



UKRI GCRF and Newton Fund Consolidation Account (GCNA) Award

GCNA Internal call 2022

Deadline: 5pm Monday 26th September 2022

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has provided UKRI with an additional allocation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding to be used by the end of UKRI's financial year, 31st March 2023. Funds are to be used to reinvest in current (and closed) GCRF and Newton Fund programmes to enable them to maximise development impact.

Oxford has been awarded £950,000 of this funding allocation. All spend (with the exception of 5% allocated to grant administration) must be allocated directly to an eligible UKRI or Newton Fund research grant.

This internal call therefore invites PIs of current and closed GCRF and Newton Fund ODA research grants to apply for funding from this allocation against one of the following two categories

- Completion of original grant research objectives – for example where these have been impacted by recent circumstances such as Covid-19 pandemic delays – to allow grants to achieve their maximum impact, or
- Commencement of new follow-on knowledge exchange or impact activities

Available funds: £902,500

Grants made under this call are expected to be between £20,000 and £100,000. Applications for funding outside this range may be considered depending on interest in the call and the particular circumstances of the application.

The grant period is between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

No extensions to the grant period will be possible.

Eligibility

- The application **must** relate directly to an existing UKRI GCRF or Newton Fund Research Grant¹. This can include closed awards.
- Your proposed activity **must** be ODA compliant and **must** focus on achieving economic or social impact in countries on the OECD DAC list (see below).

¹ The following awards are not eligible: GCRF QR funding; GCRF Global Interdisciplinary Research Hubs; training grants; any other Research Council block awards against which internal allocations are made such as Impact Acceleration Accounts

Funding Model

Funding can be disbursed to research partners, including overseas institutions, to carry out activities. UKRI encourages equitable involvement of collaborating partners and support to Global South research leadership.

Costs incurred at Oxford	Directly incurred costs and directly allocated staff costs – 100% reimbursement Infrastructure technicians, Estates and Indirect Costs are all ineligible
Costs incurred in a DAC country institution	100% directly incurred costs plus 20% overhead

Examples of eligible costs: staff time, travel and subsistence, publication and marketing costs.

Eligible activities: research, engagement, dissemination, knowledge exchange and training activities.

Under the terms of the UKRI funding to the University, equipment with a cost of over £10k is not eligible for funding under this scheme.

Applications

- Applications must be submitted through IRAMs
- Applications must be costed using X5 (but please do not submit your X5 costing to Research Services)
- Applications require Departmental endorsement as part of the IRAMs process
- Deadline for application submission: 5pm Monday 26th September 2022

Evaluation

- Submitted proposals will be checked for eligibility in Research Services. If the application is not eligible you will be informed and the application will not proceed to evaluation.
- Evaluation will be by the University of Oxford ODA Project Board against the following criteria
 - Potential to achieve economic or social impact
 - Potential scale of the impact
 - Where relevant, the impact of the proposed activity in terms of gender equality (see below)
 - Involvement of collaborating partners and support to Global South research leadership
 - Confidence in the ability to spend a grant by 31st March 2023
- Awards will be ranked by the Project Board and funded in ranked order within the budget available
- No evaluation feedback will be provided

Gender Equality Plan

All UKRI funded ODA activities must include a gender equality statement in applications. Your statement should explain your consideration of how your proposed activity will contribute to reducing gender inequalities. This should include:

- Measures that have been included to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved
- The expected impact(s) of the activity (both positive and negative) on people of different genders
- Any impact that the activity will have on relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender
- How any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality will be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored

- Whether relevant outcomes and outputs will be measured and disclosed and if so whether this data will be disaggregated by age and gender.

Where these issues are not relevant to your proposed activity, please ensure that your statement clearly explains why this is the case.

Notes

ODA compliance: full details of ODA compliance are available here: <https://www.newton-gcrf.org/funding-guidance/what-is-oda/>

DAC countries: the OECD list of DAC countries is here: <https://tinyurl.com/DAC-country-list>

- Please also bear in mind UK sanctions when considering collaboration with/work in DAC countries
- Funding under this call cannot be used to support new activity with China as a beneficiary or partner
- Funding under this call can be used for activity with Indian partners but only where the partnership has a demonstrable primary focus on delivering benefit to DAC countries outside of India. We are required to discuss any activity proposed with Indian partners with UKRI before any funds can be awarded.

Examples of the types of activity that might be funded under this call are provided in the Annex to this guidance

Reporting on awarded funding: Oxford is required to report on the allocation of funding, including on beneficiary countries towards the end of the financial year. Financial reporting will be required at the end of the grant period and a short report will be required by the end of June 2023 on outputs, outcomes and impacts of the funding spent. It is a condition of receipt of an award under this internal call that PIs participate fully as required in this reporting process.

Other ODA funding: In addition to the BEIS funding for this GNCA award, UKRI is providing funds to Universities from its core research allocation as “Other ODA” funding. Oxford’s allocation against this award is £250,000. Internal applications to this fund are open to all Research Council Grants. Applicants for GNCA funding can also apply for Other ODA funding. Applications would need to be for separate distinct activities and priority for Other ODA funding will be given to those not eligible to apply for GNCA funding.

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Annex 1

Examples of fundable activity

- Research activities or work packages – including associated staff time – that were not completed due to the circumstances of the last few years, **where to carry them out now would enable realisation of project impact objectives and outputs.**
- Engagement with stakeholders, policy makers, practitioners, third sector and community organisations and groups, and other research users in order to facilitate knowledge exchange and accelerate the translation of research outputs into impacts
- Activities to disseminate research findings, such as workshops, development of briefings, public engagement, showcasing events, creative outputs (eg films, performances, exhibitions etc) or publicity materials and associated activities to enhance the accessibility, inclusivity and reach of research outcomes (eg translation into relevant languages). This includes developing or extending existing resources or websites.
- Cost for development of demonstrators, prototypes, industry engagement, market assessment, proof of concept, or other support required in commercialisation of outputs
- Ongoing engagement with existing partners or networks in order to enable knowledge exchange and impact, including capacity development

This list is indicative, not exhaustive.

Initiation of new activity such as scoping or pilot projects is not permitted.