

**Going Global Partnerships**

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# **Guidance Notes**

**Springboard Programme  
for UK-France or UK- Germany  
partnerships**

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# Grant call for bilateral UK-France or UK-Germany partnerships

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# Countries: United Kingdom with either France or Germany Going Global Partnerships

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Through international partnerships, system collaborations and opportunities to connect and share, we enable stronger transnational education, more collaborative research, higher quality delivery, enhanced learner outcomes and stronger, internationalised, equitable and inclusive systems and institutions.

We help to strengthen higher education and TVET in five core areas:

- **Enabling research** – supporting research, knowledge and innovation collaborations to address local and global challenges and promote inclusive growth.
- **Internationalising higher education and TVET** – supporting systems, institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation, including enabling transnational education and system alignment.
- **Strengthening systems and institutions** – improving the quality and efficiency of higher education and TVET institutions and systems.
- **Enhancing learner outcomes** – addressing the qualities of the global graduate, including soft skills, employability and community outcomes.
- **Increasing equality, diversity and inclusion** – making higher education and TVET more accessible, equitable and accountable.

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Opportunities are being launched continually, so please check this page regularly.

# Call Name: Springboard Programme for bilateral UK-France or UK-Germany partnerships

Maximum value of grant	£10,000
Number of grants expected to be funded in this call	5 UK-France grants, 5 UK-Germany grants
Deadline for applications	30/09/2024 at 17:00 CET
Contact for further information	<a href="mailto:education@britishcouncil.fr">education@britishcouncil.fr</a> for UK-France partnerships <a href="mailto:studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org">studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org</a> for UK-Germany partnerships

## About the Grant call

The British Council aims to **facilitate exchanges** between researchers of the UK and other countries. This bilateral programme call is designed to help UK early career researchers strengthen their collaboration with a partner in France or Germany, as a first step towards deeper collaboration, developing international networks and possibly joint bids to relevant funding organisations, especially under the Horizon Europe programme.

### What does the Springboard programme include?

- **a two-day meeting** between the French or German and UK team members (max 10 participants) to meet, exchange and discuss priorities for **the launch of a collaborative project**, with priority given to projects **in the following fields** drawn from the [Horizon Europe](#) thematic priorities:
  - Health
  - Culture, creativity and inclusive society
  - Civil security for society
  - Digital, industry and space
  - Climate energy and mobility
  - Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment
- **an online communication skills training** under our [Researcher Connect](#) Programme for PhD students and postdocs with less than 2-year experience. This training will include 4 modules of 3 hours each over 5 days in a two-week period. There will be one place per submitted project.
- one week **research placements** in the partner's lab for up to 2 PhD students and postdocs per country

This call is aimed at teams working on a **practical strategy and/or preparing applications** for **international scientific collaborations** ([ANR](#), [UKRI](#), [RSE Saltire awards](#), [Horizon Europe](#), [DFG](#), etc.).

Support and advice from a UK based EU funding consultant can be offered during the meeting.

Meetings will be held in one of the partner's institution or in a free location of their choice.

**For the French call only:** Meetings can be held in one of the partner's institution, or either at the Higher Education, Research and Innovation Department of the French Embassy in London or at the British Council in Paris. Meetings which include Scottish universities and French partners can be held at the Institut Français d'Ecosse in Edinburgh.

**For the German call only:**

UK and German partners to jointly decide where to hold the workshop.

## Who can apply?

Team leaders of established research groups/ laboratories with a proven track-record in research in France or Germany and the UK can jointly apply.

**Lead applicants must come from a UK research institution**, supported by the team leader from the French or German research institution.

Each application can include up to 10 participants, with a minimum of 6 ECRs (researchers who have obtained their PhD less than 10 years ago).

Lead applicants are asked to also consider encouraging participation from researchers from under-represented groups in the teams implementing their proposed activities.

**All disciplines are welcome** (medicine, biology, social sciences, arts and humanities, physics, chemistry, environmental sciences ...) and priority will be given to multidisciplinary proposals.

