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SEFS New Connections Grant Award

The SEFS '**New Connections**' Grant Award Scheme is designed to support researchers at all career stages to expand and promote their research interests and enhance research output. New, collaborative ventures are especially welcome.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE PRIORITISED FROM THOSE RESEARCHERS WHO DO NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT FUNDS SUCH AS RESEARCH INCOME, ACCESS TO OVERHEADS ETC

Individual grants will be up to €5,000.

We particularly welcome applications under the listed areas below, but all submissions will be considered. We also welcome calls that have match funding identified.

Please submit your application form to sefsresearch@ucc.ie by Feb 18th 2022, using 'SEFSNCGA' as the subject line in your email.

Grant Initiative:

1. **New Collaboration:** For example, two PIs with no collaborative history, request €4,000 to cover the purchase of consumables and a stipend for a summer student, with a view towards an IRC Postgraduate Scholarship (PhD) or similar application.
2. **Re-invigoration:** For example, PI-1, who does not currently supervise a PhD student, teams up with PI-2, who has a large research group and is prominent in a Research Centre. PI-1 requests €5,000 funding to initiate some early proof of principle studies together with PI-2, with a view towards integrating into the Research Centre and developing future funding.
3. **Conference attendance:** For example, a PI with no access to external funding, requests €2,000 to travel to the leading conference in their research area, with a view towards assessing the state-of-the-art, networking and submitting a cutting edge perspective review article.
4. **Summer projects for undergraduates:** For example, a PI who does not currently supervise a PhD student, wishes to expose their 3rd year students to their research interests through a summer placement, and requests €3,000 for a summer stipend and consumables.
5. **Cross-disciplinary:** For example, two PIs with no previous collaborative history, request €4,000 to purchase key consumables develop proof-of-principle results across disciplines.
6. **Equipment repair or purchase:** A PI, with limited access to overheads, requests €5,000 funding to repair a piece of equipment putting it back into operation.
7. **Critical Access to Infrastructure:** For example, a PI requests €4,000 for remote access to a supercomputer in Germany to rapidly access proof-of-principle results for a grant submission.
8. **Seed funding:** Applications which will seed further and larger scale research development are encouraged.
9. **OTHER:** All applications will be considered.

Please provide information in the text boxes below to support your application.

SEFS New Connections Grant Award Application:

Main Applicant Name & Position			
School/Department within SEFS			
Applicant details	Office:	Staff No:	Email:
Grant Initiative (1-9)			
Approximate € total of recent grants awards (last 5 years)	Funder:	Amount:	Date ended/ending:
Collaborator(s) (If appropriate) Name: School/Department:			
Summary of Previous collaboration history with Collaborator (If appropriate) (50 words MAX)			
Rationale for new collaboration (If appropriate) (300 words MAX)			
Funding amount Requested €			
Justification of funding request (300 words MAX)			
Describe current barriers to your research, and how this award will stimulate your research and create IMPACT (300 words MAX)			
Proposed follow-on actions and funding plan (200 words MAX)			
If successful, do you agree to report back (unprompted) to the SEFS R&I Committee within 12 months? (Y/N)			