**SINAPSE Early Career Researcher Exchange Fund 2024**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the funding is to provide research training and development opportunities for doctoral students and Early Career Researchers working within SINAPSE, while at the same time building experience of international collaboration with academia and/or industry.

**Conditions of Award**

The funding must be used to support doctoral students or Early Career Researcher exchanges around the world. Each exchange must be for a **minimum period of at least two weeks.**

SINAPSE will select the awardees in an open competition from within the SINAPSE Network. Exchanges may build on existing or establish new collaborations.

Criteria for selection will include:

1. Likely benefits to the research of the applicant (new skills, techniques likely to be acquired) as result of the exchange
2. Likely benefits to the longer-term career of the applicant as result of the exchange
3. Evidence of wider benefits to the Network as a result of the exchange
4. Prospects of sustained collaboration as a result of the exchange
5. Level of external contributions to the exchange

We have a fund of up to **£15,000** and are looking to maximise the opportunity this presents to distribute the funds and create impact. We are mindful of the different circumstances of our researchers and encourage everyone to consider their needs in planning the project and any funding requirements we can support (e.g. childcare, working hours). Most of our exchanges in the past have been to universities but work with companies is particularly encouraged. We are also keen to see additional funding being leveraged, two-way exchanges, and are open to bringing overseas ECRs and PhDs to the UK.

**The funding must not be used for attendance at conferences, training seminars and the like.**

Eligible costs are restricted to economy travel (flights and other transport to and from the host organization) and subsistence at the rate allowed by your institution (e.g. £60 day subsistence, £160 night hotel). The costs of the research are not eligible.

A two-page report will be required at the end of the exchange. We also require:

* If the exchange has not already been completed, a progress report by 31st Dec 2024
* 60 second video about the exchange for use on social media
* Acknowledgements on any publications that transpire from the collaboration
* A paper on the collaboration to be submitted to the next SINAPSE ASM

**The applicant and sponsor [senior research colleague] must both be members of SINAPSE** – defined as someone who has a completed profile on the SINAPSE website. The membership self-registration process can be completed at <https://www.sinapse.ac.uk/join-sinapse/>

**The funding is available only to SINAPSE members who belong to one of the seven partner Universities: Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, Stirling, and Strathclyde.**

**\*\*\* Deadline for submission of applications: 28th June 2024 \*\*\***

**Application form**

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| Name and contact details of applicant [email and phone] |  |
| Name and contact details of sponsor [email and phone] |  |
| Name and contact details of the visitor (for inward exchanges) [email and phone] |  |
| Name and location of partner company or institution |  |
| Outline of the project and work that would be undertaken[<200 words] |  |
| Likely benefits to the research of the applicant (new skills, techniques likely to be acquired) as result of the exchange[<200 words] |  |
| Likely benefits to the longer-term career of the applicant as result of the exchange[<200 words] |  |
| Likely benefits to both institutions involved in the exchange [<200 words] |  |
| Evidence of wider benefits to the Network as a result of the exchange [<200 words] |  |
| Estimate of expenditure (itemised) |  |
| Estimate period of visit |  |

Applications can be submitted to – richard.mosses@glasgow.ac.uk