## Eligibility criteria for Institutions

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria in order to be eligible for funding under this call:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA		Y/N
Each proposal must have both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one Lead institution from the UK</li><li>• one Lead institution from France or Germany; and</li><li>• The proposal must be prepared jointly by leads from both institutions but submitted by the Lead from the UK Institution,</li></ul>		
UK Lead institution must be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Higher Education provider with <a href="#">degree awarding powers</a>.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ England - Check the 'awarding degrees' drop down section on the specific provider's entry on the <a href="#">OFS register</a>. The OFS register lists all institutions which offer UK degrees, not all of which have degree awarding powers.</li><li>○ Northern Ireland – <a href="https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/universities-and-colleges-northern-ireland">https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/universities-and-colleges-northern-ireland</a></li><li>○ Scotland – <a href="https://www.gov.scot/policies/universities/">https://www.gov.scot/policies/universities/</a></li><li>○ Wales – <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree/recognised-bodies-wales">https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree/recognised-bodies-wales</a></li></ul></li><li>• Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations. (See <b>Annex 1</b> for a complete list of these).</li></ul>		

<p>France or Germany lead institution must be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Education provider, as locally defined</li> <li>• Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations, as locally defined</li> </ul>	
<p>The Lead institutions in France or Germany must jointly administer the grant with the UK partner.</p>	
<p>The partnership can include in their proposals Associated Partners (from both France or Germany and the UK) affiliated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Education providers</li> <li>• Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations</li> <li>• TVET/FE providers</li> <li>• Other education organisations/charities/foundations/membership bodies</li> <li>• Not-for-profit organisations, including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)</li> <li>• For-profit/commercial organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs)</li> <li>• Branch and satellite campuses of UK Higher Education providers</li> <li>• Government organisations</li> <li>• Employer organisations and industry bodies</li> <li>• Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Social Enterprise organisations</li> </ul>	
<p>For-profit non-education organisations are not eligible to receive any grant funds, except to cover travel-associated costs. The proposal must clearly define their contribution to achieving call objectives.</p>	

Please send an enquiry to [goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org](mailto:goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org) if you are in doubt about the eligibility of your organisation.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all applications after the grant call closes. Those which are not led by an eligible institution will be rejected during these checks. You will find a list of all eligible UK institutions in Annex 1.

## Funding

The Springboard Programme expects to support at least **10 projects** with a maximum value of **£10,000** each, for a 12-month period, starting from **January 2025**.

**Applications from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are particularly encouraged**, with the following grant repartition:

- 3 grants for France-UK collaborations
- 2 grants for France-Northern Ireland/Scotland/Welsh collaborations
- 3 grants for Germany-UK collaborations
- 2 grants for Germany- Northern Ireland/Scotland/Welsh UK collaborations

Funds will be disbursed directly to the Contracting Institution from the UK according to the approved final budget. Applicants may be asked to adjust their budget if their request does not fit within funding guidelines or if this is considered not appropriate by the application reviewers.

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For an equitable partnership, the Contracting Institution should be able to timely transfer funding to the partnering institution(s) in Germany or France for activities which support the objectives of the collaboration and the overall project, allowing activities implementation to be implemented without delay.

For-profit associate partners are only eligible to receive funds to cover travel-associated costs.

## What does the grant cover?

The grant for the selected projects will be transferred to the UK partner institution and can be used to cover the following expenses:

- Travel, accommodation, and subsistence for a two-day meeting for all team members (up to 10 people) in either the UK, France or Germany
- Travel and accommodation for up to 2 French/German and 2 UK PhDs or postdocs for specific lab placements (for up to one week each).

A maximum of **£ 10,000** can be requested for each project.

Applicants will be able to request an additional grant contribution for tackling barriers to 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.

The Researcher Connect Online training costs will be covered by the British Council.

You will find guidelines on eligible costs in the **Annex 2**.

## Safeguarding and protecting adults at risk

The British Council is committed to safeguarding children and adults at risk and to upholding their rights in accordance with all applicable legislation and statutory guidance. As part of that commitment, we require that all staff, and those we work with, including partners and suppliers, operate within our Safeguarding Policy which articulates our approach to protecting children and adults at risk and promoting their wellbeing.

