

'Brittany Scholarships 2018' Grants for research and research related exchanges with Brittany, France

Guidelines

Purpose and Description

The 'Brittany Scholarships 2018' scheme is designed to initiate or strengthen bilateral research collaborations, and allow scientists from South Australia and the region of Brittany, France to meet, discuss and initiate collaborative projects. This program intends to facilitate high quality research collaborations between researchers in South Australia and Brittany in areas of strategic importance. Proposals that include cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional collaboration are encouraged.

Priority Areas

- Defence, cyber-security and advanced manufacturing;
- Smart technologies, sustainability and climate change;
- Primary industries and regional economic development;
- Education, skills, training and research;
- Culture, arts and sport.

Background

South Australia and Brittany (France) signed a sister region agreement in September 2017 aiming to leverage the opportunities arising out of the Future Submarines Program and to explore other areas of shared interest. The South Australian Government will provide funding through the 'Brittany Scholarships' scheme for teams of South Australian researchers to engage strategically with the region of Brittany.

Funding & Duration

The South Australian Government will provide up to \$67,000 to support 1-2 research projects under the Brittany Scholarships scheme. Funding will support travel, accommodation, and project start-up costs. Costs of infrastructure, equipment, and staff salary are not eligible for inclusion.

Funding must be expended by 28 June 2019.

Eligibility Criteria

- South Australian lead applicants must be academic and research only staff holding a University of Adelaide continuing position;
- HDR students can participate in the project as long as they have the support of their supervisors;
- Proposals must be research projects engaging with laboratories, universities and industry in Brittany, with priority given to our existing partners (for information, contact Damien Leclercq damien.leclercq@adelaide.edu.au, Defence and Security Research Theme, University of Adelaide);
- Brittany partners involved in the project must have the support of their institutions.

Application Process & Requirements

Applicants must complete and submit the application form and all supporting documents to rbinternational@adelaide.edu.au by 5:00pm Thursday 5 July.

Proposal Content:

- Project Description. Describe your project, the priority area addressed, the roles and strengths of each collaborator, and the objectives of the collaboration;
- Project Implementation. Outline a plan for implementation of your project and explain how the proposed activities align with the goals of the scheme;
- Outcomes and Impact. Describe the anticipated outputs and outcomes of the project. Include any impacts to Brittany and South Australia as well as relevant global impacts of the proposed work;
- Sustainability. Describe any plans to sustain the project beyond the grant period, including whether the partner(s) are formally engaged with University of Adelaide;
- Budget Justification. Describe how the requested funds will be used to accomplish your goals.

Supporting Documents:

- A summary curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum per applicant)
- Letter(s) of support from partner's institution in Brittany
- Letter(s) of support from HDR students' supervisors if applicable
- A completed RFR eForm on [Research Master](#) (to be approved by your Head of School by the application due date of Thursday 5 July). When prompted to select fund scheme use Fund Scheme code FND000500.

Selection Criteria

Applications that meet the stated eligibility requirements will be assessed by a selection committee to be nominated by the DVC (Research). The Selection Criteria will be:

- Project Description: seeks to address research and innovation priority areas of both South Australia and Brittany (Defence, cyber security and advanced manufacturing will be most highly rated), brings together complementary expertise from both regions, including commitment from appropriately qualified researchers (25%)
- Project Implementation: has a clear research plan and explains how the project activities align with the goals (20%)
- Outcomes & Impact: extent of clear and measurable objectives and focus on the achievement of concrete outcomes and results, translation and commercialisation measures and external funding (25%)
- Sustainability: extent of plan for sustaining the collaboration beyond the grant period, including whether the partner(s) are already formally engaged with the University of Adelaide (20%)
- Budget Justification: has a clearly articulated and justified budget (10%)

Award Conditions

- Awards are made on the condition that they are used solely for the purpose stated in the application;
- Grants must be utilised by 28 June 2019;
- Formal participation in the announcement of the successful projects as determined by the South Australian Government;
- Funded researchers are required to submit a report no later than one month after the end of the grant period (template to be provided).

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