ISPF Research Collaboration Grant Applicant Guidelines

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**Countries/Territories included in this call are:
Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, South Africa, Thailand, Türkiye
Call opens: 2 June 2025
Expressions of Interest closing date: 30 June 2025 at noon UK time.**

How to apply: UK applicants to apply online submission via:
https://grants.britishcouncil.org/

We will allow one application per Project Leader from any country/territory – the same person cannot be named as Project Leader on more than one application.

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Country/Number of Projects to be funded	Proposal costs at Full Economic Cost* This differs per funder in country/territory, please see Appendix 1	Additional Partner Eligibility requirements This is specific to each country, please check	National Priorities This is specific to each country, please check Appendix 1
Jordan (4 projects) **Partner**: N/A	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC) Jordan Institution: £40,000	No	**Resilient Planet** **Transformative Technologies** **Healthy People, Animals and Plants**
Malaysia (up to 4 projects) **Partner**: ASM	UK Institution: £80,000 (£100,000 FEC) Malaysia Institution: £80,000	Yes	**Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications
South Africa (4 projects) **Partner**: N/A	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC)	No	**Tomorrow's Talent**

	South Africa Institution: £40,000		
Thailand (1 projects) **Partner**: National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)	UK Institution: £80,000 (£100,000 FEC) Thailand Institution: £100,000	Yes	**Resilient Planet**
Thailand (2 projects) **Partner**: Program Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B)	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,00 FEC) Thailand Institution: £50,000 (£50,000 FEC)	Yes	**Tomorrow's Talent**
Thailand (2 projects) **Partner**: Program Management Unit for Competitiveness (PMUC)	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,00 FEC) Thailand Institution: £50,000 (£50,000 FEC)	Yes	**Resilient Planet** **Transformative Technologies** **Healthy People, Animals and Plants** **Tomorrow's Talent**
Thailand (1 project) **Partner:** N/A	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,00 FEC)	No	**Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence **Healthy People, Animals and Plants:** Genomics

	Thailand Institution: £40,000		
Türkiye (4 projects) **Partner**: TŰBITAK	UK Institution: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC) Türkiye Institution: £40,000	Yes	**Resilient Planet:** Clean Energy, Extreme weather and climate, Agri-tech, Environmental resilience **Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications **Healthy People, Animals and Plants:** Biosecurity and Pathogen detection, Global Health and Pandemics, Genomics and digital health, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Social determinants of health **Tomorrows Talent:** Research Capacity, Research Systems, Research Pipeline
Indonesia (up to 4 projects) Partner: Ditjen Risbang, Kemdiktisaintek	UK Institution: £80,000 (£100,000 FEC) Indonesia Institution: IDR 2,000,000,000	Yes	**Priority 1:** Health and food security. **Priority 2:** Digitalisation: semiconductor/electronics development and artificial intelligence. **Priority 3:** Advanced materials and manufacturing. **Priority 4:** Downstreaming of science and technology from economic policy and business strategy perspectives.

Funding available: A total of £1.9 million in a total of 6 countries/territories for UK institutions to fund up to 24 bilateral projects. See Appendix 1 for more information.

The British Council may ask lead institutions to prioritise their applications and potentially limit the number of submissions from each university or research institution, if there is high demand for the call.

Collaborations should include one Project Leader from the UK and one Project Leader from the partner country/territory.

We will allow only one application per Project Leader, from either country.

Assessment Process:

- Expression of interest approved by the British Council

- Eligibility checking of full application by British Council

- Review of full proposal by external experts

- Thematic Panels (up to 5 panels grouped covering the following themes: Arts and Humanities, Biological and Medical Sciences; Engineering and Physical Sciences; Natural Environment; and Social Sciences.

- Moderation Panel to determine final funding decisions.

Grant disbursement process: The British Council will disburse grants to UK Institutions. Please see Appendix 1 for information on disbursement to institutions in partner countries/territories.

Indicative Timeline

Activity	Date
Call Opens	2 June 2025
Deadline for Expression of Interest	30 June 2025
Notification to submit full application	4 July 2025
Expressions of interest will be rejected if they don't meet the eligibility criteria for project leaders and institutions	
Deadline for submission of full application	4 August 2025
There will be no opportunity for corrections and clarifications following the deadline of submission of the full application	
Review panels	October 2025
Outcome of selection	December 2025
UK Project start dates: (See in-country guidance for partner dates)	1 January 2026
Project end dates:	31 December 2027

Contact: UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org

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Background

Overview of the funding opportunity

ISPF Research Collaboration grants provide small scale seed funding for collaborations between the UK and the participating ISPF countries in each call to:

- Initiate new research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments, and institutions in partner countries and the UK
- Develop existing collaborations at group, departmental, and institutional level
- Encourage these collaborations to work with non-academic organisations and individuals to support the exchange of research and innovation expertise and the translation of research knowledge into tangible benefits
- Establish local hubs for joint UK-partner country/activity in a particular area, enabling engagement from the wider research and innovation community.

It is not expected that proposals will address all these areas but should consider at least one of the above.

Proposals will be accepted which under one or more of the ISPF themes. Partner countries may decide to focus on a specific theme or aspect of a theme, and you are encouraged to refer to Appendix 1 when considering whether to apply.

The ISPF themes are:

- **Resilient Planet** - Leading the green industrial revolution to protect the planet
- **Transformative Technologies** - Developing responsible technologies to secure our place in tomorrow's world
- **Healthy People, Animals and Plants** – Researching and Innovating for secure and healthy populations
- **Tomorrow's Talent** – Nurturing talent to drive inclusion, research, and innovation.

The Research Collaboration Programme is designed to be flexible and responsive to in-country needs, allowing applicants to establish collaborations on specific areas linked to country priorities and development needs, and to bring in relevant private and third sector partners, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), technology transfer offices, and other not-for-profit organisations.

Grants typically range from £80,000 up to £160,000 for up to two years, dependent on the country (see Appendix 1 for country/territory specific limits).

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC). If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent. Check Appendix 1 for information on partner funding models and additional information. Where there is no partner funding organisation, the entire grant will be paid to the UK Institution. For an equitable partnership, the Contracting Institution should be able to timely transfer funding to the overseas partnering institution for activities which support the objectives of the collaboration and the overall project, allowing activities implementation to be implemented without delay **A formal research collaboration agreement should be in place between the project partners before the project begins.**

For best fit to the local context, priority areas, specific innovation challenges and additional application requirements have been set at a country/territory level through discussion with national stakeholders. **Please refer to Appendix 1 for country specific guidance before you prepare your proposal**. **Proposals which do not follow the country/territory specific guidance cannot be considered for funding.**

The International Science Partnerships Fund

The International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) is designed to enable potential and foster prosperity. It puts research and innovation at the heart of our international relationships, supporting UK researchers and innovators to work with peers around the world on the major themes of our time. It is managed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. Delivered by a consortium of the UK's leading research and innovation bodies including British Academy, British Council, Met Office, National Physical Laboratory, Royal Academy of Engineering, Royal Society, UK Research and Innovation, UK Atomic Energy Authority and Universities UK International. For more information:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-science-partnerships-fund-ispf/international-science-partnerships-fuprnd-ispf

Scope of the programme

Grants under the ISPF Fund Research Collaboration programme will fund bilateral research and innovation collaborations under the ISPF themes, with priorities set with partner countries and territories at call design. The call will fund Global Challenges Research Grants to support and facilitate research that tackles global challenges.

Wherever possible, Research Collaboration should demonstrate how they will benefit the wider research and innovation community in the partner country/territory. Collaborations may also be established as UK-partner country/territory centres of excellence, based in the partner country/territory, in a particular research area, acting as a resource hub for the wider research community in country and a focal point for other activities, (e.g. seminars, technical training workshops).

When designing your proposal, you should consider how best to involve early career researchers to promote their development and, more generally, to build researcher capacity, especially in the partner country/territory.

ISPF Fund Research Collaboration grants can cover costs which support research and innovation collaboration, including human resources costs; travel costs associated with exchange of researchers, students and staff from partners and other organisations; the costs of organising meetings, seminars, and training; and other activities to establish and strengthen collaborative links. Grants can also include a limited contribution to other research related costs (including equipment, consumables, and non-staff fieldwork costs). Please refer to Appendix 1 for details.

Applicants can request a grant contribution for tackling barriers to participation, diversity, and inclusion. Examples of costs that can be covered include but are not limited to additional childcare costs, measures to support the participation of researchers and team members with disabilities. Such requests should be clearly marked in the budget form under Exceptions and should be clearly itemised and justified.

Eligibility

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

- Each proposal must have one Project Leader from the UK **and** one Project Leader from the specified Partner Country/Territory.
- Both Project Leaders must be Leading Researchers[1] or Established Researchers[2]
- UK Project Leaders must be permanent employees of one of the following (this means that Emeritus and Honorary Professors may not apply as lead):
  - A not-for-profit higher education institution with the capacity to undertake high-quality research, unless specified otherwise in Appendix 1.
  - Eligible higher education providers (HEPs) take part in the **Research Excellence Framework** and receive recurrent annual funding from one of the UK's higher education funding bodies.
  - A not-for-profit research organisation with the capacity to undertake high-quality research. The list of eligible UK institutions can be found here
  - A Catapult Centre[3] (in the case of the UK Project Leader).
- Both Project Leaders' institutions (the 'Lead Institutions') must have the capacity to administer the grant.
- Individual departments within a single institution can make multiple applications per call provided that the proposed activities are clearly different.
- Project Leaders may only submit one Research Collaboration application per call.
- Project Leaders who currently hold a British Council ISPF Research Collaborations grant are **not** eligible to apply under this call.
- Organisations affiliated to higher education institutions in the UK or any other country and based in the partner country, (e.g. an overseas campus) may **not** apply as the Lead Institution in the partner country.

