 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 M-ERA.NET 2:

As detailed in the Guide for Proposers document for the 2016 co-funded M-ERA.NET II call, the maximum project duration cannot exceed 36 months and no extension of the project duration is possible. As per Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Application and 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 M-ERA.NET II 2016 co-funded call cannot exceed 36 months, 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.

Contact

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

Applicants are directed to the **M-ERA.NET2 website** for further information and guidance on the M-ERA.NET2 2016 co-fund 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 Application Budget Policy:

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

M-ERA.NET2 website:

<http://m-era.net/joint-call-2016>