

Fourth Round - Research Projects Application - HEA COVID 19 Costed Extensions Fund

The fourth and final round of the MU HEA COVID 19 Costed Extensions Fund will operate with a deadline of the 13th August 2021.

THIS APPLICATION FORM IS FOR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS WITH A RESEARCH GRANT THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID 19. For individual fellowships/awards please use the HEA COVID 19 Costed Extensions Fund - INDIVIDUAL Form

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, through the Higher Education Authority, has provided funding to higher education institutions to cover costed extensions for certain research activities that are at risk because of interruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The HEA costed extension budget provides funding for additional payments (salary / stipend) to be made in exceptional cases to research projects that were active on 6th January 2021, and where activity was interrupted due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Research students and contract research staff whose research has been interrupted by the pandemic may apply for an extension of their contract/stipend period under this programme. Research students who are not in receipt of a stipend and whose work has been disrupted may also apply for a once-off exceptional stipend support.

In addition, where a researcher has left a research project due to COVID related circumstances a PI may now also apply for funding to recruit a new researcher if there is not sufficient funding to do so from within the award.

New applicants may apply for up to 4 months extension and applicants who already received an extension may apply for an additional 2 months under exceptional circumstances.

Examples of the types of exceptional circumstances are:

1. Where an awardee or an immediate family (e.g. living with the awardee) contracted COVID 19 that resulted in hospitalisation.
2. Where an awardee has had an increase in caring responsibilities during the HEA COVID 19 extension period and/or due to the current ongoing restrictions. Research students and contract research staff whose research has been interrupted by the pandemic may apply for an extension of their contract/stipend period under this programme.

Any awards made under this scheme will be additional to the Covid-19 fees waiver already committed by the University.

For full details of the terms and conditions of these awards please see:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/research/research-development-office/hea-covid-19-related-research-cost-extensions>
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* Required

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

1. Please answer all the questions below to determine eligibility for this call *

	YES	NO
Are you a Principal Investigator on a research project that was live on 6th January 2021?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you evidence that the research was interrupted due to the COVID 19 pandemic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are there registered students and/or research staff currently funded by this project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were registered students and/or research staff funded from the project before 6th January 2021	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can you confirm that the project is not fully funded by industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. What agency is currently funding this research project? *

- Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, DAFM
- Enterprise Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Horizon 2020 Framework Programme
- EU - Other
- Health Research Board
- Irish Research Council
- Marine Institute
- National Institute of Health
- Royal Irish Academy
- Science Foundation Ireland
- Teagasc
- Wellcome Trust
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- Other

3. Please give the name of the Funding Programme *

4. Please give the funder's contract reference number/project code *

5. Please give the relevant Business Unit Number (BU) *

The value must be a number

6. Please give the original start date for this project *



Format: M/d/yyyy

7. Please give the current end date (prior to the disruption) for this project *



Format: M/d/yyyy

8. Have you already applied for the following *

- No cost extension
- No cost extension plus budget reallocation
- No

9. Has your no cost extension been approved? *

- Yes
- Submitted but not yet approved
- Declined

10. Has your no cost extension plus budget reallocation been approved? *

- Yes
- Submitted but not yet approved
- Declined

11. If your no cost extension was declined please give details of why it was declined *

12. Please list the name(s), email address, and staff/student number (s) for all researchers for whom you are seeking funding as well as their FTE. If the extension dates requested are different for each researcher please also indicate the dates here. Please use the following format:

1. Staff/student number, Title, forename, surname, email address - FTE, start and end date for extensions
2. Staff/student number, Title, forename, surname, email address - FTE, start and end date for extensions etc.

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Summary of Requested Budget Extension

* The duration of costed extensions will be dependent on the level of disruption to the specific project ranging from 1 to 4 months. For example, if the disruption reduced research productivity to 50% over a period of 4 months, a 2 month extension would be appropriate. Where the research staff member or research student is part-time, the full number of months for the extension should be given, but the salary/stipend during the extension will be scaled to reflect the part-time nature of the research.