The above funding eligibility requirements will be checked once the deadline has passed for Expressions of Interest. Only projects which meet these requirements will be asked to submit a full application. Applicants should also review the requirements for any funding partner (Appendix 1) to avoid being rejected at this early stage.

There will be no opportunity to re-submit an Expression of Interest.

Not-for-profit higher education institutions and publicly funded research organisations **are eligible** to apply as Lead Institutions.

For-profit organisations and not-for-profit organisations are **not** eligible to apply as Lead Institutions for Research Collaboration grants.

To support the translation of research and innovation into benefit, Project Leaders are encouraged to include in their proposals **Associated Partners** affiliated with:

- Other research or higher education institutions
- Technology transfer offices
- Not-for-profit organisations (including NGOs)
- For-profit/commercial organisations (including SMEs)

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1 For an indication of profiles for the two categories, we suggest applicants refer to the European Commission document 'Towards a European framework for research careers' https://cdn5.euraxess.org/sites/default/files/policy_library/towards_a_european_framework_for_research_careers_final.pdf

2 ibid

3 https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/eligible-independent-research-organisations/

However, for-profit organisations are not eligible to receive any ISPF grant funds except to cover travel associated costs.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all proposals on receipt. Proposals which are not led by a recognised not-for-profit higher education institution, or a publicly funded research organisation will be rejected during these checks. Please see Appendix 2 for a full list of eligibility criteria.

If you are unsure about your organisation's eligibility, for UK see the list of eligible UK institutions; for partner countries, please contact the local British Council office.

Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligibility

We define activities leading to impact with development relevance as activities that have the potential to contribute to the economic development and social welfare of low and middle-income countries, benefitting low income and/or vulnerable populations in these countries.

In order to be considered for funding under the Research Collaborations Programme, **all proposals must clearly articulate a plausible route to positive impact on these populations within a short to medium term timeframe (within 3-10 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion cannot receive support under this call in the International Science Partnerships Fund.**

In some disciplines, development relevance can be longer term (within 15 years) and less direct than in other areas. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the applicant to articulate within the application how the proposed activities will meet these criteria.

For more on ODA, please see: OECD - What is ODA?

Applicants must complete the ODA compliance section of the application form and should not expect reviewers to make assumptions about development impact that is not clearly described within the proposal.

Failure to demonstrate ODA eligibility will render your application ineligible regardless of other success criteria. Please make sure you consider the ODA relevance of your application.

In order to show development relevance within the context of their proposed project, applicants are advised to include within their application reference to any local or national consultation, links to government policies, and existing links with government institutions and must clearly articulate the importance to relevant in-country challenges.

ODA transparency and reporting

As part of the government's commitment to ODA transparency and in line with FCDO ODA reporting requirements, there is a requirement to publish information about ODA grants including project titles and summaries via the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and via FCDO's national statistics.

The purpose of publishing information via the IATI registry is to make information about ODA easily accessible to governments, stakeholders, and other relevant groups in beneficiary countries. All funded projects from this programme will be published in this way. Please therefore write your project title and summary in such a way that they are meaningful and accessible to non-specialist audiences.

It is expected that the project title and summary are written in plain English and avoid the use of jargon, acronyms, puns and plays on words. **Please also make clear in your project title and summary how your project is ODA-compliant,** for example by identifying the development challenge(s) being addressed, the aims of the project and the beneficiary countries.

Gender Equality Statement Eligibility

To encourage excellence in science and comply with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014, applications must outline how they have taken meaningful yet proportionate consideration as to how the project will contribute to reducing gender inequalities in the Gender Equality Statement section of the application form. Applicants are encouraged to read the additional guidance in Appendix 4.

The Gender Equality Statement is a mandatory field and any application which states that a Gender Equality Statement is not applicable, will be ineligible for funding.

Funding available

For not-for-profit organisations and Research Institutions, these are the eligible costs at 80% FEC:

- Staff costs (including directly incurred and directly allocated posts).
- Other research costs (including consumables). Please note that no single items over £10,000 may be included.
- Travel and subsistence for exchange/mobility activities (including cost of workshops, meetings etc).
- Estates and indirect costs.

A summary of costs to be covered by the grant must be included in the online application form and must contain justifications, (e.g. why consumables or equipment are needed, why travel is necessary). Where you do not provide explanation for an item that requires justification, or include an ineligible cost, it may be cut from any grant made.

The level of grant funding available per project in this call depends on the country/territory: please see Appendix 1 for country specific guidance and funding limits.

Funds will be disbursed directly to the Lead Institution(s), (i.e., the Project Leaders' institutions) according to the approved final budget. Applicants may be asked to adjust their budget if their request does not fit within funding guidelines.

Lead institutions will be expected to transfer funding in a timely and efficient manner to the Partner Institution, where that has been indicated in the budget, based on an active subcontract or research collaboration agreement.

Lead Institutions may transfer funding to Associated Partners for activities which support the objectives of the collaboration and the overall Programme. Any costs of Associated Partner contributions should be included in the proposed budget for the respective country. As detailed above, **for-profit organisations are not eligible to receive any grant funds except to cover travel associated costs.**

The following sections detail the costs that can and cannot be included in your budget request.

Eligible costs

Research Collaboration grants are intended to contribute to the direct costs of establishing and operating your collaboration, (i.e., costs directly related to implementing activities contained in the proposal). Grants are awarded based on 80% of the Full Economic Costs of the research project.

Please contact UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org if you are in doubt over which costs the Researcher Collaborations Programme can cover.

Unless specified in the country/territory specific guidance, Research Collaboration Programme grants can cover:

Directly Allocated costs: This includes the resources used by a project that are shared by other activities. They are charged to projects on the basis of estimates rather than actual costs and do not represent actual costs on a project-by-project basis.

Directly Incurred costs: These are explicitly identifiable as arising from the conduct of a project, are charged as the cash value actually spent and are supported by an audit record.

Indirect costs are ones which cover the costs of the Research Organisation's management and administrative services.

Staff costs

Directly Allocated staff are those who will be working directly on the project, but whose involvement on the grant can only be based on an estimate of the time the work will take (e.g., investigators). Directly Incurred staff are those whose time on the project is actual, auditable, and verifiable (e.g., researchers and technicians' salaries, consultancy fees, superannuation, and national insurance payments).

Travel and Subsistence costs

Travel (economy class) and subsistence costs to the UK and partner countries are eligible. To reduce the impact of the project on the climate and environment, all travel should be essential to creating the outcomes of the project and should be justified in the application form.

Visa fees, vaccinations, and medical insurance for travel essential to the collaboration to the UK and partner countries are eligible. Costs of meetings, training events and seminars integral to the collaboration can also be included.

Other directly incurred costs

Other research costs directly relating to the project. Includes specified consumables, equipment costing less than £10,000, recruitment and advertising costs to be incurred by the UK Research Organisation.

Other directly allocated costs

Support staff salaries, a share of the costs of departmental support staff, and the costs of access to major research facilities.

Estates (non-staff direct costs)

Facility related costs of conducting the research including utilities, rates, rents, maintenance, insurance, infrastructure costs, facilities management, cleaning, security, and depreciation of equipment.

Indirect costs

A contribution towards the cost of all other overheads for central service departments such as Finance, Human Resources, Legal and Registry.

The following items are also covered by estates and indirect costs:

- Overheads.
- Communication costs, including mobile phone rental, purchase, and roaming charges.
- Purchase or rental of standard office equipment (except specialist equipment essential to the research).
- IT hardware – laptops, personal computers, tablets, smart phones, Mac workstations, computer parts and peripherals.
- Office software.
- Desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, printers, fax machines.

Estates and indirect costs are specific to each UK research organisation, and do not require justification. UK research organisations that have implemented the TRAC costing methodology and have passed the Quality Assurance process should apply their own estate and indirect costs. Non-research organisations that are not required to implement TRAC must have a robust costing methodology in place that has been validated to apply their own estates and indirect cost rates. The TRAC standard default rates should be used where research organisations have not yet developed their own rates.

Additional Funding for Inclusion (Exceptions)

Applicants can request a grant contribution up to £2,000 for tackling barriers to diversity and inclusion. Examples of costs that can be covered include but are not limited to additional childcare costs or measures to support the participation of researchers and team members with disabilities. Such requests should be clearly marked in the budget form under Exceptions. These should be fully costed and supported by sufficient justifications.   If you are not sure that your cost will be eligible, please reach out to us and we can provide more clarification: UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity and requests for support to encourage underrepresented groups to engage in ISPF activity will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Ineligible costs include (but are not limited to):

Equipment costs

> Individual items costing £10,000 or more including VAT (Value Added Tax) are not eligible for ISPF funding under this call. Costs for standard office equipment (including laptops), communication costs and other overheads should be covered by Estates and Indirect Costs.

Studentships

Costs for the payment of grants or other funds to support the education of Masters and PhD students are not eligible under this call (including stipends).

