

SUMMARY

The 3rd Research Newsletter of 2017 has the latest information on funding calls (including a collaborative funding call for research projects with China), and reminders about upcoming events and deadlines. On the news front, there are details of a new PhD dissertation award for graduates, established by the French Embassy and the Centre for Franco-Irish Studies, and twitter seems to be the way to go to communicate your research results to wider audiences.

Advance notice and details of a conference for those interested in research in seafood sector is also provided – with focus on new technologies, processing & packaging, consumer attitudes and market drivers, health and wellness attitudes ... This will be held in the Aviva Stadium in October.

REMINDERS

“The Challenges of Postgraduate Research Supervision”

Wednesday March 29th

12.00 – 13.00

Room 225

Guest Speaker: Prof. Mary McNamara, GRSC, PhD, FRSC, Head of the Graduate Research School, DIT

IT Tallaght PRESIDENTS RESEARCH AWARD SCHEME 2017

Submission deadline: **Friday April 7th 2017 at 16:00 hours**

Late and/or unsigned submissions cannot be considered

To avoid any disappointments can you please ...

1. Read the Guide for Applicants AND TERMS & CONDITIONS document first
 2. Read the Standard Operating Procedures with regard to applying for research funding in the attached SOP DR018
 3. Complete and get sign off on the printed RFA1 Form, and save the signed RFA1 form to pdf
 4. Complete the PRA application form, sign, save form and any supporting information to pdf
 5. Email the pdf forms in steps 3 and 4 above to Jennifer.somers@it-tallaght.ie (using President's Research Scholarship Form 2017 in the email subject line)
 6. Drop the printed signed forms and attachments to Jenny Somers in the Research Office in the CASH Building before the deadline.
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External Funding Calls:

- Science Foundation Ireland – includes collaborative call with China
- EU Joint Calls
- Ireland-Canada University Foundation – advance notice
- Irish Research Council

1. Science Foundation Ireland

<http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/open-calls/>

SFI President of Ireland future research leaders programme

OLD CALL STILL OPEN

This aims to attract emerging research leaders in scientific and engineering domains, who have academic or industry backgrounds with research excellence with the aim to address current gaps in leadership, methodologies and skill sets. Funding is worth up to €1 million for up to five years, plus €250,000 towards start-up costs.

Maximum award: €1,250,000

Closing date: **05 May 17 (recurring)**

SFI/NSFC international partnership programme

NEW CALL

This supports collaborative research projects between researchers in the People's Republic of China and Republic of Ireland that are of relevance to both countries. Grants are worth between €500,000 and €1 million each for projects up to four years.

Maximum award: €1,000,000

Closing date: 19 May 17

Research should address one of the following thematic areas:

- data analytics, management, security and privacy;
- digital platforms, content and applications;
- smart grids and smart cities;
- future networks and communications;
- energy and environmental sustainability;
- manufacturing competitiveness;
- future agri-food;
- novel functional materials & devices.

Proposals must include two applicants, one based in an SFI eligible research body and one based in an NSFC eligible research body. The applicant from the Republic of Ireland must have held a PhD for at least five years and must be a member of the academic staff, be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant or be an individual who will be recognised by the research body upon receipt of the grant. The applicant based in the Republic of Ireland must either hold, or have held, a SFI research award or have demonstrated research independence through securing at least one independent research grant.

Still waiting on ...

The SFI Starting Investigator Research Grant (SIRG) programme aims to support excellent postdoctoral researchers who wish to take steps towards a fully independent research career. SIRG calls have run every second year since 2009 and it is envisaged that the next SIRG call will launch in 2017 (subject to available budget).

2. Enterprise Ireland

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/Researcher/Funding-to-Commercialise-Research/Commercialisation-Fund.html>

Commercialisation fund for third-level researchers

NEW CALL

This scheme supports the development of innovations at all stages of the commercial pipeline to the point where the innovations can be commercialised as new products, services and companies. Proposals with costs typically ranging from €80,000 to €350,000 are accepted. Proposals with costs outside this range are considered on a case by case basis.

Maximum award: Not known

Closing date: 07 Jul 17

Award type Technology innovation/development; Directed grants for individual investigators; Directed grants to institutions, research groups etc; Innovation grants; Academic-Industry links

3. Cordis European Joint Calls

Joint call on applied geoscience

GeoERA ERA-Net, EU

COMING SOON

The next call is expected to open on 4 April 2017 and project proposals are expected to be due on 12 January 2018. The following information is subject to change. This call supports transnational research projects on subsurface energy, water and raw material resources to support their sustainable use. The total budget is worth €30.3 million.

