

# International Collaboration Awards 2020

The following scheme notes set out the eligibility and application process of the Royal Society International Collaboration Awards. Please read through the entire document before proceeding with an application.

## 1. Overview

### Background

The [Global Challenges Research Fund \(GCRF\)](#) is a £1.5 billion fund announced by the UK Government to support cutting-edge research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries. The Fund forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment which is monitored by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). ODA funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the [OECD Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\)](#) list and is administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective.

All applications under this programme must therefore be compliant with these [guidelines](#).

Science, technology and innovation have long been linked to economic prosperity and societal well-being and today are seen as especially crucial for the health and wealth of developing nations. The UK science base can make a significant contribution to addressing global challenges and the GCRF offers a real opportunity to make significant progress in many areas of science that will benefit developing countries.

### Aims of the Scheme

The International Collaboration Awards enable outstanding UK research leaders to develop international collaborations with the best leading researchers from around the world.

The objectives of these awards are to:

- Support the development of sustainable collaborative partnerships between outstanding researchers in the UK and the best research groups in developing countries to generate new approaches to the most significant and complex problems faced by developing countries.
- Strengthen research capacity in developing countries through collaboration, sharing of knowledge and skills and exchange of staff between research groups in the UK and their partners in developing countries.
- Attract outstanding international scientists from developing countries and their teams to work with the UK's best universities and research institutions.
- Support the research of the best UK scientists working in fields relevant to the Global Challenges to formulate new approaches to global development problems.

The scheme is **not intended** to supplement existing grants.

## **Global Challenge Areas**

Proposals should address the [GCRF research agenda](#) for enabling change focusing on one or more of the following areas:

### **Equitable Access to Sustainable Development**

1. secure and resilient food systems supported by sustainable marine resources and agriculture
2. sustainable health and well being
3. inclusive and equitable quality education
4. clean air, water and sanitation
5. affordable, reliable, sustainable energy

### **Sustainable Economies and Societies**

6. sustainable livelihoods supported by strong foundations for inclusive economic growth and innovation
7. resilience and action on short-term environmental shocks and long-term environmental change
8. sustainable cities and communities
9. sustainable production and consumption of materials and other resources

### **Human Rights, Good Governance and Social Justice**

10. understand and respond effectively to forced displacement and multiple refugee crises
11. reduce conflict and promote peace, justice and humanitarian action
12. reduce poverty and inequality, including gender inequalities.

## **Subjects Covered**

Research must be within the Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics. For a full list, see our [guidance page](#).

Submissions from clinically qualified scientists may be considered. The Society does not support clinical or interventional research on humans at the individual or group level, social sciences or humanities, unless otherwise stated.

If there is any doubt about the eligibility of a project, contact the [grants team](#).

## **Value of Funding and Support Provided**

**The maximum award value cannot exceed £75,000 per year (up to a maximum of £225,000 for a three-year period).** The grant can be used flexibly on activities directly relevant to supporting the proposed research collaboration between the applicants and their research groups. Please note that the award does not provide a contribution to overheads or administrative costs.

The award will be paid to the UK institution in the first instance. Both applicants need to identify the most efficient method to transfer funds to the overseas institution. Payments of up to a maximum of £75,000 per year are made at the beginning of each year of the award. Payments for year 2 and 3 will be processed on receipt of a satisfactory annual report.

### **Duration and Start of Award**

Awards are expected to commence in December 2020.

The award is available for up to three years.

Number offered: Approximately 10 awards

## **2. Eligibility**

### **Applicant Eligibility**

- The UK applicant and overseas co-applicant must both be research leaders of international standing with an established track record in their field of research. You must demonstrate evidence of leading a strong research group as well as leadership within the research community, in particular making a substantial contribution to the identification and execution of independent research. As a guide, we would expect both applicants to have at a minimum eight years of active post-PhD research experience.
- The UK applicant and overseas co-applicant must hold salaried positions for the duration of the award. If this is not in place, your employing organisation must provide a guarantee of salary support for the duration of the award.
- Applicants are not permitted to submit more than one application to this call.
- Partnerships with a country on the OECD DAC list are expected; if this is not the case, applicants must demonstrate in the proposal how they will interact strongly with and benefit the DAC country/ies in question.