Costs related to writing up, promoting, or disseminating previous research

Patent costs

Entertainment costs such as:

- o Gifts.
- o Alcohol.
- o Restaurant bills or hospitality costs for personnel not directly participating in the project.
- o Excessive restaurant costs.
- o Excessive taxi fares.

Exceptional Costs

Except for costs to support inclusion as detailed in the section on Diversity and Inclusion, no other exceptional costs will be approved.

How grants will be disbursed

As funding for the project can be disbursed via both the UK and the partner country funding agencies, in some countries there may be restrictions on partner country costs. Please refer to Appendix 1 for details.

The level of grant funding available from the Research Collaborations Programme depends on the country: please see Appendix 1 for country specific guidance and funding limits. Funds will be disbursed directly to the Lead Organisation (s), (i.e., the Project Leaders' organisations) according to the approved final budget.

For British Council disbursed grants, unless stated otherwise, an advance payment of 80% of the awarded UK component of the Research Collaborations grant will be made on signature of the grant agreement, followed by two payments of 10% dependent on approval of reports by the British Council.

Where there is no partner funder, the entire grant will be paid to the UK Lead Organisation. It is the responsibility of the UK Project Leader to ensure there are no barriers to transfer of funds to the partner institution, and that this is done in a timely and efficient manner. Transfer of funding must be done within an active subcontract or research collaboration agreement. This should be discussed with the partner organisation before applying for the grant.

Please note that Appendix 1 specifies further, country-specific information on eligible and ineligible costs.

Partnerships

1. Equitable Partnerships

Equitable Partnerships are a key pillar of the Research Collaborations Programme. UKRI (UK Research and Innovation) developed the following statement of expectation for research partnerships in consultation with researchers from East Africa:

"Partnerships should be transparent and based on mutual respect. Partnerships should aim to have clearly articulated equitable distribution of resources, responsibilities, efforts, and benefits. Partnerships should recognise different inputs, different interests and different desired outcomes and should ensure the ethical sharing and use of data which is responsive to the identified needs of society."

Agreements for ownership and exploitation of intellectual property generated through project activities must be consistent with the primary aim of addressing development issues.

Further guidance on how to develop and maintain equitable research partnerships is available in KFPE's Guide for transboundary research partnerships '11 Principles and 7 questions:

2. Associated Partnerships

To support the realisation of impact, Project Leaders are encouraged to include in their proposals associated partners (known as 'project partners' on UKRI proposals). An associated partner is defined as a collaborating organisation that will have an integral role in the proposed research and from which you have secured a commitment (other than that from British Council or the in-country funding partner) to provide additional resources for this project. This may include in-kind or cash contributions such as expertise, staff time, use of facilities, etc.

These can include:
- Other research or higher education institutions
- Technology transfer offices
- Not for-profit organisations (including NGOs)
- For-profit/commercial organisations (including SMEs)
- UK Catapults

A letter of support from each project partner/associated partner confirming the level of support specific to this proposal must be included as an attachment. **This must be signed, dated within three months of submission and on headed paper or it will not be accepted, and the application will be considered ineligible.**

Project duration

It is expected that all funded project activity will begin on or after 1 January 2026 and be completed according to the deadlines specified in individual country/territory guidance at Appendix 1. For UK Institutions, funding, if approved, will be transferred to the successful institution once the grant agreement is counter-signed by the British Council. Formal project start dates will be set in the grant agreement by the British Council. Expenses incurred by the institutions prior to the effective start date, including any costs incurred in the production of the proposal, cannot be charged to the grant.

Where funding is offered by participating country or territory partners, please refer to Appendix 1 for specific details on payment arrangements.

Ethics and research governance

It is essential that all legal and professional codes of practice are followed in conducting work supported by this Programme. Applicants must ensure the proposed activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity.

Applicants are responsible to obtain ethical approval from relevant authorities before the start of activities that require such approval. Applicants must ensure that the work carried out adheres to the local guidelines for best practice.

Please refer to the UKRI 'Policy and Guidelines on Governance of Good Research Conduct', the Inter Academy Partnership report 'Doing Global Science: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in the Global Research Enterprise or contact us at UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org.

It is the absolute responsibility of the Project Leaders and the Lead Institutions to ensure that appropriate ethical approval is granted and adhered to, and that no research requiring ethical approval is initiated until it has been granted.

In the online application form, applicants must clearly articulate how any potential ethical and health and safety issues have been considered and how they will be addressed, ensuring that all necessary ethical approval is in place before the project commences and all risks are minimised. Specifically, applications that involve research on animals, human participants, human tissue, or patient/participant data must be accompanied by necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committees/authorities in the UK and the partner country, or an undertaking to obtain this permission in advance of the activity commencing. Failure to do so will result in applications being rendered ineligible and any funding already committed through this Programme being rescinded.

The Lead Institution in the partner country is responsible for managing and monitoring the conduct of medical and health research in a manner consistent with the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research. There must be effective and verifiable systems in place for managing research quality, progress and the safety and well-being of patients and other research participants. These systems must promote and maintain the relevant codes of practice and all relevant statutory review, authorisation, and reporting requirements.

Approval(s) for the research detailed in an International Science Partnerships Fund grant proposal must be granted by the appropriate bodies in the UK and partner country before any work can commence. Organisations, applicants, and grant holders have absolute responsibility for ensuring that the necessary approvals are granted for the research set out in their proposal.

The Project Leader/Lead Institution must be prepared to furnish the British Council with a copy of the ethical approval, and any correspondence with the committees, if requested by either the British Council or any partner funder. The Project Leader must notify the British Council if a regulator or a research ethics committee requires amendments that substantially affect the research question, methodology or costs to the extent that the project is no longer the same as that approved for funding by the British Council.

Diversity and Inclusion

British Council are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion, and to continuing to attract and nurture talented people from the widest pool to remain internationally competitive in research and innovation. We believe that everyone has a right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be provided with equal opportunities to flourish and succeed. This includes avoidance of bias due to disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, sex (gender), and age.

We also recognise, and will seek to maximise, the benefits achieved by diversity of thought and experience within inclusive groups, organisations, and the wider community. British Council are therefore committed to ensuring that the best potential researchers from a diverse population are attracted into research careers. Applicants are asked to consider encouraging participation from researchers from underrepresented groups in the research teams implementing their proposed activities.

We are able to offer additional funding to support participation as Exceptions up to a total of £2,000 per proposal, upon request. Please refer to the budget section of this document for additional information. Such requests should be clearly marked in the budget form under Exceptions and should be supported by justifications submitted separately by email to: UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org.

For more on the British Council's approach, see our Equality Policy.

Trusted Research and Innovation

Trusted Research is a cross-research and innovation sector term for protecting intellectual property, sensitive research, people and infrastructure from potential theft, misuse, and exploitation. In this context, there are established programmes of work on managing security and related risks in international higher education. The British Council work to ensure its partner institutions are aware of and understand the nature of risks posted by these issues, and that they are able to respond appropriately.

As your application involves international collaboration and will be funded through the International Science Partnership Fund (ISPF), you will need to demonstrate how your proposed project will identify potential risks and the relevant controls you will put in place to help proportionately reduce these risks. This will include describing what due diligence for ethical, legal, financial and security considerations has been undertaken in planning the project; confirming you have had open discussions with your partners around any conflicts of interest and how you will ensure both physical and on-line segregation of the data and outcomes from this project from other research you and the partner are undertaking separately.

Further information on managing risks in internationalism has been produced by Universities UK and UKRI.

• Universities UK: Managing risks in internationalisation: security related issues
• Managing risks in international research and innovation

Safeguarding

British Council condemns all forms of harm and abuse, including bullying and harassment. We take a zero-tolerance approach to harm and abuse to any individual employed through or associated with our programmes in all contexts, whether in humanitarian or fragile and conflict-affected settings, in other field contexts, or within the international or UK research and development community which we fund. We expect organisations to promote the highest standards in organisational culture and have in place the systems and procedures required to prevent and tackle all incidents of harm and abuse. Applications should detail how they will identify and manage safeguarding risks within their projects.

A completed risk assessment will be requested by the British Council for successful projects to demonstrate an understanding of the risks involved travelling to and from the partner country, whether for meetings or for field work.

You will be expected to have in place the following robust policies and procedures:

- Safeguarding and Whistleblowing Policy

- Incident reporting procedure, which includes safe reporting.

- Code of Conduct on acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for staff, volunteers, students and placements.

- Safer recruitment policies and processes, which includes conducting relevant disclosure and/or criminal records checks for individuals directly working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

    We require clients, customers, partners, and suppliers to operate within the British Council's Safeguarding Policy:

Partners, Suppliers & Contractors:

The terms 'partners, suppliers and contractors' relate to all those who we have a contract or agreement with to provide goods, services, or collaboration. There may be a financial or alternative benefit, but this is not essential. It includes implementing partners who carry out work on our behalf and other stakeholders with whom the British Council may establish a working relationship, such as Ministries, and Donors and Funders.

Submission process

The deadline for submission of an Expression of Interest in this programme is 30 June 2025 at noon (UK time). Applicants will be notified during that week if they are eligible to complete a full application.

The deadline for completed applications will be 4 August 2025 at noon, (UK time).

The deadline applies to all parts of your application. There will be no opportunity for corrections and clarifications following the deadline for submission of the full application.