We have robust systems and procedures in place to both prevent incidents (covering, for example, the recruitment of appropriate staff, training and support given so that staff can work safely, and standards regarding the way in which we carry out activities) together with responsive actions necessary to address situations where we become aware that a child or an adult at risk may have been harmed. As part of our policy, all countries have a named Safeguarding Focal Point (SFP) who is supported by a Regional Safeguarding Manager (RSM) and the British Council Safeguarding Team. For further information please see: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/how-we-work/policies/safeguarding>

## Impact on the Environment

The British Council is committed to minimising its environmental impact. For this call, we have developed questions which will enable us to understand the expected impact of a proposed project on the climate (and environment more broadly). We welcome information from Applicants regarding

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environmental considerations such as reducing carbon emissions for their projects (for example, alternatives to national or international travel such as virtual delivery), minimising waste or promoting resource efficiency.

Please note, responses to these questions will not form part of the grant assessment criteria and will not be subject to peer review. The British Council collects this information for internal purposes only.

Please contact us via email (at <mailto:education@britishcouncil.fr> for UK-France applications, at [studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org](mailto:studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org) for UK-German applications), if you have any queries about the environmental impact section.

## Privacy Notice

The British Council and UK partners comply with UK GDPR and the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and data protection laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards and the monitoring & review of any grants. The legal basis for processing your information is agreement with our terms and conditions of application (contract).

We may share all application data with the French and German Embassies in London and the British Embassies in Paris and Berlin, and other reviewing partners in France and Germany, in order to assist with management of the application process. We may share selected non personal data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the Springboard Programme.

Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council and its partners reserve the right to publish and share anonymised 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>. We will keep your information for a period of seven years after the project.

## Application Process and Documentation

The application form is available online [here](#).

**The deadline for applications is 17.00 CET on 30/09/2024** – we recommend that you send at least an hour before to avoid any last-minute technical glitches.

Due to the volume of applications, we receive, any application received after specified deadline will be considered **ineligible**.



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Ensure you have included all of the documentation listed in the Pre-submission Checklist as incomplete applications will be immediately regarded as ineligible. We receive great volume of applications so there is no scope of appeal as well.

The submitted projects will include:

- **names and affiliations of the researchers** involved in the project (researchers from the same institution/laboratory must have different expertise),
- **description of the research project and expertise** of institutions/laboratories involved (with an emphasis on the possible synergies),
- **brief description of existing links between the researchers involved** (Joint PhD between labs, previous visits of researchers...),
- in case those have already been identified, **the type/sources of funding** (e.g. UKRI, ANR international funding, RSE Saltire awards, Horizon Europe, DFG ...) you intend to apply for, as a follow up of the joint meeting,
- Preferred dates of the Springboard meeting and placements.

## Frequently asked questions

Q: Can the applying Lead researcher from the UK institution be a postdoctorate research associate?

A: The Lead applicants definition being "Team leaders of established research groups/ laboratories with a proven track-record in research in France or Germany and the UK" it is acceptable for research associates to be lead applicants if they can establish in the application that they have a proven track record and are leading a team/lab.

Q: Do PhD students that have not yet obtained their PhD count towards the limit of ECRs in this call?

A: Yes, students who have started a PhD count towards the number of ECRs

Q: If my team is less than 10 people, how many ECRs shall it include?

A: it should include the same proportion of ECRs, i.e. about 3/5<sup>th</sup>

Q: Are subsistence costs covered for the lab placements?

A: no, only travel and accommodation can be covered by the grant

Q: Can we include people in our team who are not coming from the UK, France or Germany?

A: You can include people from any other country, but please refer to the existing eligible cost limits when you calculate travel costs.

Q: Do project leads have to be ECRs themselves?

A: Project leads have to be leaders of established research groups/ laboratories with a proven track-record in research so don't have to be ECRs (but can be).

Q: Why are you asking for our bank details at the application stage before the grants are confirmed?

A: This is simply to expedite payment should your application be successful. Your institution may have been awarded a grant previously, but your account details have changed. Your bank details will not be added/checked against our finance systems until the application outcomes are known and if you are unsuccessful, they will not be retained.

Q: I haven't received a copy of my application, can you send me one?

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A: Application receipts sometimes arrive in your junk mailbox. Please have a look before you contact us.

