ROSLIN FOUNDATION



Dr Sue Foden Travel Award

Purpose

The Roslin Foundation Travel Award in memory of Dr Sue Foden is established to strengthen collaborative research, training and academic exchange between the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and the Roslin Institute.

The Award will support short term research visits of up to 12 weeks in duration, enabling ILRI based postgraduate or MSc students or junior scientists to undertake collaborative research, specialist training and knowledge exchange at the Roslin Institute. Where strategically appropriate, the Award may also support visits by Roslin Institute's post graduate or MSc students or Roslin Institute's postdocs, core scientists, or non-tenure track fellows to ILRI, fostering two-way exchange and deepening institutional partnerships.

Through facilitating mobility and shared research activity, the Award seeks to enhance capacity strengthening, promote equitable global partnerships, and support excellence in livestock research relevant to sustainable animal agriculture and animal health.

The Award honours the memory of Dr Sue Foden, whose visit to ILRI Nairobi in 2024 reflected her strong commitment to international collaboration and capacity strengthening in global livestock research.

Award Value

- Total funding available per annual Award: **£10,000**
- The annual Award will run for a period of 12 months from the date detailed in the Award made by the Roslin Foundation to the Roslin Institute.
- For the 2027 Award, the Award period will run from 1 **February 2027 to 31st January 2028**
- Overheads are not allowed and funds may not be used for salary replacement
- The Award may support **one or more visits or people during the 12-month Award period,** depending on the quality and feasibility of applications received. A single extended visit may utilise the majority or entirety of the available funding where this is considered strategically appropriate and represents strong value for money. A visit may be up to 12 weeks duration.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Be **currently enrolled postgraduate students (MSc or PhD),** registered at either the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), based at any ILRI campus, or registered at University of Edinburgh, based at the Roslin Institute or **junior scientists based at any ILRI Campus** or **postdocs, core scientists, or non-tenure track fellows based at the Roslin Institute.**
- Be involved in research that aligns with the core research themes of the Roslin Institute (Sustainable Agriculture, Infectious Diseases, Enhancing Health) and/or ILRI 's research themes and programmes (Health; Livestock, Genetics, Nutrition, and Feed Resources; People, Policies, and Institutions; Livestock, Climate, and Environment; Innovations scaling and impact).

- Have a proposed visit plan to the Roslin Institute that is endorsed by both an ILRI supervisor and a prospective host at the Roslin Institute, or vice versa.
- Not have received a previous Award under this scheme.

Eligible Activities

Funding may cover the following costs for the Awardee only; costs relating to dependants are not eligible.

- International travel (economy airfare)
- Visa and travel insurance costs
- Accommodation and subsistence during the visit (on the basis that the host's expenses policy is followed)

- Local transport expenses related to the visit (on the basis that the host institution's expense policy is followed)

Duration

All visits funded through the Award must take place within the 12-month Award period.

- Individual visits should typically range between **2 and 12 weeks**, depending on the project goals and justification.
- All travel must be completed within the **12-month Award period,** unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Roslin Foundation.

Application Process

Applicants should submit a **single application using the attached application form**. The application should include:

  - Confirmation that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set out above;
  - The **amount of funding requested**, together with a clear breakdown of the anticipated costs;
  - The **proposed duration and approximate timing of the visit;**
  - Confirmation that the proposed host at the host institution has agreed to support the visit;
  - The **objectives of the visit**;
  - The **proposed activities** to be undertaken at the Roslin Institute or ILRI location(s); and
  - The **expected outcomes and benefits**, including the anticipated benefit to both institutions and to the applicant's academic and/or professional development.

Applications should be submitted by email to: **wgamal2@ed.ac.uk** cc'ing EBCampusresearchsupport@ed.ac.uk

Applicants are responsible for obtaining the agreement of their supervisor and proposed host before submitting an application. Formal letters of support are not required at the application stage.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Applications received by **8th January 2027** will be considered at the first review point. If funding remains available following that review, a further review will take place in **March 2027**.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Quality and feasibility of the proposed visit and activities
- Relevance to the research goals of ILRI and/or the Roslin Institute
- Clarity of objectives and expected outcomes
- Potential to strengthen research capacity, skills and/or knowledge exchange
- Potential to develop or strengthen longer-term collaboration between ILRI and the Roslin Institute
- Value for money and appropriateness of the proposed budget
- Potential impact on the applicant's academic and/or professional development

Stage 1: Initial review and confirmation of host support, eligibility and scientific suitability by the Roslin Institute.

Stage 2: Review and ranking of eligible applications by a panel jointly represented by the Roslin Institute and ILRI. The panel will determine which applications are supported and the level of funding awarded to each applicant, within the total funding available.

Award Administration

- The Award will be solely administered by the Roslin Institute. Awards will be made to the Roslin Institute, which will administer the funds in accordance with its internal financial procedures and allocate funding to the successful applicant(s), as appropriate.
- Successful applicants will be notified by email by the Roslin Institute and may be required to provide travel itineraries, insurance, and visa confirmations before disbursement of funds.
- All successful applicants must comply with the host institution's applicable policies which relate to the visit such as health and safety, use of computer facilities, conduct of research and data management policies.
- Visa compliance responsibility sits with the successful applicants with support from the host institution. The Roslin Foundation accepts no liability for visa refusal or travel disruption.
- Successful applicants must adhere to the host institution's policies for expenses and international travel.
- Successful applicants will be expected to submit a brief report to the Roslin Foundation within one month of return, summarising activities and outcomes.
- All costs relating to the Award must be incurred within the 12-month Award period. Costs submitted for expenditure incurred after the end of the Award period will not normally be eligible for reimbursement.
- A detailed transaction report of all expenditure charged to the Award must be provided to the Roslin Foundation within 60 days of the end of the 12-month Award period.

- Any funds remaining unspent at the end of the Award period will be taken into account when determining the value of the following year's Award.

Reporting and Follow-Up

- Recipients of funding will be invited to share their experience through a short presentation or written feature for the Roslin Foundation, Roslin Institute and ILRI communications.

The Roslin Foundation will review the Award after three years to assess impact, demand, and strategic alignment.