Any applications with incomplete or incorrect supporting documents, will be considered *ineligible*.   Appeals against this decision will not be accepted.

Applicants for all calls must submit a completed online application form at the following **link:** https://grants.britishcouncil.org/

Please note that you will need to register on the application portal before you are able to start your application form. **The application form will be linked to this log in and password, therefore this must be the UK Project Leader**. Applicants should also ensure that they have enabled notifications through the portal.

If you are unable to use the on-line application for reasons of accessibility, please contact us at UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org

Completing the application form:

To assist you in developing your application and sharing content with your partners, a Word version of the online application form will be available for download from the call website. This is solely to allow you to develop your responses in a convenient format. The final version of your application **must** be submitted using the online form.

The application must be submitted by the UK Project Leader in order for clear communication and updates about the project from the British Council. It is possible to allow others to collaborate on completion of the form, using the collaboration feature in portal. See Appendix 6 for further details.

Please give specific regard to the following sections of the application form:

Gender Equality Statement

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender. Gender Equality is not the same as Gender Balance, although it does include Gender Balance; it is mainly concerned with the impacts of the proposed project. Gender equality statements which focus solely on the gender balance of the project team should also describe the background and context for gender balance in their field of research.

The Gender Statement must be about the project specifically – the outputs and outcomes; the make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders, and beneficiaries of the project; and the processes followed throughout the research programme. It should not be a re-statement of your Institution's policy – you may refer to the policy but should show how the policy will be implemented in terms of the project. The Gender Statement must **address the below criteria**, with an understanding that, depending on the nature of the research and innovation, not all questions will be applicable. **If a question is not applicable, you will need to articulate the reasons why.**

- Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation, and the beneficiaries of the research and innovation.
- The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

The British Council has produced additional guidance on writing a gender statement.

 Gender Equality Statements - Guidance for Applicants

Please also refer to Appendix 4.

The British Council reserves the right to reject the application if no consideration has been given to gender equality or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact for gender equality.

Official Development Assistance

Please outline a plausible route between the outcomes of the proposed project to a positive tangible impact to the economic development and social welfare of the partner country, benefitting low-income and/or vulnerable populations within a short to medium time frame (normally 10 years). Please address the following questions:

1. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of the partner country/territory? Please provide evidence of the development need and articulate how the proposed activity is appropriate to address this need.
2. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of the partner country/territory?
3. Please identify relevant stakeholders and potential users of the research and describe any existing engagement with them.
4. What approach(es) will you use to deliver development impact within the lifetime of the project and in the longer-term? Please consider the potential outcomes, the key beneficiary and stakeholder groups in the DAC list country/territories and how they will be engaged to ensure opportunities for them to benefit and to enable development impact to be achieved.

Supporting Documents

In addition to filling in the online form, applicants are required to submit the following documents. **Late submission of supporting documents or submission of documents which do not comply with these requirements, will render the application *ineligible*.**

There will be no opportunity to re-submit incorrect or missing documents after the closing date for the full application.

The documents are:

- **Project Leaders' Narrative CV**s (up to two sides of A4 each) in the R4RI format (see [Appendix 5](#))
- **Letters of support**
  All Letters of support must be in English on headed paper, dated within 3 months of the closing date for applications. (That is documents dated before 5 May 2025 will be ineligible).
  <u>Institutional Support Letter</u>

  From the UK and partner country Project Leaders' organisations, signed by the Head of Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority, expressing specific commitment to the proposed project, willingness to receive funding, a description of any in-kind support to be given and describing why the experience and capability of the Project Leader is particularly suited to the project content. **Please note that supporting letters must not be signed by the Project Leaders.**
  <u>Associated Partners Letters</u>

If the proposal includes project partners/associated partners, a pdf file **combining together signed letters from each partner containing a maximum of 300 words on their contribution to the project - this could be financial or in-kind, e.g., expertise.** All supporting letters **must** be submitted as a **combined** document. Letters from every project partner/associated partner listed in the application **must** be provided.

Weblink to Institution Safeguarding and Whistleblowing Policies (where publicly available) or a copy of the policy must be uploaded with application form
Weblink to Institution Codes of Conduct on Acceptable Behaviours for staff and project participants (where publicly available) or a copy of the policy must be uploaded with application form
GANTT Chart showing timelines for the project with refence to the start and end dates indicated.

Documents must use the following format for names:
Name of document *UK Project Leader Surname Name of Country*
eg: UK Project Leader CV Jones Egypt

These are the names that must be used:

UK Project Leader CV
Partner Project Leader CV
UK Letter of Support
Partner Letter of Support
Gantt Chart

Associate Partners Letters of Support

Projects will be considered ineligible if files are missing, incomplete or not submitted via the on-line portal with the application.

Applications must be in English.

A Word version of the application form is available on the call website. This is solely to allow you to develop your responses in a convenient format. **The final version of your application must be submitted using the online form.**

If you experience problems with the online submission system, please contact UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org **before** the submission deadline. If you alert us to technical issues after the deadline, we will not be able to take them into consideration when assessing the eligibility of your application.

if you require an alternative format of the on-line submission form for reasons of accessibility, please contact us at: UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org.

Finalising submission

Before the completed online application form can be submitted to the system, applicants will be asked to confirm on the form that they have:

- obtained permission to submit the proposal on behalf of the UK institution(s) **and** of the partner country institution(s). This must be confirmed by attaching Letters of Support or formal emails from the respective institutions signed by the Head of Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority.
- confirmed the Project Leaders' Institutions, (i.e., the Lead Institutions') willingness to receive the funds and to sign a grant agreement with the British Council or the national partner, also confirmed in the Letters of Support.
- complied with British Council policies on prevention of fraud, bribery, money laundering and addressed any other financial and reputational risk that may affect a transparent and fair grant award process. See: British Council Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

Applicant screening

To comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third-party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant institutions nor any of the applicants' employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings,
- as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime,
- as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body,
- as being subject to export, trade, or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director, and/or
- as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.

If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call. The applicant must provide the British Council with all information requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches.

Please read the text to this effect on the application form and tick the box to show that you understand this.

Selection process

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed to check that both the applicant and institution are eligible for this funding call as detailed in the section on eligibility above.

Following submission of the full application, selection will begin with an eligibility check by the British Council against the eligibility criteria given in these Guidelines, including Appendix 1 (Country/Territory specific guidance), Appendix 2 (Eligibility Checklist) and Appendix 4 (Gender Equality Statement)

The British Council may ask lead institutions to prioritise their applications and potentially limit the number of submissions from each university or research institution, if there is high demand for the call.

Eligible proposals then undergo independent external quality review based on quality, fit to development needs and country priorities, capacity building potential and sustainability of the collaboration, as follows:

- Assessment and scoring in the UK by independent experts (see Appendix 3 for assessment form). In country assessment by project partners may happen in parallel, see Appendix 1 for details.
- Review by a UK Review Panel of experts, which determines a UK panel score, ranks applications, and makes recommendations for funding. The Review Panel considers whether proposals are of high quality (being intellectually innovative, well focused, and methodologically sound), and whether the activity has the potential to have a real impact on economic development and social welfare in the partner country.
- Final decision making in collaboration with UK ISPF Fund partners, international stakeholders, and national co-funding organisations.
- Projects which are not eligible for Official Development Assistance, are rated as 'Sufficient' for Gender Equality and with an overall score under 30 will not be funded.

In the UK, eligible proposals are reviewed by one of five Review Panels:

- **Arts and Humanities**
- **Biological and Medical Sciences**
- **Engineering and Physical Sciences**
- **Natural Environment**
- **Social Sciences**

Please indicate in the application which Review Panel should assess the proposal and select up to three subject areas in priority order. We reserve the right to allocate your proposal to a different Review Panel.

Proposals are quality assessed against the criteria at Appendix 3, resulting in a total score between 0 and 60. Those receiving a final score from the Panel meeting of less than 30 will not be considered fundable. However, achieving a score equal to or above the threshold does not guarantee that the proposal will be selected for funding.

Country/territory specific priorities and challenge areas will be considered in the final decision, in addition to the general assessment criteria, see Appendix 1 for priorities by country/territory.

Successful applicants are currently expected to be notified in December 2025. In order to make payments in early December 2025, successful applicants will be required to return a signed grant agreement by 12 December 2025. Any proposed changes to the British Council's standard grant agreement terms and conditions must be notified in advance. By submitting an application, you are agreeing to these terms.

You can find our grant agreement template here:

ISPF Grant Base Template

Data protection

How we use your information

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring, and review of any grants.

We will need to share necessary data with application reviewers and panel members contracted by the British Council, the funder UK Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT), international funding partners (where named in Appendix 1) and contracted external evaluators (as required).

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU) GDPR). We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council, and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council reserve the right to publish and share anonymized aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or see our website: http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection.

Contractual Requirements

The contracting authority for UK Institutions is the British Council which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the British Council from time to time (see: British Council Organisational Status).

- The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the ISPF Fund countries listed in section 3 of these guidelines (Scope of the Programme).
- The British Council is subject to the requirements of the UK Freedom of Information Act, ("FOIA"). Please indicate in your application whether FOIA also applies to your organisation, so that we can reflect this in the Grant Agreement should you be successful in your application.
- The British Council's contractual approach in respect of the grant is set out at:

  ISPF Grant Base Template

  By submitting a response to this call for applications, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of these guidelines and the Grant Agreement without further negotiation or amendment.