If you have any other question, please contact:

- For UK-France: [education@britishcouncil.fr](mailto:education@britishcouncil.fr)
- For UK-Germany: [studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org](mailto:studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org)

## Gender and EDI Statements

Applicants are encouraged to ensure equal opportunities in the teams implementing their proposed activity. Applicants may apply for additional funding to cover any specific requirements necessary to ensure full participation.

Please make additional costs in the “additional funding” section of the budget request within your application. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will come in addition to the £10,000 grant limit.

Please contact us for further information on the British Council’s approach. See our Equality Policy here: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/our-values/equality-diversity-inclusion>

### Gender Equality

To 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.

#### Gender Equality Statement

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender and provide a gender statement. 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.

Below are the project aspects that can be taken into consideration for the gender statement but not limited to.

- Outputs
- Outcomes
- Make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project
- Processes followed throughout the project.
- Budget
- Risk
- Measures taken to facilitate the participation of people from different genders

The statement is part of the equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) assessment criterion in this call.

The following questions should be answered when writing the statement.

- 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 activities.
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

Not all questions will be applicable. If a question is not applicable, you will need to articulate the reasons why.

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Applicants are encouraged to check the [“Guide to addressing gender equality”](#) document.

British Council reserve the right to reject the application if inadequate consideration has been given to gender equality or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact for gender equality.

## Budget Sheet

Budgets must only be submitted using the Budget Sheet supplied within the Grant Call online application form.

A list of Eligible and Ineligible costs can be found in Annex 2.

### Section 1 – Travel and Subsistence Costs

- Supply details of approximate costs/allocation for your travel and subsistence costs, for both the Springboard meeting and the lab placements (meals are not covered for the lab placements).
- Read Annex 2 for guidance on permitted costs.

### Section 2 – Additional funding for specific requirements

- In section 2 you can give the approximate costs/contribution you intend to use for any specific requirements to tackle barriers to 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.
- Please add any other source of funding available for these specific requirements in the comments.

## Selection Process

- All applications received by the deadline will be logged and acknowledged – if you have not received an acknowledgement within the same day, please check your spam folder for messages from [education@britishcouncil.fr](mailto:education@britishcouncil.fr). If you have not received any acknowledgement of receipt of application, please contact us with details.
- Applications will be reviewed for completeness – if we do not have everything requested in the Pre-submission Checklist your application will be declared ineligible and not proceed to next stage. We receive large volume of applications so will not be able to notify you at this stage.
- **Applications will be assessed on the basis of assessment criteria specified below by a panel of subject experts.**
- Top ranked applications will be selected and will be notified about their selection for contracting and disbursement of grants.
- Unsuccessful applications will be notified at a later stage. You can ask for a feedback to your application by writing to [education@britishcouncil.fr](mailto:education@britishcouncil.fr) for UK-French applications or [studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org](mailto:studyuk.germany@britishcouncil.org) for UK-German applications.

# Assessment Criteria

<b>Section 1: Research and researchers' quality and background</b>	<b>Score 0-5</b>
<p>The applicants have sufficient relevant experience to undertake the proposed programme and their respective expertise is complementary.</p> <p>The academic importance and timeliness of the research topic is clearly demonstrated.</p> <p>The project subject matches the Springboard programme set themes</p> <p>The project is multidisciplinary</p>	<p><b>5 points:</b> Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p><b>4 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p><b>3 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p><b>2 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>1 point:</b> Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>0 point:</b> Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.</p>
<b>Section 2: Benefits of the collaboration</b>	<b>Score 0-5</b>
<p>The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK and partner country institution, and to the research itself, are clearly described.</p> <p>There is clear evidence that the proposed research programme will expand added value to the collaboration.</p>	<p><b>5 points:</b> Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p><b>4 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p><b>3 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p><b>2 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>1 point:</b> Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>0 point:</b> Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.</p>
<b>Section 3: Capacity building of ECR</b>	<b>Score 0-5</b>
<p>The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for the early career researchers and PhDs is clearly described.</p> <p>PhDs are fully identified in the team and will spend time in the partner's lab</p>	<p><b>5 points:</b> Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p><b>4 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p><b>3 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p><b>2 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>1 point:</b> Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>0 point:</b> Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.</p>
<b>Section 4: potential for international funding and sustainability of the collaboration</b>	<b>Score 0-5</b>
<p>There is potential for leveraging further larger funding in the next two years</p> <p>The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the individuals and research groups involved intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term.</p>	<p><b>5 points:</b> Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p><b>4 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p><b>3 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p><b>2 points:</b> Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p><b>1 point:</b> Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p>

