



Researcher Mobility Grant FAQs 2017

I was not successful in my last application, can I apply again?

Unsuccessful applicants must wait one round before they can apply again. For example, if you applied in round 2 in 2016, you will *not* be eligible to apply in round 1 in 2017, but may apply again from round 2 in 2017 onwards.

Do I have to be a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry to apply?

Applicants must either be members or have applied for membership. You will either be asked for your membership or membership application number. Your membership application must be successful for you to receive a grant. If you have any questions about this, please contact us at: funding@rsc.org.

When will I find out if I have been successful?

Applicants will be informed of the outcomes of their applications soon after the meeting of the Researcher Mobility Grant Working Group in July.

How much money can I ask for subsistence?

This amount varies according to location and timescale, for example if you are staying for a 3 month placement you may be expected to source university accommodation or a short term let. However, if you are visiting for a week then a hotel or equivalent may be suitable. The judges will consider whether your expenses are reasonable and may ask you to revise your costings.

I'm not sure my PhD or degree qualifies as Chemical Sciences, how do I know if I am eligible to apply?

Each application is assessed on a case by case basis. However, the requirements to become a full member of the Royal Society of Chemistry have the following guidelines:

- In general, full membership requires you to have at least 50% chemical science or 33% chemistry in your undergraduate degree, however if this is not the case your PhD can be taken into account. Full requirements can be found on the [membership website](#).

Applicants will also need to be studying for, or have, a PhD in the chemical sciences.

I finished my PhD just over 10 years ago, can I still apply?

You will need to have completed your PhD within 10 years of the application closing date in order to apply (barring mitigating circumstances, such as career breaks). Please note that you will need to clearly describe these circumstances in your application.

Can I ask for help with my visa application?

Legally we are not permitted to provide specific visa help for applications. We encourage applicants to discuss requirements with the host institution *before* application in order to ascertain what will need to be done. We are able to provide letters stating we are providing funding but it is likely this will be insufficient and more information may need to be requested from the host. For more information please see the relevant government website.

Can I ask for consumables costs?

Applicants may request help with bench fees – if this does not include consumables then alternative funding will need to be sought as it cannot be requested as part of the RMGs.

I'm not sure on my exact date of travel. What should I do?

If you are unsure what dates you will be travelling, please give an approximation. If you are successful we will ask you confirm your dates of travel. We would expect that dates would not deviate from this approximation too drastically.

My date of travel has changed after I have applied. What should I do?

Please let us know as soon as possible if your date of travel has changed.

I'm not sure which round to apply for.

If you are aiming to travel before the final notification date, you are welcome to apply and money will be paid in lieu if you are successful. This is at your own risk and will have no bearing on your application status or when the money will be available.

Can I apply for more than one grant with different host organisations?

We will only accept one application per person.

I will no longer be employed when I intend to travel, is that okay?

Applicants will need to be in full time employment or engaged in study for the duration of their visit. Applications will not be accepted if the candidate will no longer be affiliated to an organisation.

I'm proposing to travel to/from a company. Is that okay?

We're actively encouraging applications to/from industry, including small and medium sized companies. If you have any specific questions, please contact us at: funding@rsc.org.

Can I change the project or transfer the grant to a different organisation?

We will only consider any change to the project if there are fundamental reasons as to why the original proposal is no longer feasible. Changes to the project will need to be reviewed.

Do I have to travel to/from the UK?

Yes. There must be an element of the UK in your travel (either your host or home institution). The Republic of Ireland is treated in the same manner as the UK, so applicants from Irish organisations are not limited to travelling to the UK.

What are the assessment criteria?

Applications are assessed according to three main categories:

- The candidate – evidence the project is timely for the candidate and will benefit their career
- The proposal – scientific quality and feasibility of the proposal, as well as evidence it will support the candidate
- Overall – evidence that the trip will be facilitated by the grant and that it would otherwise be difficult to do. Consideration of some of the general criteria listed in the T&Cs.

If you have any queries not covered by these FAQs, please contact funding@rsc.org.