- If you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, you should submit a clarification request to UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org in accordance with the

provisions of this call for applications by the application deadline. The British Council reserves the right not to make any changes to the Grant Agreement.

- The British Council is under no obligation to consider any clarifications / amendments to the Grant Agreement requested following the application deadline.

Contact details

All queries or comments about this call should be addressed to the ISPF email address: UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org

Appendix 1 -
Country/Territory Specific Guidance

To ensure optimal fit to the local context and development needs, priority areas, specific innovation challenges and additional application requirements – such as maximum grant sizes and durations – have been set at a country/territory level through discussion with /national stakeholders.

This appendix provides the specific guidance which applicants should consider in conjunction with the main body text of this document **before** preparing their proposals. Proposals which do not take into account the country specific guidance **cannot be considered for funding.**

Indonesia	
Partner:	**The Directorate General of Research and Development, The Ministry of Higher Education, Science, And Technology of The Republic of Indonesia (Ditjen Risbang)**
Duration of grants:	24 months
Size of grant:	UK: £80,000 (£100,000 FEC) Indonesia: IDR 2,000,000,000
Thematic priority areas:	Priority 1: Health and food security Priority 2: Digitalisation: semiconductor/electronics development and artificial intelligence. Priority 3: Advanced materials and manufacturing. Priority 4: Downstreaming of science and technology from economic policy and business strategy perspectives.
Contractual arrangements:	

British Council to contract and pay Lead Institution in the UK. Ditjen Risbang to contract and pay Lead Institution in Indonesia.

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC).

If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent.

Successful Lead Institutions from Indonesia will follow the contracting procedures and regulations as applicable under Ditjen Risbang, Kemdiktisaintek.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Indonesia partner eligibility criteria:

a. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a permanent lecturer with a valid Nomor Induk Dosen Nasional (NIDN) or Nomor Induk Dosen Khusus (NIDK) or NUPTK and must have a registered ID in SINTA (Science and Technology Index) and Indonesia citizen;

b. The PI's must be a lecturer under Ministry of Higher Education Science and Technology base on the Higher Education Database/Pangkalan Data Pendidikan Tinggi) in the website www.pddikti.kemdiktisaintek.go.id

c. The PI must hold a Ph.D. degree and be at least at the post of an expert assistant (asisten ahli) or beyond.

d. The PI should have authored at least two (2) articles published in reputable indexed databases and/or accredited national journals as the first author or corresponding author or have a minimum of 1 registered relevant Intellectual Property Right (IPR).

e. The research team must not have been found guilty of any administrative or criminal case, including those under appeal.

f. The PI must obtain recommendation letter from LPPM

g. The research team should consist of 1 – 2 persons, composed of at least one early career researcher and doctoral student and must have a registered ID in SINTA (Science and Technology Index).

h. The research team not involved in any international research collaboration team members that funded/organized by Ditjen Risbang projects

Other considerations:

Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026

Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Eligible/Ineligible costs:

Eligible cost

The research funding components are arranged as follows:
1. **Direct Costs** (maximum 95% of the total funding)
   Direct costs are divided into two categories:
   a. **Personnel Direct Costs**, the maximum allocation for salaries and/or honoraria of the proposing team is 30% of the total funding, with the highest unit cost set as follows:

No	Description	Unit cost
1	Principal Investigator	Rp 3,600,000 per month
2	Team Member	Rp 2,400,000 per month
3	Assistant	Rp 1,500,000 per month
4	Administrator	Rp 820,000 per month

   b. **Non-Personnel Direct Costs** (minimum 65% of the total funding), covering operational needs and research support activities.
      Non-personnel direct costs may be used for the following purposes:
      i. Procurement/purchase of consumable goods/materials such as raw materials or production components and/or references/data/books and office stationery;

ii. Procurement/purchase/rental of laboratory equipment/land/animals for observation or testing, including laboratory or industrial testing services;

iii. Organizing or participating in Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)/capacity building/trainings, surveys, outreach activities, seminars, or dissemination events;

iv. Domestic travel;

v.   Wages/honoraria for field workers, experts, resource persons, surveyors, observers, or respondents;

vi. Registration/processing of product or technology certification or Intellectual Property Rights such as patents, copyrights, or other IPR, and Indonesian National Standard (SNI) or other standard compliance, including obtaining permits related to research implementation;

vii. Scientific article submission fees;

viii. Duplication, binding, or printing;

ix. International travel for attending FGDs/capacity building/trainings, testing, surveys, observations, outreach activities, seminars, or dissemination events.

2. **Indirect Costs** (maximum 5% of the total funding)
   Used for activities such as:
   a. Internal monitoring and evaluation
   b. Administrative and logistical support
   c. Institutional development to support the successful implementation of the research

3. Specifically for **Non-Personnel Direct Costs related to international travel**, the total funding allocation must not exceed **Rp150,000,000 (one hundred and fifty million rupiah) per year**.

4. Payment for expenses related to international official travel must follow the **cost standards set by the Ministry of Finance** and/or the **internal cost standards of the university** in the current fiscal year. In the case of discrepancies between the two standards, the **applicable rate must not exceed the standard set by the Ministry of Finance**.

5. The **total proposed funding amount must include taxes (VAT and/or income tax)** or other charges in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

The funding **may not be used** for the following purposes:
   a. Purchase of land/property.
   b. Purchase of operational vehicles.
   c. Construction of buildings/offices.
   d. Guarantees or loans to other parties.
   e. Grants or cash donations to third parties or the public.
   f. Other uses not relevant to the achievement of research outputs.
   g. Purchase/procurement of communication tools, including mobile credits/data packages for the research team (including subscriptions to online platforms such as Zoom Meeting, Grammarly, and similar services).
   h. Consumption costs for meetings conducted online.
   i. Any other uses not approved by Ditjen Risbang or Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP)

Outputs and outcomes

Outputs Mandatory (must comply with 4 outputs below):

1. Collaboration with industry partners

2. At least two publications in high impact factor journals (Q1 level or equivalent) - contribution to the general body of knowledge through scientific publications with a partner

as first author or corresponding author (one publication for each year). The publication must be accepted in the last year of research duration.

3. Patent/IP - tangible measure of innovation

4. **(must choose at least one of the following options):**
   • Product - commercial value of outputs
   • People Services - increase in the scientific workforce
   • Places and Partnerships - facilities and networks established/enabled
   • Policies - adopted science-based guidelines; policy recommendations

Acknowledgement:

● Funding recipients must include an **acknowledgment of the research funding** in every publication, whether in scientific journals or other forms of publication related to research funded through this grant.

● The recipient institution must **use or display the logo or name of Ditjen Risbang, KEMENDIKTISAINTEK and LPDP** in all media publications or promotional materials related to activities funded by this grant.

Submission process:

In addition to submitting an Expression of Interest through the UK application system, Indonesian Project Leads are required to submit a separate expression of interest via http://s.id/FormPernyataanMinatKerjasama_ISPF.

The full proposal must be submitted as a single application through the UK system only. A PDF copy of the document containing the proposal and the budget form using the template provided by Ditjen Risbang should be uploaded via the UK system at full application stage.

For inquiries regarding Indonesia requirements please contact Ditjen Risbang via Penelitian.dppm@kemdiktisaintek.go.id.

Upon being selected for funding, the applicant will be required to submit a document to **Ditjen Risbang** that outlines a mutual agreement between the two parties to carry out the research collaboration. This document should cover, at a minimum, aspects such as material transfer; intellectual property rights; genetic resources, traditional knowledge, and folklore arrangements. It may take the form of a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** or an **Implementing Agreement**, where applicable.

Jordan	
Partner:	**None**
Duration of grants:	**24 months**

Size of grant:	UK: **£40,000 (£50,000 FEC)**
	Jordan: **£40,000 (£40,000 FEC)**

Thematic priority areas:	**Priority research areas**
	Resilient Planet: Clean Energy, Extreme weather and climate, Agri-tech, Environmental resilience
	Transformative Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications
	Healthy People, Animals and Plants: Biosecurity and Pathogen detection, Global Health and Pandemics, Genomics and digital health, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Social determinants of health

Contractual arrangements:

Grant Agreements will be signed with the Lead Institution in the UK.

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC).

If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research organisations for the UK funds requested and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent. Funds to Jordan will be paid at 100 per cent of FEC.

Applicants should discuss the process for transferring funding to their partner with the respective finance teams before applying.

Additional eligibility criteria:

N/A

Other considerations:

Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026

Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:

One application via UK system

Malaysia	
Partner:	**Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM)**
	AKADEMI SAINS MALAYSIA
Duration of grants:	24 months
Size of grant:	UK: £80,000 (£100,000 FEC) Malaysia: £80,000

	Total funding available per project £160,000
Thematic priority areas:	**Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications

Contractual arrangements:
UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC). If successful: The British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations for the UK and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent. Funding for the Malaysian Institution will be at FEC up to £80,000. The Akademi Sains Malaysia will pay and contract with the Malaysian Institution (subject to confirmation)

Additional eligibility criteria:
• Applied research or beyond (Technology Readiness Level 4 or above) • Transdisciplinary research • Collaboration with industry or community

Other considerations:
Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026 Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:
One application via UK system

South Africa

Partner:	**N/A**
Duration of grants:	Up to 24 months
Size of grant:	UK maximum: £50,000 (£40,000 FEC) South Africa Maximum: £40,000 (£40,000 FEC) Number of projects: 4
Thematic priority areas:	**Tomorrow's Talent**

Contractual arrangements:
Grant Agreements will be signed with the Lead Institution in the UK. UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC). If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent. Applicants should discuss the process for transferring funding to their partner with the respective finance teams before applying.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Proposals must be linked to the ISPF Themes of Resilient Planet, Transformative Technologies, Healthy People Animals and Plants and should serve as a catalyst for enhancing and enabling research and collaboration, with a strong focus on capacity strengthening,

Workshops and mentoring for Early Career Researchers are required parts of the proposal and this should be clearly embedded in the project design with costs clearly justified and described in the budget.

