

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

The second round of the MU HEA COVID 19 Costed Extensions Fund will close at 5.00pm on Thursday 14th January 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 12th March 2020, 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.

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

* Required

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 is due to end 01/03/21 and 31/10/21	<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 12th March 2020	<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
- Costed extension
- 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 contact MUheacovidfund@mu.ie (<mailto:MUheacovidfund@mu.ie>) in the first instance to determine if you are eligible to apply for this award. *

12. Has your costed extension been approved *

- Yes
- Submitted but not yet approved
- Declined

13. If your costed extension was approved you do not need to apply to this fund. The funding you received will be returned to the funding agency and you will receive the allocation from this programme. Please contact MUheacovidfund@mu.ie (<mailto:MUheacovidfund@mu.ie>) and we will give you further information. *

14. Are you seeking funding for a stipend for an existing research student currently funded by this project? *

- Yes
- No

15. Are you seeking funding for salary for an existing research staff member currently funded by this research project? *

Yes

No

16. Please list the name(s) and staff/student number (s) for all researchers for whom you are seeking funding as well as their FTE. Please use the following format:

1. Staff/student number, Title, forename, surname - FTE, 2. Staff/student number, Title, forename, surname - FTE etc. *

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.

17. Date of commencement of research interruption *

Format: M/d/yyyy

18. Date of research resumption *

Format: M/d/yyyy

19. 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

20. Please give the requested start date for the costed extension *

Format: M/d/yyyy

21. Please give the requested end date for the costed extension *



Format: M/d/yyyy

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

The value must be a number

23. 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

24. TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET REQUESTED € *

The value must be a number

25. Please complete and upload the budget template. *

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26. 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.). *

27. 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. *

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

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

Yes - part funded

No

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

31. 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

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

33. What specific factors related to the pandemic caused the research to be interrupted (e.g. lab closure, inability to access facilities/sites/subjects, caring responsibilities, illness (max 400 words) *

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

35. 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) *

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

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

Yes

No

38. Please explain why you answered No. *

DECLARATIONS

39. 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

40. 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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