**0 point:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.

## Key Milestones

Milestone	Timelines
Deadline for applications	Monday 30 September 2024 at 17.00 CET
Results announcement	Monday 18 November 2024
Contracts signed	Friday 29 November 2024
Period of grant payments	2-31 December 2024
Grant duration	1 January-31 December 2025
Researcher Connect Online training for PhDs	W/o 13th and 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 (5 half days)
Reports to be submitted to British Council	31 January 2026

All dates may be subject to change if the call received significantly more applications than expected.

## Pre-Submission Checklist

The application has been submitted by the applicant by the published deadline.	
The application is completed in full.	
The application form and supporting documents have been completed in English.	
Contracting institution is eligible (see Eligibility section).	
The applicants have included a supporting letter from the Contracting Institution, on headed paper, signed by the Head of Department or other person with appropriate delegated authority, giving specific commitment to the project. Supporting letters must be in English, and not be signed by Lead Applicant.	
Lead applicants must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by responding to Pre-submission Confirmation in the application form.	
Applicants have submitted a detailed budget request and their institution's bank details using templates provided with the grant call documents on our funding call page.	
Applicants have submitted a CV for both Lead Applicants.	

The project team is made of 10 people maximum with a minimum of 6 ECRs

## Applicant screening

In order 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 are 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 reasonably 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.

Please consider flexible and technological solutions to progress activity for planned work where feasible.

## British Council contractual requirements

- The contracting authority 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: [www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status](http://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status)).
- The Grant Agreement Holder for the partnership will be the Contracting Institution.
- The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the overseas countries listed in these guidelines.
- 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.
- (Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement) ("Grant Agreement"). **By submitting a**

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**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.**

- In the event that you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, you should submit a clarification request to [goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org](mailto:goingglobalpartnerships@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.

## Annex 1 – List of eligible not-for-profit research institutions, establishment, and organisations

Please note that where organisations have both for-profit and not-for-profit arms, it must be clear that this grant is held and administered by the not-for-profit arm of the organisation

- Alan Turing Institute
- All NHS Trusts, hospitals, boards, primary care trusts and GP practices
- Animal and Plant Health Agency
- Anthony Nolan
- Armagh Observatory
- Babraham Institute
- BirdLife International
- British Film Institute
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- British Library
- British Museum
- British Trust for Ornithology
- Butterfly Conservation
- CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International)
- Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme
- Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre
- Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
- CERN
- Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs)
- Culham Centre for Fusion Energy (part of UK Atomic Energy Authority)
- Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
- Diamond Light Source
- Earlham Institute
- Earthwatch Institute
- Environment Agency
- European Bioinformatics Institute
- European Synchrotron Radiation Facility
- Fera Ltd
- Forest Research
- Health and Safety Executive PSRE
- Health Data Research UK
- Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Historic Royal Palaces
- HR Wallingford Group
- Imperial War Museum
- Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Institute of Development Studies
- Institute of Occupational Medicine
- International Institute for Environment and Development
- Isaac Newton Group



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- John Innes Centre
  - Joint Astronomy Centre
  - Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
  - London Institute for Mathematical Sciences
  - Malaria Consortium (UK)
  - Manufacturing Technology Centre
  - Marine Biological Association
  - Marine Scotland Science
  - Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
  - Moredun Research Institute
  - MRC Harwell Institute
  - MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology
  - MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences
  - Museum of London Archaeology
  - National Archives
  - National Centre for Social Research
  - National Foundation for Educational Research
  - National Gallery
  - National Institute of Agricultural Botany
  - National Institute of Economic and Social Research
  - National Maritime Museum
  - National Museum Wales
  - National Museums Liverpool
  - National Museums of Scotland
  - National Nuclear Laboratory
  - National Oceanography Centre
  - National Physical Laboratory
  - National Portrait Gallery
  - Natural England
  - Natural History Museum
  - NERC British Antarctic Survey
  - NERC British Geological Survey
  - Nesta
  - Office for National Statistics
  - Overseas Development Institute
  - Plymouth Marine Laboratory
  - Public Health England
  - Quadram Institute Bioscience
  - RAND Europe Community Interest Company
  - Rosalind Franklin Institute
  - Rothamsted Research
  - Royal Botanic Gardens – Edinburgh
  - Royal Botanic Gardens – Kew
  - Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
  - Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies
  - Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture.
  - Science Museum Group
  - Scottish Association for Marine Sciences