Other considerations:
Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026 Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:
One application via UK system

Thailand - NRCT

Partner:	National Research Council of Thailand
Duration of grants:	Up to 24 months
Size of grant:	Total Grant: up to £180,000 (Project size: £200,000 FEC) UK Maximum: £80,000 (Project size: £100,000 FEC) Country Partner Maximum: £100,000 Number of projects to be funded: 1
Thematic priority areas:	**Resilient Planet: Urban Climate Resilient** Must include but not limited to: **PM2.5 and Air Pollution Control Technologies and Innovations** • Developing solutions to mitigate PM2.5-related challenges; • Working with environmental <u>or</u> policy sectors under research project to analyse air pollution and PM2.5-related issues; • First-year research outcome leads to a clear demonstration of the practical application of research findings within the environmental and policy sectors in the second-year

Contractual arrangements:
British Council to contract and pay Lead Institution in the UK. Partner Organisation to contract and pay Lead Institution in Partner country

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC).

If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Thai Applicants Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be individuals employed in either the public or private sector, or higher education institution or a research institution recognized as legal entities according to the following criteria:
2. Applicants must be a Thai nationality and have a permanent residence within the country and evidence of employment.
3. Applicants must hold doctoral degree and have strong academic records in related issues in the last 5 years:

   Science and Technology field: Obtained a doctoral degree and published research work in an international academic journal listed in the Web of Science database with an Impact Factor and/or Scopus within the last 5 years, apart from the thesis. Applicants should either be the primary author of the article or serve as the corresponding author, and among at least 5 articles. Furthermore, they should possess an h-index of no less than 10 in the Scopus database following the completion of a doctoral degree or its equivalent.

   Humanities and Social Sciences field: Obtained a doctoral degree and published research work in an international academic journal indexed in the Web of Science database, with a high impact Factor and/or Scopus, a humanities and social science database. Applicants should either be the primary author of the article, serving as the corresponding author, or by having at least three internationally published books, textbooks, or academic documents (monographs)."

4. Applicants must submit their proposal through the NRIIS (https://nriis.go.th/), in addition to submitting through the British Council's portal.
5. Applicant's institution must certify the proposal in the NRIIS within the specific deadline.
6. Applicant must comply with the national regulation and NRCT's rules and regulation.
7. Applicants should possess the capability to conduct and oversee research promptly and continuously throughout the grant duration, ensuring timely completion of research projects with high quality.

Other considerations:

Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026

Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:

Thai Applicants must submit their proposal in Thai language directly through NRIIS system (https://nriis.go.th/), apart from British Council's portal.

The original proposal submitted via British Council Applicant Portal **must** be submitted with your application

Thailand – PMU-B	
Partner:	**Program Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B), Thailand**
Duration of grants:	Up to 24 months
Size of grant:	UK Maximum: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC) Country Partner Maximum: £50,000 (£50,000 FEC) Number of projects to be funded: 2

Thematic priority areas:	**Tomorrow's Talent:** Research Capacity, Research Systems, and the Research Pipeline in relation to the Six Technology Groups under the Thailand Science and Technology Development Plan (2025–2027), focusing on the following areas, without limitation to these alone.
	1. Digital & Computing Technology
	    a. Development of Models and Algorithms for Digital Applications in Key National Industries
	2. Sensor & Electronics Technology
	    a. Sensor technologies
	    b. Power Electronics applications
	3. Biotechnology
	    a. Synthetic Biology
	    b. Genome Editing Technologies
	    c. Precision Fermentation Technologies
	4. Clean Energy Related Technology and Decarbonization
	    a. Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Technology
	    b. Biofuel
	5. Advanced Materials Technology
	    a. High-performance or novel materials
	    b. Technology-transferable advanced materials
	    c. Scalable materials for industrial deployment
	6. Frontier Technology
	    a. Earth and Space System Technology

	b. High-Energy Physics and Plasma Technology c. Quantum Technology

Contractual arrangements:
British Council to contract and pay Lead Institution in the UK. Program Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B) to contract and pay Lead Institution in Thailand. UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC). If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent.

Additional eligibility criteria:
• Thai organization (Public/non-profit organization research institute or university in Thailand) • Thai organization approve the proposal submission in NRIIS • Researcher – Thai/Non-Thai affiliated with Thai organization • Supporting Document from all participating country • Proposal topic match with the topic in the call (PMU-B) • Budget within limit

Other considerations:
Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026 Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:
One application via UK system and another one application from PMU-B via NRIIS system

Thailand - PMUC
Partner:	Program Management Unit for Competitiveness (PMUC)

PMUC
Program Management Unit for Competitiveness

Duration of grants:	Up to 24 months
Size of grant:	UK Maximum: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC) Country Partner Maximum: £50,000 (£50,000 FEC) Number of projects to be funded: 2
Thematic priority areas:	**Priority research areas** • **Resilient Planet:** Clean Energy, Extreme weather and climate, Agri-tech, Environmental resilience • **Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications • **Healthy People, Animals and Plants:** Biosecurity and Pathogen detection, Global Health and Pandemics, Genomics and digital health, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Social determinants of health • **Tomorrows Talent:** Research Capacity, Research Systems, Research Pipeline

Contractual arrangements:

British Council to contract and pay Lead Institution in the UK. PMUC to contract and pay Lead Institution in Thailand.

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC).

If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent.

Additional eligibility criteria:

PMUC

1. It must be a single project, or a series of research projects cooperated through UK partnership networks. The submitted project should align with the following types of partnership:

    i) Technology partnership: such as technology transfer, opportunity study, and technology searching.

    ii) Market development partnership: such as Growing current market, moving into new market segments, and expanding into new geographical markets.

    iii) Entrepreneur & talented partnership: such as in tech start-ups, SMEs and IDEs (scale up).

2. It must be a joint research project between government agencies and private sectors from Thailand and abroad, which leads to the development of science, research, and innovation to be commercialized.

3. Must present documents showing cooperation and/or joint budgetary support from foreign public agencies and private sectors.

4. Must present documents as evidence of joint budgetary support from the private sector(s), which indicates the budgetary support of **at least 10% in cash and 10% in kind.**

5. The technology must be at TRL or SRL Level 4 or above.

6. Special consideration will be given to project proposals which include plans to organize networking forums/workshop events with financial support from partners in the project. The networking and workshop should create a network of international cooperation, leading to the adoption and transfer of knowledge and technology to improve the country's competitiveness, or promoting the commercialization.

7. Departments/institutions/team should be knowledgeable and have experience in research management and operation. The team should be able to work on the project throughout the entire period of receiving the funding.

Other considerations:

Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026

Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:

One application via UK system. Once the applicant is accepted, a submission on the NRIIS system in Thailand is required.

Thailand - No partner funder

Partner:	**N/A**
Duration of grants:	Up to 24 months
Size of grant:	UK maximum: £50,000 (£40,000 FEC) Thailand Maximum: £40,000 (£40,000 FEC) Number of projects: 1
Thematic priority areas:	**Priority research areas** • **Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence • **Healthy People, Animals and Plants:** Genomics

Contractual arrangements:
Grant Agreements will be signed with the Lead Institution in the UK. UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC). If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent. Applicants should discuss the process for transferring funding to their partner with the respective finance teams before applying.

Additional eligibility criteria:
N/A

Other considerations:
Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026 Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:
One application via UK system

Türkiye	
Partner:	
Duration of grants:	24 months
Size of grant:	UK maximum: £40,000 (£50,000 FEC) Türkiye Maximum: £40,000 (£40,000 FEC) Number of projects: 4
Thematic priority areas:	**Priority research areas** • **Resilient Planet:** Clean Energy, Extreme weather and climate, Agri-tech, Environmental resilience • **Transformative Technologies:** Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, Engineering biology, Semi-conductors, Future telecommunications • **Healthy People, Animals and Plants:** Biosecurity and Pathogen detection, Global Health and Pandemics, Genomics and digital health, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Social determinants of health • **Tomorrows Talent:** Research Capacity, Research Systems, Research Pipeline

Contractual arrangements:

Grant Agreements will be signed with the Lead Institution in the UK.

UK Project leaders should submit proposals with figures of 100 per cent Full Economic Costs (FEC).

If successful, the British Council will meet 80 per cent of the FEC paid to the UK Research Organisations and that institution will be expected to support the remaining 20 per cent.

Applicants should discuss the process for transferring funding to their partner with the respective finance teams before applying.

Additional eligibility criteria:

N/A

Other considerations:

Successful projects start dates will be 1 January 2026.

