

UK Fluids Network Short Research Visits: call for proposals

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The UK Fluids Network (UKFN) is a 3-year EPSRC-funded network of academic and industrial research groups, focused on innovative developments and applications in fluid mechanics. Activities started in September 2016 and include funding Special Interest Groups and Short Research Visits (SRVs), developing and maintaining a website, providing online technical resources and engaging with the public.

The UKFN is pleased to invite proposals for Short Research Visits. This note gives the context of the call and sets out the information you should provide in your proposal.

What is a Short Research Visit?

- A visit by any UK-based academic (PhD, PDRA, or PI) or industrial researcher to another research group in the UK.

What are the Short Research Visits for?

- to ease financial barriers for collaborations between UK researchers
- to facilitate sharing of expertise and facilities within the UK and to foster new connections
- to encourage initial engagement with industry that could build into an externally-funded (e.g. RAEng) secondment or Industrial Fellowship

What will the UK Fluids Network fund?

- 45 short research visits, at an average of £1k per visit over a 3-year period. Typically, this would be travel, subsistence, and accommodation for 1 person for 1 week. We encourage applicants to seek matching funding from the host in order to extend the visit.
- The visiting researcher must write a half-page report for the UKFN website after the visit.

How will the SRVs be chosen?

- Applications will be considered in batches every 4 months. The first submission deadline is 31 January 2017, followed by 31 May 2017, and so on through to the last deadline of 31 May 2019. Subject to applications received, the number of SRVs awarded will be weighted towards the early batches.
- For a given deadline, the successful proposals will be announced within two weeks; unsuccessful applications may re-apply immediately.
- In exceptional cases, it will be possible to consider funding outside the normal deadlines. Please contact us for a preliminary discussion.

Proposal format

A proposal should contain the following items.

1. *Applicant details*
Please give your name, address and position, plus email and telephone details.
2. *Title and overview of SRV (max 50 words)*
Please give a brief description of the location and purpose of the proposed SRV.

3. *Description of SRV (max 300 words, excluding titles)*

Please give details of the proposed SRV under the following headings:

- Host organisation name and address
- Individuals to be visited
- Duration and proposed dates
- Funds requested and what they will be used for

4. *Letter of support for SRV*

You must include a short letter from the host confirming the proposed SRV and stating what they will contribute in terms of time, facilities and expenses.

Submission details

Applications should be sent to srv@ukfluids.net by 31 January 2017. The successful proposals will be announced by 14 February 2017.