### **Host Organisation Eligibility**

- Eligible host organisations are a university or not-for-profit research institution. Ineligible organisations include industrial, private and commercial organisations, university spin-out companies, and governmental bodies. For information on eligible UK host organisations please see <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/about-grants/>

### **Eligible Costs**

The following costs will be provided annually for up to three years:

- **Small pieces of equipment** of no more than £10,000 per item
- **Research Support** may be used to pay for:
  - Consumables
  - The cost for organising conferences, workshops or seminars (max £3,000 per year)
- **Travel and subsistence** may be used to pay for:
  - The cost of travel, subsistence and visas for the UK and overseas partner and their research group, including PhD students.
- **Contribution for research assistants**
  - This can be a contribution towards research assistants in the UK and/or overseas research group.

**Ineligible costs:** contribution to overheads or administrative costs; other overhead costs including animal breeding and housing; internal (within your host organisations) facility access charges; publication costs;

renovation and refurbishment costs; premises costs and costs of protection of intellectual property; PhD fees or studentship costs.

### **Proposal Eligibility**

- Proposals must address research questions or projects relevant to Global Challenge areas as highlighted [above](#) and be directly and primarily relevant to the problems of developing countries.
- All research applications must comply with eligibility requirements for Official Development Assistance for funding from the [Global Challenges Research Fund](#), details of which can be found in these [guidelines](#).
- Applications are welcome from collaborators conducting research in scientific fields that are not traditionally associated with global challenges.
- In particular, we welcome collaborative applications that will employ interdisciplinary approaches to address key research problems relevant to these challenges.

## 3. References and Participants

To complete and submit the application form, the Lead Applicant is required to provide supporting statements or references from two individuals:

- The **Applicant's** Head of Department
- The **Co-applicant's** Head of Department

**Note:** if either the Applicant or Co-applicant is the Head of Department, then details of the individual to whom they report to must be supplied instead i.e. Head of School/Head of Faculty/Dean.

**It is the Lead Applicant's responsibility to liaise with the UK Host Organisation's Approver and the Heads of Department to ensure that the required tasks are completed by the deadline. Please contact the Royal Society before the deadline if there is any issue. Alternatively, the UK Host Organisation's Approver and the Heads of Department can contact us directly. The Royal Society will not be held responsible for emails that are not received due to address errors or spam filters and no provision is made for non-receipt of emails sent by the Royal Society.**

It is recommended that referring and supporting participants fulfil their requirements **at least 5 working days** before the submission deadline (Thursday, 02 April 2020) to ensure there is sufficient time for organisational approval. The **UK Host Organisation** approver must approve the completed application by the submission deadline.

These individuals can be invited through the 'Participants' tab displayed on the application form summary page, where you will find each of the required participants as described above.

Please select 'invite' and enter the e-mail address of the person you wish to invite to provide the relevant statements and send the invitation.

The recipient will need to accept your invitation before they can participate in the application.

You can monitor the progress of your participants' activity through this section of the application form, and issue reminders as required. Once the recipient has accepted your invitation, their status will be displayed as 'active'. Upon completion of their section of the application form, their status will be displayed as 'complete'.

**You will not be able to submit your application form until the status of all participants shows 'complete'.**

**Once participants have completed all their sections of the application form, please remind them to select 'Save & Submit' on the application form page or select 'Submit your contribution' on the summary page.**

### **Re-opening the Application form to Participants**

On the occasion that an invited participant accidentally submits their section of the application form prematurely, the Lead Applicant has the ability to re-open the application form for the participant. To do this, the Lead Applicant should return to the Participant tab on the application form summary page. You will find a 're-open' button alongside the name of any participant who has completed their section of the form. Once you click this button, the form is reactivated and available for participants to amend.

### **Research Support Role**

The Research Support role displayed under the participants tab is an optional role, which allows you to invite an individual from the relevant UK Host Organisation research support team to review and amend the application prior to submission. The primary purpose is to ensure that the requested finances have been recorded correctly for this specific grant programme. As this is an optional role, it will not affect your ability to submit your application for approval.

Additional system guidance can be found in Section 8.