Projects will expect to have completed all fundable activities by: 31 December 2027

Submission process:

One application via UK system

Appendix 2 - Eligibility Criteria Checklist

Eligibility criteria checklist	40
The Expression of Interest Expressions of Interest which fail to adhere to these criteria will be rejected.	
The Expression of Interest has been submitted by the published deadline	
The Expression of Interest has been submitted by a Project Leader in the UK and a Project Leader based in one of the partner countries listed in Appendix 1.	
Project Leaders are based at: a not-for-profit higher education institution with the capacity to undertake high-quality research a research institution with the capacity to undertake high-quality research a Catapult Centre (in the case of the UK Project Leader) an alternative institution as detailed at Eligible Research Organisations For the UK, if the lead institution is not an HEI (Higher Education Institution), the list of eligible UK research organisations is available as a pdf with the call documents on our funding call page. If unsure, please contact (UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org)	
The Project Leaders have submitted only one (1) Expression of Interest under this Research Collaboration call.	
The Project Leaders are not in currently leading on another Research Collaborations project funded through the British Council	

Eligibility criteria checklist	
The full application Applications which fail to adhere to these criteria will be rejected. There will be no opportunity for resubmission of incorrect or missing documents.	
The full application has been submitted by the published deadline with all supporting documents	
The Project Leaders and institutions named in the full application are the same as detailed in the Expression of Interest	
The full application includes two (2) supporting letters: One from each of the two Lead Institutions; Each on headed paper; Each signed by the Head of the Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority, giving specific commitment to the project as described in the supporting documents section of these Guidelines. Supporting letters are not signed by the Project Leaders. Each letter must be dated within 3 months of the deadline for receipt of the full application.	

Narrative CVs in the Resume for Research and Innovation format no longer than 2-sides of A4 have been submitted.	
If there are associated partners: A signed letter from <u>each</u> partner has been uploaded within a single pdf. Letters must be dated within 3 months of the full application deadline.	41
A Gantt chart of no more than 2 pages long has been submitted.	
Each section of the full application form has been completed in full and complies with instructions given.	
The application form and all supporting documents have been completed in English.	
Additional criteria required by partner country has been reviewed and adhered to.	

Appendix 3 –
Assessment criteria and scoring system

Assessment of the quality and development relevance of the proposals will be performed by expert reviewers, and the final funding decisions will be made in discussion with British Council country office and in country partners. Only proposals with an average score of 30 points or more for Sections 3 to 5, demonstrate relevance to economic development and social welfare and which have taken gender inclusion into consideration will be eligible for funding.

Section 1: Relevance to economic development and social welfare	Score	Range
		YES/NO
- Clear evidence is provided demonstrating that the suggested impacts assessed are relevant to the lives of vulnerable people/low-income populations in a DAC country. - Clear evidence is provided demonstrating that the project will contribute to the economic development and social welfare of the partner country and within a reasonable timeframe (within 15 years). - Development-relevant stakeholders and beneficiaries are defined, and the project plan includes an engagement plan.		

Section 2: Relevance to gender equality	Score	Range
		Sufficient /Insufficient
- Measures are in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project. This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation, and the beneficiaries of the research and innovation. - The project will have a positive impact on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond. - The potential impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender is clearly described. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc. - Risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality will be monitored, avoided, or mitigated against.		**Not addressed: 1** The proposal does not include any specific measure to reduce gender inequality or for people of different genders to be involved in the project. **(Insufficient)** **Reservations: 2** There is some evidence that the research might contribute to a local priority, a key development policy or an emerging area that might demand solutions in the foreseeable future. A focus on this area of work at this time appears sufficiently justified Gender is considered in the research project's rationale but is not an operative concept in the design and methodology.

	(Insufficient)
• Relevant outcomes and outputs will be measured with disaggregated data by age and gender (where disclosed). • Applicants have set the context for the potential outputs of the project as it relates to gender equality and social inclusion, considering the demographics (gender, age, disability, social/economic status…) of stakeholders, researchers, participants and beneficiaries.	**Good: 3** Proposals show understanding of the local context, risks, basic needs, and vulnerabilities of persons of different genders, and exercise due diligence to address these needs in the relation to the proposal. **(Sufficient)** **Excellent: 4** Programmes/projects build assets, capabilities, and opportunities for persons of different genders. **(Sufficient)** **Transformative: 5** Programmes/projects address unequal power relations and seek systemic institutional, legal, and societal changes. **(Sufficient)**

The following sections will be scored on a scale of 0-5.
5 points Meets all criteria to an exceptional level
4 points: Meets most of the criteria to a very high level
3 points: Meets most of the criteria to a high level
2 points: Meets most of the criteria to an adequate level
1 point: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level
0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.

Section 3: Research/innovation quality and background	Score Range 0–5 for each criterion
• The academic importance and timeliness of the research/innovation topic is clearly demonstrated.	
• The Project Leaders have sufficient relevant experience to undertake the proposed research collaboration and achieve the stated objectives.	
• The value added – to institutions and/or the wider research and innovation community – by the collaboration between the partnering institutions is clearly described and the benefits and relevance of the research to the UK and partner country institution is clearly described.	
• The collaborating institutions are of appropriate academic standing.	
Total score for **Research/innovation quality and background (0-20)**	

Section 4: Proposal	Score Range 0–5 for each criterion
• The description of the proposed collaboration includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives as well as potential for long term impact. • Applicants clearly articulate specific outputs anticipated from the collaboration and objectives likely to be achieved.	
• The proposal explains the benefits to both the UK and partner country researchers/innovation practitioners, institutions, and end users of the research or the products and services that will result from the project activity, considering who might benefit and how they might benefit.	
• The proposed collaboration supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links. • If the applicants' institutions are collaborating already, there is clear evidence that the grant would add significant value to the collaboration • There is strong evidence of support from the applicants' institutions and Associated Partners (where applicable). • The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of the arrangements for project managing the collaboration and communication between partners.	
• The proposal represents value for money; all costs are fully justified	
Total score for **Proposal (0-20)**	

Section 4: Sustainability and capacity strengthening	Score Range 0–5 for each criterion
• The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for researchers, innovation practitioners and other individuals participating in the collaboration is clearly described.	
• The collaboration supports the institutional capacity to translate research into economic or societal benefit, for example through establishing new relationships with non-academic partners, or setting up new processes for technology transfer.	
• The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the participating institutions/organisations intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer-term.	
• The participating institutions demonstrate a commitment to the collaboration through provision of in-kind funding (note that matched	

funding is an essential requirement for proposals from a subset of countries).	
Total score for Sustainability and capacity strengthening (0-20)	45

Total overall for this proposal (0-60) **(Section 2 + Section 3 + Section 4)**	
Do you believe that this proposal is suitable for funding?	**Yes/No**

Appendix 4 –
Gender Equality Statements

This section provides additional guidance for applicants on what to include in a Gender Equality Statement

Guidance for applicants

All applicants to DSIT R&I (Research & Innovation) funds are asked to submit a Gender Equality Statement with their application. It is expected that some projects will have less impact on gender and gender relations and professional judgement of the applicants should be exercised to ensure appropriate consideration of the context and intended aims of the project. Applicants can reference other parts of their application within this statement, if relevant.

Applicants are required to address the below criteria, with an understanding that, depending on the nature of their research and innovation, not all questions will be applicable.

Criteria to address while considering gender impact:

- Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation and the beneficiaries of the research and innovation.
- The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

  In addition, applicants must provide, **or** provide evidence that they have considered the following key inception actions:

- Gender Analysis – to understand gender equality issues in relation to the sector/context/country.
- Gender Impact Assessment – to understand impact of interventions (benefits & losses) on persons of different gender
- Consideration of Risk
- Risk Matrix: to identify Gender risks & unintended negative consequences to avoid, mitigate & monitor.
- Risk mitigation: including implementation of social & environmental sustainability performance standards; social safeguards.
- Implementing partners are confident interventions will do no harm and not worsen discrimination/gender inequality.
- Addresses basic needs of persons of different gender.
- Minimal institutional change to support sustained gender equality, empowerment of persons of different gender, and wider social inclusion.
- Gender disaggregated data & KPI (Key Performance Indicator) indicators where possible for programme/projects/projects & log frames.

- Information Sharing: Accurate, timely information shared with stakeholders through range of communication methods appropriate for context and target audience.
- Codes of Conduct: Staff and partners have signed and been trained on the organisation's code of conduct with respect to gender discrimination and have general safeguarding policies in place.
- Stakeholder and Community engagement Plan: Consultation with persons of different gender, poor and gender-discriminated groups, Civil Society Organisations (including Disabled People's Organisations and Persons of different gender's Rights organisations), SMEs.

Things to consider: Incorporating gender equality into Research and Innovation activities

Understanding gender and gender equality

- Have you understood that your concepts of gender norms, roles and values may vary across members of your project team, research and innovation participants and beneficiaries?
- Have you understood the different norms and values of gender depending on the context of your research and/or innovation?
- Equal opportunities and meaningful contributions
- Is there (or is there a plan to work towards) a gender balance in the project team at all levels? If not, why?
- Are there equal opportunities for persons of different gender in the recruitment of the project team?
- Are all members of the project team involved in the design and delivery of the research and/or innovation in a way that is providing equality of opportunity for people of different genders and across intersecting axes of difference?

