

# Post-Doctoral Fellowships Call 2019

## Clarifications

*Q. Does the Lead Applicant need specific qualifications and experience?*

A. The Lead Applicant/Research Supervisor must be an employee of the Higher Education Institute (HEI) or Public Research Body (PRB), ideally with a permanent contract or, if not, a contract that covers the fellowship duration plus one year. There are no specified requirements in terms of qualification or experience for the Research Supervisor, but we would refer applicants to the evaluation criteria (particularly criteria 5) in the *Guidelines for Applicants*.

*Q. Can the Lead Applicant and the Fellow be the same person?*

A. No. Fellows cannot submit applications directly. The Research Supervisor applies, and if successful, the Fellow is appointed in accordance with the normal recruitment and selection policies of the host organisation (HEI or PRB).

*Q. Can there be a Co-Applicant from the same organisation?*

A. Yes, however we will only correspond with the Lead Applicant/Research Supervisor who signs the Declaration Form at application stage and the Grant-Aid Agreement on award.

*Q. If the Research Supervisor moves during the period of the fellowship, does the award move also?*

A. No. If the Research Supervisor leaves the organisation, then the host organisation can propose a replacement to supervise the Fellow. Awards cannot be transferred to another organisation.

Q. *What happens if it is an internal move for the Research Supervisor to another Department or Division?*

A. If the Research Supervisor moves within their own organisation, then this should not impact the award, as the Grant-Aid Agreement is with the organisation.

Q. *Why are partnerships between organisations not permitted?*

A. This relates to the employment and supervision of the Fellow. The application is made by one organisation, and if successful this organisation as Grantee is party to the Grant-Aid Agreement with the Marine Institute. The Fellow is recruited and appointed as a full-time Post-Doctoral Researcher by the Grantee for the duration awarded (three to five years). Other participants may be funded under the Subcontracting/External Assistance cost category (20% max) subject to normal public procurement regulations.

Q. *Can other partners collaborate unfunded, providing their own in-kind contribution?*

A. Yes, these partners can be mentioned in the application form. However, they will not show on RIMS the Marine Institute's online grant management system.

Q. *Can the Marine Institute apply?*

A. Yes. There is a strict division of duties within the Marine Institute between the Research Funding Office and Research Performers. Applications are recommended for funding based on the rankings following evaluation by a panel of national and international experts based on the criteria published in the *Guidelines for Applicants*.

Q. *Can any equipment purchases be eligible?*

A. Possibly, small apparatus or kit that is regarded as a consumable item (including computer equipment). Capital equipment is not eligible – please refer to Appendix 2 Cost Categories (Consumables) in the *Guidelines for Applicants*.

Q. *If successful, when is the Fellow expected to commence?*

A. The Fellow must commence within six months of the date the Grant-Aid Agreement is signed. We expect all Grant-Aid Agreements to be signed end of November/early December 2019 with Fellows commencing in early 2020.

Q. *What assistance and help is available?*

A. The Marine Institute's Research Funding Office can provide clarifications on the rules and help with any other queries. Please send your requests by email to [funding@marine.ie](mailto:funding@marine.ie). Please title the email subject as "Post-Doc Call 2019".

Applications must be submitted via the Marine Institute's online grant management system (RIMS):

<https://marine.smartsimple.ie/>

Email [rims.support@marine.ie](mailto:rims.support@marine.ie) to register on RIMS.

**The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (16:00).**