## **4. Timetable**

Opening date	Tuesday, 04 February 2020
Closing Date	Thursday, 02 April 2020, 3:00 PM (UK Time)
Expected results	October 2020

## **5. Assessment Criteria and Review Process**

### **Assessment Criteria**

Successful applications should be strong in all respects but the assessment panel will give consideration to:

- How the proposed research, collaboration and integrated expertise of the two groups will address global challenge(s) directly and primarily relevant to developing countries
- The potential application(s) of the research work
- The quality, originality and novelty of the proposed collaborative research (e.g. initiating or developing specific investigations related to the research, entering a promising new or modified field of research, or taking advantage of developments in apparatus offering improved techniques in a new line of research) and the feasibility of producing the desired results
- Whether the research aims are achievable and the likelihood of success
- The track record and expertise of the applicant and co-applicant in their respective fields.

## **Review Process**

- All applications to the International Collaboration Awards scheme are assessed by the International Collaboration Awards Panel. Following eligibility checks, the proposals are initially reviewed and assessed by two members of the selection panel who have the most appropriate scientific expertise using the criteria detailed above. Following initial assessment a longlist is drawn up with longlisted proposals subject to high quality independent peer review. Following completion of independent peer review a final shortlist is drawn up for discussion at the panel meeting.
- It is expected that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email.

Please be assured that the Royal Society specifically requests anyone involved in reviewing applications to consider them in confidence. More information on the Review Process can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

## **6. Contact information**

Enquires about this scheme can be made using the contact details below. Before contacting us, please check whether your question is answered by these scheme notes. If not, please email [collaborationawards@royalsociety.org](mailto:collaborationawards@royalsociety.org) or call +44 (0)20 7451 2291.

***Please quote your application reference number in all correspondence to the Royal Society.***

## **7. Use of Data**

Please note that information regarding your application for International Collaboration Awards may be shared with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for data monitoring and scheme evaluation purposes. You may also be contacted by selected third parties such as independent evaluators, consultancy groups, and career development organisations. If successful, the Royal Society will contact you regarding the administration of your award throughout the course of your funding and after its completion. You may also be contacted by the Royal Society, BEIS, or an agent acting on their behalf, for reporting and evaluation purposes throughout the course of your funding and after its completion.

## **8. System Guidance Notes**

Please read these guidance notes carefully as you complete the application form.

### **Using Flexi-Grant®**

Applications can only be submitted online using the Royal Society's Grants management system (Flexi-Grant®) via <https://grants.royalsociety.org>. Further information about the Grants management system can be found via <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/flexi-grant/>. If you have not previously used Flexi-Grant®, please follow the registration process from the Flexi-Grant®, homepage. ***Paper-based applications will not be accepted.***

Before completing the online form, all applicants should check that they comply with the eligibility requirements and ensure all necessary information is presented in the application. These requirements are strictly adhered

to and applications without all the necessary information, or evidence to show the assessment criteria are met, will be rejected.

**All applications must be approved by the UK Host Organisation and the applicant's departmental support must be completed before you can submit via Flexi-Grant®. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Further guidance and support can be found through the [applicant and approver knowledge base](#).

### **ORCID Identifier**

All applicants applying to International Collaboration Awards should submit an ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) identifier if they have one before their application is submitted. ORCID maintains a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research funding, research publications, research data and any other research outputs to these unique identifiers. This is a mandatory requirement at the application submission stage only. You can register for an ORCID identifier via <https://orcid.org/register>.

### **Completing the application form**

The application can be completed by using the navigation tabs on the application summary page, with each page categorised as follows:

- Summary**
- Eligibility Criteria**
- Contact Details**
- Lead Applicant Career Summary (UK applicant/team leader)**
- Co-applicant Career Summary (overseas co-applicant/team leader)**
- Research Proposal**
- Use of Animals in Research**
- Use of Human Participants, Patients and Tissue**
- ODA Compliance**
- Financial Details**
- Applicant Declaration**
- Head of Department Support (of the UK applicant/team leader)**
- Head of Department Overseas Support (of the overseas co-applicant/team leader)**

A full list of question fields to be completed as part of the application can be found in the **Question Guidance** in Section 9.