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- Sightsavers
  - STFC laboratories
  - Tate
  - Tavistock Institute of Human Relations
  - The Faraday Institution
  - The Francis Crick Institute
  - The James Hutton Institute
  - The Manufacturing Technology Centre Ltd
  - The National Trust
  - The Office of the Health Economics
  - The Pirbright Institute
  - The Resolution Foundation
  - The Royal Shakespeare Company
  - The Welding Institute
  - Transport Research Laboratory
  - UK Astronomy Technology Centre.
  - UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
  - Victoria and Albert Museum
  - Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
  - World Conservation Monitoring Centre
  - Young Foundation
  - Zoological Society of London, Institute of Zoology.

If you believe your research organisation is eligible but is not on this list, please contact us via [goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org](mailto:goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org) before submitting a proposal for this call.

## Annex 2 – Eligible and ineligible costs

### Eligible costs

The following costs are eligible for funding:

ITEM	NOTES	BUDGET LIMIT
Travel to either the UK, France or Germany for the 2-day meeting	To cover all costs of return travel from the UK or French or German research institution to the meeting location	£100 maximum p/person p/return trip for in-country participants. £300 maximum p/person p/return trip for participants from the other country.
Accommodation during the meeting	To cover costs of overnight accommodation and any local travel and incidental expenses	£200 maximum p/person p/night if in Paris/ London/ Berlin, £150 for the other locations
Meals during the meeting	Two lunches and one dinner will be covered by the grant	£20 maximum p/person per lunch and £40 max p/person per dinner
Travel to the partner's lab for up to 2 PhD students from France, Germany or the UK	To cover all costs of return travel from UK or French or German research institution to the partner's lab	£300 maximum p/person p/return trip
Accommodation during the PhD placements for up to 7 days	To cover costs of accommodation and any local travel and incidental expenses – meals are not covered	£120 maximum p/person p/night
Equality and Diversity additional expenses	Applicants will be able to request a grant contribution for tackling barriers to 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.	Please estimate the extra cost in Section 2 of the budget plan, this will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis

### Ineligible costs

The following costs are ineligible for funding:

- Essential equipment for use in the project including consumables, specialist software licences essential to the collaboration, access fees for facilities or library services. Equipment must be essential to project delivery and beyond the scope of institutional provision.
- Cost of training events, workshops, public engagement events, and seminars linked to the proposal. Translation and interpreter fees.
- Publication costs related to the collaboration, including web page development by external providers, if appropriate. Open access publication is encouraged.
- Promotional activities solely concerned with the recruitment of overseas students.
- Institutional overheads including administration fees and other indirect costs.

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- Costs associated with Master's and PhD scholarships (including stipends).
  - Purchase or rental of standard office equipment (except specialist equipment essential to the research). This includes IT hardware – laptops, personal computers, tablets, smartphones, Mac workstations, computer parts and peripherals, etc. Any standard hardware routinely used by researchers and academics will not be funded.
  - Office software and office equipment including desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, printers, and fax machines.
  - Mobile phone costs including rental or purchase, and monthly phone bills.
  - Exchange rate costs/losses and other banking-related costs.
  - IP costs, patent, copyright, licensing, or other IP-related costs.
  - Costs relating to the construction, procurement, or rental of physical infrastructure (e.g., office buildings, laboratory facilities). Rooms and facilities essential for routine collaboration are provided as an in-kind contribution by participating institutions. These can be detailed as an in-kind contribution in the budget breakdown.
  - Entertainment costs such as gifts, alcohol, restaurant bills, or hospitality costs for personnel not directly participating in the project, excessive restaurant costs, and excessive taxi fares.
  - No profit or fees must be charged to the grant.