Maximum award: Not known

Closing date: 12 Jan 18

Joint cofund call

ERA-Net OCEANERA-NET, EU

NEW CALL

This supports collaborative research and development projects in the ocean energy sector, specifically on wave energy, tidal energy, tidal and ocean currents, salinity gradient and ocean thermal energy conversion. The overall budget for this call is approximately €17 million. Projects may last between 12 and 36 months.

Maximum award: Not known

Closing date: 26 May 17

http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/207018_en.html

4. Flaherty research scholarships

Ireland-Canada University Foundation

COMING SOON

This opportunity will be available soon. The following information is subject to change. These scholarships support educational exchange and partnership between Canada and Ireland in the form of research visits for applicants in all academic disciplines. For Canadian scholars, travel expenses of up to CAD 1,200 are covered plus a weekly stipend of CAD 1,400 for accommodation and living expenses. For Irish scholars travel expenses of up to €800 are covered plus a weekly stipend of €1,000 for accommodation and living expenses.

Maximum award: Not known

Closing date: Not known

The **Irish Research Council** is currently finalising details and Terms and Conditions for the 2017 Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postgraduate and Post-Doc Calls.

<http://www.research.ie/funding-opportunities>

They propose to open the call in Mid-March which is earlier than the launch of the 2016 Call. For your information the indicative timelines are as follows:

- Call still not announced
- **Call Deadline – Early/Mid June**
- Panel Meeting - Early September
- Contracts Issued – Mid September
- Award Starts – January 2018

NEWS FROM RESEARCHERS AT IT TALLAGHT



ITT Postgraduate Researcher took part in The Royal Society of Chemistry Twitter Poster Conference on March 20th, which was held entirely over Twitter to bring members of the scientific research community together to share their research, network and engage in scientific debate. There were over 1000 presenters who shared their work across twitter over a 24 hour period. One of those was Gemma Newman PhD student (supervised by Drs. M Deasy / A Fleming, and with input from Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, NUIM and Prof. Vicki McKee, DCU)

<http://blogs.rsc.org/rscpublishing/2016/12/21/rsc-twitter-poster-conference-2017/>

A special award to recognise and encourage original, high-quality research by doctoral candidates in the area of Franco-Irish studies or French studies

Established by the Embassy of France in Ireland, in collaboration with the Association for Franco-Irish Studies (AFIS) based here at IT Tallaght under the leadership of Drs. B Murphy / E Maher



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Ambassade de France en Irlande



PhD DISSERTATION AWARD FOR FRANCO-IRISH STUDIES

A proposed dissertation must have been successfully defended between January 2012 up to December 2016. The dissertation submitted should be the final version.

Applications are invited from any higher education institution located on the island of Ireland. All disciplines are eligible: literature, history, sociology, business, cultural theory, provided that the Franco-Irish or French angle is foregrounded.

The main criteria will be the promotion of Franco-Irish collaboration in all academic disciplines.

The award will be presented at the AFIS conference dinner (20 May 2017).

Prize from the Embassy of France in addition to the payment of travel and subsistence expenses associated with attending the AFIS dinner.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017

To apply:

www.ambafrance-ie.org/PhD-DISSERTATION-AWARD-FOR-FRANCO-IRISH-STUDIES

For further information: science@ambafrance-ie.org

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Note: the latest NCFIS newsletter is available at

<http://www.it-tallaght.ie/ncfis>

They are hosting the 12th annual AFIS conference on 19-20 May, 2017

“Patrimoine/Cultural Heritage in France and/or Ireland”

Venue: Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

Conference Notice Received ...



47th Conference of the West European Fish Technologists' Association
9-12 October 2017 | Aviva Stadium, Dublin, Ireland

The 47th conference of the West European Fish Technologists' Association (WEFTA) takes place in Dublin in October.

www.wefta2017.org

The theme for this year's conference is "Innovative Technologies for Healthy and Sustainable Seafood production" with international experts across every field of seafood R&D providing in-depth insights across fish, shellfish, seaweed and marine ingredients technologies.

WEFTA has developed as the leading platform for seafood R&D experts to discuss hot topics and major breakthroughs with a combination of keynote lectures and opportunities for active discussion and networking with SME's from the Seafood sector.

Abstract Submissions open

The themes of the 47th WEFTA are as follows:

- Environmentally sustainable aquaculture and fisheries technologies
- Innovative and sustainable processing and packaging technologies
- Research into consumer attitudes and market drivers for seafood
- Emerging health and wellness attributes of seafood products

Please note that the abstract submission deadline is **1st June**.
