Met Éireann's Weather and Climate Research Programme

Call for Proposals

FAQs

December 2024

1   Overheads

Indirect costs are an eligible expense at a max. rate of 30%. The maximum budget amount per call topic is inclusive of overhead.

2   Salary scales

Met Éireann does not prescribe the use of any salary scale. The IUA researcher salary guidelines can be used as guidance.

3   Organisational approval

It is possible to revert an application to the applicant to make changes once the applicant deadline has passed (Fri. 10th Jan. 2025 at 5pm). The deadline for organisational approval is Fri. 17th Jan. 2025 at 5pm.

To request to be an approver for your organisation (e.g. staff from a research office), please 1) register with smartsimple.ie and 2) contact researchfunding@met.ie before Fri. 10th Jan. 2025 at 5pm. It is possible to request more than one approver per organisation.

4   Partners & Collaborators

Partners are directly involved in the delivery of the Project. Partners can be from a different Irish Higher Education Institution (HEI) than that of the lead Applicant and receive funding. Collaborators are supporting the delivery of the Project and can be from outside of Ireland ("International Collaborator"). Only certain cost categories are eligible for Collaborators (see "Funding eligibility" below).

CVs for the Applicant and for each Partner and Collaborator must be submitted with the proposal and must demonstrate the ability of each to carry out their responsibilities within the Project.

The extent of the collaboration with Met Éireann can be described in general terms. For example, existing and potential future links with certain sections of the national meteorological service can be mentioned.

5   Funding eligibility

Applications for funding will only be considered where the Lead Applicant's organisation is an Irish HEI. The categories of expenditure considered eligible for funding are listed for Lead Applicant, Partners and Collaborators below. Categories of expenditure considered eligible for funding are limited for National & International Collaborators: while salary costs (limited to staff members recruited on fixed term contracts specifically and exclusively for the purpose of performing relevant *supporting* tasks), travel and subsistence and consumables are deemed to be eligible cost categories, all other costs and cost categories including equipment, training, stipends, student fees, pension, external assistance, and social costs (including but not limited to maternity, paternity, parent and adoptive leave) are not considered eligible for funding for National and International Collaborators.

The eligibility of cost categories for each organisation category are summarised in the following table:

Cost Category	Lead Applicant and Partners	National & International Collaborators
Staff Costs	Eligible	Restricted (see above)
Travel and Subsistence	Eligible	Eligible
Consumables	Eligible	Eligible
Other Direct costs, incl. training	Eligible	Not eligible
Overheads	Eligible	Not eligible
Equipment	Eligible	Not eligible
External Assistance	Eligible	Not eligible
Communication Costs	Eligible	Not eligible

6   Submission process

Please use the https://meteireann.smartsimple.ie/ platform and upload your own PDF in the description section. No template is prescribed, please use the sections described in the terms and conditions as guidance.

No Letters of Support are required but can be included in an application where appropriate.

Submission sections:

- Application Title

- Application Acronym

- Application Duration

- Total financial support requested (in EUR)

- Keywords

- Abstract

- Relevance to call / leverage of existing national resources

- Team and Effort

- Expected Outputs

- Expected Impact / Knowledge Transfer

- Deliverables

- Milestones

- Budget

- Budget Description (as described as "Budget Justification" in the call's Terms and Conditions)

- Application Description > max. 20-page PDF (as described as "Project Description" in the call's Terms and Conditions and including a "Communication and dissemination plan" as described in section 6.8 of the call's Terms and Conditions)

  Sections above "Application Description" here can be recalled into the Application Description/Project Description PDF.

- Declaration

- Declarations Comments

- CV(s)

- Letter(s) of Support

- Other

7   VAT (Value Added Tax)

Where an organisation is registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and is able to reclaim any VAT they incur on their costs then all expenditure items included in their application for funding and subsequent claims for reimbursement should be shown at the VAT exclusive amount. Where an organisation is not entitled to reclaim VAT the amounts included in their application for funding and subsequent claims for reimbursement should be the VAT inclusive amount.

8   Budget

The number of proposals funded will be dependent on the quality of and the amount of funding requested by each application. The funding requested by an applicant may be tailored to suit one or more sub-sections of each Topic and/or Sub-topics. See Topics, Sub-topics, sub-sections and their relative max. budget and max. duration below.

Topic	Max. Budget (k€)	Max. Projects' duration (years)
1. TRANSLATE Programme		
Sub-topic 1.1 - Underpinning Data:		
• Update Climate Projections • Annual to decadal dataset • Climate indicators	600	4
Sub-topic 1.2 - Understanding risk of climate extremes		
• Ireland's changing risk to extreme events • Compound events • Event based climate storylines	600	4
Sub-topic 1.3 - Climate Services		
• Multi-sectoral • Multi-hazard • Systems	300	2
2. Multi-hazard flood forecasting	400	2

Topic	Max. Budget (k€)	Max. Projects' duration (years)
3. Weather radar (Dual-Pol) applications		
Sub-topic 3.1: Impact of Wind turbines	600	3
Sub-topic 3.2: Hail Monitoring & Alerting		

9 Evaluation

The evaluation criteria can be found below:

• Quality of Scientific/Engineering Project described (40%);

• Impact (25%);

• Quality of the proposed team including Applicant and Collaborators (25%);

• Implementation, management plan and value for money (10%).

No interviews are expected during the evaluation process. The Applicant, Partner(s) and Collaborator(s) are expected to provide sufficient evidence (e.g. in their CV) to demonstrate their suitability to deliver the proposed Project.