

MEDIA NOTICE

Bastille Day, 14th July

NEW GRANTS FOR IRISH AND FRENCH RESEARCH ANNOUNCED

A new series of grants of up to €2,500 for Irish and French researchers to visit each other's countries as part of collaborative projects have been announced to mark Bastille Day today (14th July).

The Ulysses programme offers grants of up to €2,500 to Irish and French researchers to support visits related to mutual research projects. Funding covers travel and subsistence costs for short visits to linked institutions. The programme encourages and supports the exchange of ideas and information between Irish and French researchers.

“The Ulysses programme is an excellent resource for researchers from both Ireland and France. Innovative research should not be confined by borders and programmes like Ulysses play an important role in bringing the best aspects of our education systems closer together” according to Yvon Roé d'Albert, the French Ambassador to Ireland.

The programme is administered by The Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET), the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) and Teagasc, in partnership with the French Embassy and Égide.

“The Ulysses programme provides an easy way for Irish researchers to establish and develop collaborations with French researchers, and helps them to benefit from short periods of research mobility” according to Martin Hynes, Executive Director of the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology.

Applications from researchers at an early stage of their academic career are particularly encouraged under the terms of the scheme. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday, 9th October 2009. More details about the programme, including details of how to apply, are available at www.ircset.ie and www.irchss.ie.

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