Research and innovation content

- If the research and/or innovation involves humans or human physiology, has the relevance of gender to the research question and/or innovation topic been analysed?
- Have you considered the impact on the relations between people of different genders, and of the same gender? For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, etc.?
- If the research and/or innovation involves human participants or human physiology, is there a gender balance? If not, why?
- Have you reviewed literature and other sources (such as expertise/networks within the local context) relating to gender differences in the research and/or innovation field?
- Have you considered how to disaggregate any data you collect by gender?

Dissemination and impact of your research

- Have different outcomes, outputs and impacts of the research and/or innovation been identified based on gender and gender differences?
- Have you considered how you will disseminate your research and/or innovation in a way that is gender responsive? For example, the use of gender-impartial language.

"Mainstreaming" gender considerations: Including Gender in your Project Proposal

Consider discussing gender throughout your proposal, rather than just in the Gender Equality Statement.

- Gender sensitive language is an easy way to show you have thought about gender throughout your application. If you are using general, inclusive phrases such as 'local communities,' 'beneficiaries' 'research participants,' make it clear what the composition of these groups are. For example, 'the men, women and children in the local community will benefit from the outputs of the project.'
- Showcasing equality of opportunities for all members of the project team is also an effective way to illustrate how you have considered gender equality in your proposal.
- Explaining why, for example, you have chosen to use female organs or tissue in your research and innovation, is a good way to illustrate how you have considered gender and differences between genders whilst developing your research and innovation questions and activities.
- Consider the possible gendered outcomes: where and to whom the benefits will be experienced.

Including gender in your project is a great way to illustrate Interdisciplinarity

- By reflecting on gender issues within the content and context of your research, there is a great opportunity to foster collaboration between scientists and gender experts. For some research and innovation projects, it can also be beneficial to illustrate how you are incorporating elements of social science in your project.
- Consider whether the effectiveness and the successful implementation of your research and innovation may benefit from including gender expertise throughout the duration of the project.

Some research and innovation will be more gender-impartial

- Not all research and innovation will have equal impact on people of different genders. Some research and innovation are specifically targeted at people of a specific gender or includes studies on physiology of a certain gender –and that is ok! Considering gender does not mean you cannot do gender specific studies!
- Being gender sensitive in your research and innovation is intended to minimise potential barriers throughout the project cycle and to prevent any unforeseen negative consequences for people of different genders. It will allow you to examine how you can be more inclusive and maximise the impacts of your research and innovation.

The University of Edinburgh has also produced some guidance on gender relevant research:
https://www.gender.ed.ac.uk/gender-sensitive-research/improving-research/

Résumé for Research and Innovation

The Résumé for Research and Innovation (R4RI) template is designed to allow you to showcase relevant skills and experience. The 4 modules provide a framework for inputting these.

For Research Collaborations grants, this document should be no more than 2 pages long or the application may be marked as ineligible for funding.

Name: Institution:

Module 1 – Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies or knowledge

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Module 2 – The development of others and maintenance of effective working relationships

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Module 3 – Contributions to the wider research and innovation community

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Module 4 – Contributions to broader research/innovation-users and audiences and towards wider societal benefit

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Appendix 6 –
Allowing others to help complete the application

Note: This is a new feature in the portal, please contact us if you have any issues using it so we can report them.

After you have selected the panel for your application, included the Project Title, click **Save + next** in the first the first tab of the form,

After this you should be able to add "collaborations" – other people who will help complete the form. These might include international project leader, but you might also want to have people in the University who have a role supporting grant applications.

In the application, click the **+** icon near the top of the form
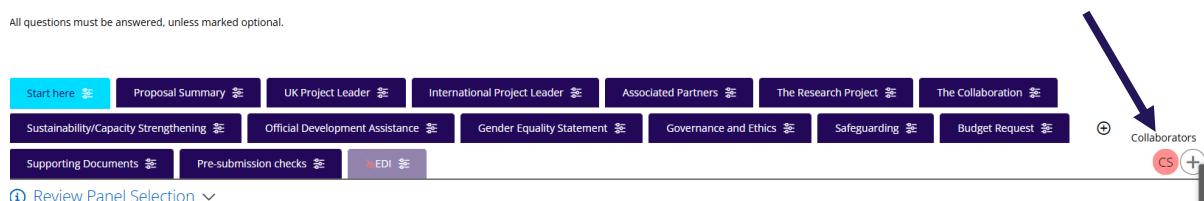
In the pop-up that appears, input the email addresses for your desired collaborator(s)
Tip: multiple users can be added at once with email addresses separated by a comma, new line, semi-colon, or colon.

Note: if the email addresses input are associated with an existing account in this portal no registration will be required. New users will be required to complete registration and be granted the program's default role.

Select the proper permissions for the collaborator(s)

- **View**: able to see the entire application but not take any action.
- **View + edit**: able to edit all fields within an application but not submit.
- **View + edit + submit**: able to edit all fields within and submit an application. **(Not recommended)**

Key in an optional message to the collaborators--this message will be added to the configured program notification with the "{message}" merge field.

Click **Send invite** when finished.

If any of your collaborators have used the portal before and opted out of Notification e-mails, they may not receive this message. We recommend sending a separate message from your personal e-mail address.

Only the application 'owner' is able to copy, delete, or change the Review Panel associated with the application. This can be done when no other users are actively editing.

Occasionally a collaborator will need to have their permissions updated. For example, a 'Viewer' may want to make changes to the application. Changing their permissions can be done in just a few clicks.

In the **Apply** workspace, open your application

Click on **Collaborators** at the top of the page

In the pop-up that appears, open the permissions drop-down next to the collaborator
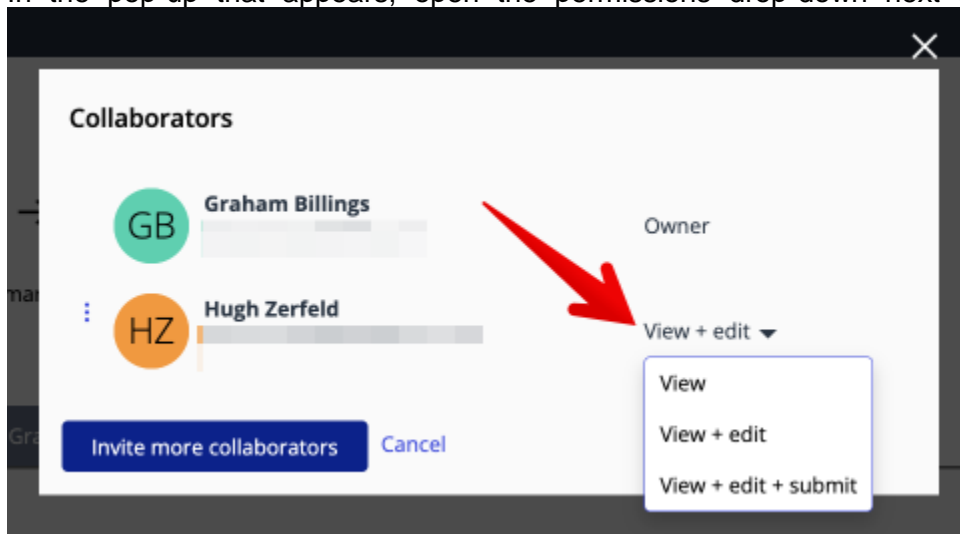
Select their new permission level
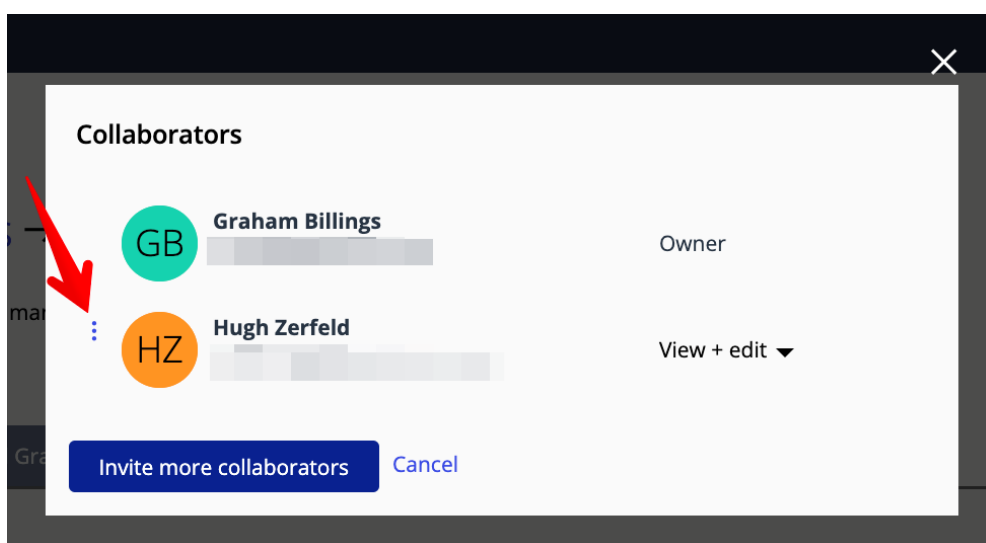Click the **X** to close the window when finished

Removing a collaborator

If you need to remove a collaborator for any reason doing so is simple.

In the **Apply** workspace, open your desired application

Click on **Collaborators** at the top of the page

In the pop-up that appears, click the ellipsis (three dots) next to the collaborator

Choose **Remove collaborator**

Click the **X** to close the window when finished