

PRIMaRE ECR-Travel Grant (ECR-TG): 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 travel grants for early career researchers to attend the PRIMaRE and other MRE conferences and/or workshops is available.

PRIMaRE is pleased to invite proposals for ECR Travel Grants. This note gives the context of the call and sets out the information the applicant should provide in the proposal.

PRIMaRE Funding Opportunities: ECR-Travel Grant (ECR-TG)

Up to £3k is available, per year, to sponsor travel and subsistence costs for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) from PRIMaRE partner institutions to attend the PRIMaRE and other MRE conferences and/or workshops. The ECR-TG objectives is to contribute to reduce the barrier for early career researchers to access national conferences and workshops.

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 ECR (PhD, PDRA or recently appointed lecturer) of any PRIMaRE partner institution, working on MRE research (wave, tidal and offshore wind), to attend academic conferences and symposia or to attend advanced training courses or workshops in MRE disciplines. Only one application is allowed per call, either as lead or secondary applicant.

- The applicant's institution must be an UK-based PRIMaRE partner or associated partner (see the updated list here <https://www.primare.org/the-partners/>).
- The date of the event should be at least one month after the deadline date.
- The application must be supported in writing by the applicant's supervisor or, in the case of an academic, the Head of School (or head of the respective budgetary unit).

Eligible Costs

Although PRIMaRE does not impose a limit on the funding requested per application, a typical successful application would be for travel and accommodation within the UK for 1 person for 1-3 days. Staff time and core institutional full economic costing are not eligible.

Other Conditions

- Awarded ECR-TGs will be paid after completion of the visit, for this the applicant will submit copies of the travel and accommodation expenses by the agreed deadline.
- The applicant is expected to produce a half-page ECR-TG report for the PRIMaRE Website after the visit.
- Awarded applications are expected to be completed and deliver the final report within 1 month on return from the event.
- It is expected that the applicant will acknowledge PRIMaRE during the conference and on the conference paper, presentation or poster (in case of attending a conference or symposium), and that this will be reported to PRIMaRE.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated considering the following criteria:

- Research excellence, originality and potential contribution to knowledge.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have an oral presentation accepted at a conference; a place awarded on a key course/workshop; or those who have not previously been awarded a PRIMaRE ECR-TG.
- Relevance to PRIMaRE objectives and research priorities.
- Outputs and dissemination, including plans to publish in international journals or conferences.
- Value for money.

Proposal Format

A proposal should contain the following items:

1. PRIMaRE Funding Application Form: ECR Travel Grant
Please complete in full the [funding application form](http://www.primare.org/funding/), which can be downloaded from the PRIMaRE website (<http://www.primare.org/funding/>).
2. A letter of support for ECR-TG from the applicant's supervisor or, in the case of an academic, the Head of School (or head of the respective budgetary unit).

Submissions

This ECR-TG call is open until 1st June 2020: Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated on a rolling basis by the PRIMaRE Steering Committee. Typically, the Committee meet every 4-6 weeks, and successful proposals will be announced following these meetings.

Applications should be submitted as a **single pdf file** 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>