



Scottish Crucible 2017

Guidance Notes

The Application Call for Scottish Crucible 2017 is open from **Monday 28 November 2016** until **5pm Tuesday 31 January 2017**. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Scottish Crucible

Scottish Crucible is a programme for early career researchers that aims to provide participants with the time and space to see the bigger picture. Scottish Crucible will encourage researchers to:

- Put their roles into a wider societal context – by understanding the importance of engaging with the public and the media, and thinking about the social and technical challenges facing society
- Share perspectives and build relationships which may lead to interdisciplinary collaborations now or in the future
- Think creatively and understand the skills and attitudes likely to make research more innovative

What's in it for you?

The award will:

- Enhance your ability to think creatively and innovatively in your work
- Increase your understanding of how science interacts with society and how this may impact on your work, as well as getting the opportunity to discuss these issues with those in influential positions in the science policy community
- Enable you to widen your networks and build collaborations across science, technology, engineering, medicine and the social sciences

Who you are

You are an early career researcher **working in Scotland** in science, technology, engineering, medicine, arts, design, languages, humanities, business, or social and political science. You might be a senior post-doctoral researcher, a recently appointed lecturer or a researcher working in a research institute or a SME.

You need to be able to commit to attending all three Labs (including evening events).

How does Scottish Crucible work?

Scottish Crucible is a series of three residential meetings (Labs), held over three months, each lasting two days. Each Lab will include a range of respected speakers, facilitated break out groups, seminars and skills sessions.

Venues and dates for 2017 Scottish Crucible Labs:

- 27 & 28 April 2017 – The University of Edinburgh, Royal Society of Edinburgh & Scottish Parliament
- 1 & 2 June 2017 – University of Stirling
- 6 & 7 July 2017 – University of the West of Scotland

Once awarded a place on Scottish Crucible, all residential costs will be covered, including accommodation and catering; plus costs for all sessions and travel costs to and from your home in Scotland to the location of each Crucible Lab (up to a value of £100.00 per return journey).

Successful candidates must commit to attend and participate fully in all three residential Labs that make up Scottish Crucible.

Crucible Criteria

- Evidence of a high level of achievement and an ongoing commitment to a career as a research leader within academia or industry.
- Evidence of your research independence (capacity to initiate, lead and develop research projects).
- Evidence of interests beyond your research. This might include public engagement with science activities, involvement with a professional society or other special interest group, or an interest in science and society issues and/or science policy
- Evidence of your ability to embrace new and challenging thinking

Eligibility

You should:

- Have at least three years postdoctoral experience or equivalent industrial experience
- Be working in Scotland

How to Apply

- Register for an account and create a personal profile on the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) website at <https://online.royalsoced.org.uk>
- Through the RSE portal apply to Scottish Crucible, to access the application form and equal opportunities monitoring forms
- Complete the Application form and the Equal Opportunities Monitoring form
- Prepare a copy of your CV including a key publications list (publications list should be no longer than 3 sides)
- Send your completed Application form, Equal Opportunities Monitoring form and CV by email to resfells@theRSE.org.uk

Please note:

- The RSE cannot accept zip files
- Please ensure that you submit your CV with your application - **an application submitted without a CV will not be considered**
- Please do NOT include any other additional material as it will make your application ineligible
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Timescales, assessment and decision making

The RSE Awards Office will acknowledge receipt of all applications within 72 hours. Your application will then go through an assessment process involving a selection panel including Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. We will inform applicants of the outcomes of the decision-making process in early March 2017.