

PRIMaRE Short Research Visits (SRVs): Call for Applications

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Background

The Partnership for Research in Marine Renewable Energy (PRIMaRE) is a consortium of world-class research institutions based in the west, south, and south west of the UK. PRIMaRE brings together a Network of Excellence of Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) experts across academia, research and industry who undertake research and development to address challenges facing the MRE sector at the regional, national and international level.

In July 2017, PRIMaRE received a network grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) to enhance its work through events, workshops and a summer school for those seeking to expand their knowledge in the MRE sector. As part of the network grant, funding for short research visits is available.

PRIMaRE is pleased to invite proposals for Short Research Visits (SRVs). This note gives the context of the call and sets out the information the applicant should provide in the proposal.

PRIMaRE Funding Opportunities: Short Research Visits (SRVs)

Up to £10k is available, per year, to sponsor travel and subsistence costs for researchers from PRIMaRE partner institutions ([PRIMaRE Partners](#) and [Associate Partners](#)) to visit other researchers or for another researcher/industry collaborator to visit them. Particularly SRVs are aimed for projects that cross discipline boundaries. The SRVs objectives are:

- i. to facilitate access to infrastructure to UK researchers and industry by removing financial and accessibility barriers;
- ii. to develop new research ideas and foster collaboration;
- iii. to maximize the impact of EPSRC's investments by increasing the knowledge transfer and facilitating access to facilities within the UK; and
- iv. to encourage the development of new collaborations with industry.

Areas of research

The overall aim of PRIMaRE is to foster a multi-institutional world-class research cluster in all aspects of marine renewable energy by covering the following research areas:

- Materials, Manufacture & Structural Design
- Fluid Dynamics & Hydrodynamics
- Survivability & Reliability
- Environmental Resources
- Impacts on Environment & Ecosystems
- Power Conversion & Control

- Infrastructure & Grid Connection
- Marine Operations & Maritime Safety
- Marine Planning & Governance

In particular for this call, proposals are sought that complement ongoing research in priority areas identified by PRIMaRE. A copy of the PRIMaRE research priorities document can be downloaded here: (https://www.primare.org/res/user/118_primare-research-priorities.pdf)

Eligibility

The call is open to any UK-based academics (PhD, PDRA, or PI) or industrial researchers of any PRIMaRE partner institution, working on MRE research (wave, tidal and offshore wind), to visit other research group in the UK. Only one application is allowed per call, either as lead or secondary applicant.

- Visits to industrial researchers working at MRE companies are allowed.
- A third applicant from industry may join the lead applicant during the visit, however, the costs incurred by the industry applicant are not eligible.
- Early Career Researchers (ECRs) are encouraged to apply.
- The lead applicant's institution must be an UK-based PRIMaRE partner or associated partner (see the updated list here <https://www.primare.org/the-partners/>).

Eligible Costs

A number of SRVs, at an average of £700 per visit, will be funded. Typically, this would be travel, subsistence and accommodation for 1 person for 1 week. We encourage applicants to seek matching funding from either the host and/or its own institution to extend the visit. Staff time and core institutional full economic costs are not eligible.

Other Conditions

- Awarded SRVs will be paid after completion of the visit, for this the lead partner will submit copies of the travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses by the agreed deadline.
- The Lead applicant is expected to produce a half-page SRV report for the PRIMaRE Website after the visit.
- Awarded applications are expected to be completed and deliver the final report within 10 months from the notification of the award.
- It is expected that a funded SRV would set the basis for future collaborative outcomes, such as: joint research projects, journal publications, further longer visits, etc. and that these will be reported to PRIMaRE.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated considering the following criteria:

- Research excellence, originality and potential contribution to knowledge.
- Contribution of individuals, institutions and centres.
- Outputs and dissemination, including plans to publish in international journals or conferences.
- Potential of future applications and plans to bid for significant funding.
- Involvement and support of early career researchers.
- Value for money.

Proposal Format

A proposal should contain the following items:

1. PRIMaRE Funding Application Form: Short Research Visits
Please complete in full the funding application form, which can be downloaded from (https://www.primare.org/res/user/201_primare-srv-grant-application-form-may-2018.pdf).
2. A two-page CV for each proposed applicant
3. A letter of support for SRV from the host applicant.
You must include a short letter from the host applicant, or each one of the hosts if more than one, confirming the proposed SRV and stating what they will contribute in terms of time, facilities and expenses.

Submissions

Applications will be considered every 6 months, according to the following schedule:

- 29 June 2018
- 28 September 2018
- 29 March 2019
- 30 September 2019
- 31 March 2020

Successful proposals will be announced within 4 weeks of the deadline.

Applications should be submitted as a **single pdf file** by **12 noon** on the day of the deadline to:

funding@primare.org

Enquiries

Questions or enquiries about this Call for Proposals should only be made by email to:

funding@primare.org

A list of FAQs will be posted in the PRIMaRE website at:

<http://www.primare.org>