13. Has this project already been awarded funding from the HEA Costed Extension fund?

Yes

No

14. Date of commencement of research interruption *



Format: M/d/yyyy

15. Date of research resumption *



Format: M/d/yyyy

16. Number of months stipend/salary required for the researcher(s) to address the disruption caused by COVID 19* *

Please enter a number less than or equal to 4

17. Please give the requested start date for the costed extension for the project *



Format: M/d/yyyy

18. Please give the requested end date for the costed extension for the project *



Format: M/d/yyyy

19. Total estimated gross monthly salary (+11.05% PRSI only) and/pr current monthly stipend costs requested.

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The value must be a number

20. Other costs requested (e.g. laboratory chemicals, access to archives, digital repositories) NB. Funding will only be provided for consumable in exceptional circumstances. *

The value must be a number

21. TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET REQUESTED € *

The value must be a number

22. Please complete and upload the budget template. *

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23. Please give a justification for the salary/stipend and consumables (if applicable) requested, outlining why these costs cannot be funded from any other sources (e.g. budget reallocation, RIF/GRA etc.). *

24. If funding from other sources has already been or will be diverted to this project please give details of source, quantity (€) and purposes of that funding. *

25. Please explain why this extension cannot be funded through a budget re-allocation only? (max 200 words)

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26. Is this research funded in part by industry? (Projects fully funded by industry are not eligible for this fund) *

Yes - part funded

No

27. If your project is part funded by industry please explain how state aid requirements will be addressed (e.g. further industry contribution etc.) *

28. Please upload letter of support from the industry partner outlining their further contribution *

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Research Description

Details of your research project and how it has been disrupted by COVID 19

29. Please give a short description of the research project (max 200 words) *

30. What specific factors related to the pandemic caused your research to be interrupted (e.g. lab closure, inability to access facilities/sites/subjects, caring responsibilities, illness. If you are already in receipt of funding from this programme and are seeking a further extension please give a detailed justification explaining the exceptional circumstances that have further affected your research. Examples of the types of exceptional circumstances are:

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2. Where an awardee has had an increase in caring responsibilities during the HEA COVID 19 extension period and/or due to the current ongoing restrictions.

(max 400 words) *

31. How did this period of interruption affect the research outcomes and career development of the researchers funded from this project? (Max 400 words) *

32. Summarise the research outcomes that can be achieved during the period of the contract/stipend extension which cannot be achieved without the extension. This might include specific research deliverables, career development outcomes, etc. (400 words) *

33. What is at stake if a costed extension is not granted? (200 words) *

34. Are you now in a position to successfully complete this research project if granted a costed extension *

Yes

No

35. Please explain why you answered No. *

DECLARATIONS

36. I confirm the accuracy of all information presented here and the researchers for whom I am seeking the extension have been given a copy of the information provided in this form. I am requesting this extension to this research project to allow me to deliver research that was previously planned but whose progress was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. I confirm that the duration of this extension is no longer than required to compensate for the research interruption, and that I will be able to progress the research in a meaningful way over the period in question. I understand that the funding provided to the university for this purpose may not be sufficient to cover all requests, and that the university will prioritise those cases where the evidence of disruption is greatest and where impact can be delivered during the period of the extension. *

YES

37. Please upload an email from each researcher for whom you are seeking an extension containing the following confirmation:

I [insert student/researcher name] confirm the accuracy of all information presented in this application and have discussed it with my supervisor/mentor, [insert supervisor/mentor's name]. I also confirm that I am currently a registered PhD student or a researcher currently employed on a contract at MU. I am requesting this extension to my contract/stipend to allow me to deliver research that was previously planned but whose progress was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. I confirm that the duration of this extension is no longer than required to compensate for the research interruption, and that I will be able to progress the research in a meaningful way over the period in question. I understand that the funding provided to the university for this purpose may not be sufficient to cover all requests, and that the university will prioritise those cases where the evidence of disruption is greatest and where impact can be delivered during the period of the extension. *

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