## **9. Application Guidance Notes**

### **Application Approvals**

**It is the Lead Applicant's responsibility to ensure that approval of the application by the UK Host Organisation is completed before the closing date.**

The person responsible for approving your application will be the delegated authority at the **UK Host Organisation** where you are applying to hold your Award. This may be someone within the research office, Faculty administration, Vice-Chancellor, or other administrative or management role.

The approver must be someone with the authority to confirm that the potential International Collaboration Award can be hosted within their organisation, confirm that there is the capacity to deliver the proposed research and assure the proposed budget is appropriate and eligible for the scheme.

**You will only be able to submit your application for approval by the UK Host Organisation Approver once all sections of the application form have been marked as complete and all participants have marked their work as complete AND have submitted their section.** The Lead Applicant must check the status of the Co-Applicant and Heads of Department under the 'Participants' tab on the summary page of the application form. **Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.**

**Please note the Lead Applicant must be the researcher based in the UK**

**Question Guidance**

**Please read the following guidance notes carefully as you complete the form. In the table below, each box represents a page of the application form; the left-hand column contains the questions within each of these pages as set out in the form; the right-hand column contains useful guidance on its completion.**

**Note that questions with \* are mandatory fields.**

<b>Summary</b>	
Summary page	<p>The summary page of the application form provides instructions for submission of your application for approval from the <b>UK Host Organisation</b>. In addition, you are provided with an overview for each section of your application form, including the approximate length of time it will take to complete each section.</p> <p>The summary page also allows applicants to manage and invite participants (e.g. Heads of Department) who are required to contribute to the application form. Instructions for inviting participants can be found under the 'participants' tab on the application summary page.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> you will only be able to submit your application for approval by the Host Organisation once all sections of the form have been completed.</p>

<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	
Eligibility Criteria *	<p>Please provide confirmation that you meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Details of the eligibility criteria can be found in Section 3 of these Scheme Notes.</p>

<b>Contact Details</b>	
Title, Names, address, organisation and country *	<p>Review and complete your <b>personal details</b> accurately. Errors in this section can cause difficulties in processing your application. Errors will not be corrected after submission.</p> <p>Under this section, you should edit the of <b>contact type</b> the participants who will partake in your application form. The system default contact type is set as</p>



	<p>'collaborator'. To amend the contact type of your Head of Department, click 'edit', and under the contact type field, select the 'Head of Department'.</p> <p><b>Organisation:</b> this table will automatically display details of the intended Host Organisation (marked by a tick) which you selected previously and your current organisation, if different from the organisation where the award will be held and administered.</p>
Email address *	This field defaults to the account in which the application has commenced and is where all correspondence pertaining to the application throughout the application process will be sent. The applicant must therefore commence the application using the login email address used to register a user account on Flexi-Grant®.

<b>Applicant and Co-Applicant Career Summary</b>	
Full name *	Please enter your full name, including title. <b>[Overseas Co-applicant only]</b>
Title of Current Position *	Please state the title of your current position. (Maximum 20 words)
Current Employer *	Please enter the official organisation name of your current employer (e.g. University of Bath).
Current Department *	Please enter details of your current department (e.g. Department of Astrophysics).
Country/Territory *	Please select the country/territory where your current employer (or last employer if currently unemployed or on leave) is based. <b>[Overseas Co-applicant only]</b>
Current Position Start Date *	Please enter the date when your current position started.
Current Position End Date *	Please enter the date when your current position is expected to finish. If you are on a permanent contract, please enter 31 December 2050.
Contract Type*	Please select your current contract type from the list below.
Field of Specialisation *	Enter details of your field(s) of specialisation. (Maximum 20 words)
Summary of Your Current Research *	Provide an outline summary of your current research. Please also include a brief comment on the strength of your organisations. (Maximum 200 words)
PhD Award Date *	Please enter the date that you were awarded your PhD.
Applicant Career History *	<p>Please provide a full list of your appointments since your PhD in reverse chronological order stating if part-time (and percentage part-time) when necessary.</p> <p>The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p> <p><b>Please provide full details of any periods of part-time working, career breaks, extended sick leave or maternity/paternity/adoptive leave as your eligibility may depend on the accuracy of this information.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your career history information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p>
Applicant Qualifications *	<p>Please list all your qualifications in reverse chronological order.</p> <p>The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p>

	<p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your qualification information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p>
List your Key and/or Relevant Publications *	<p>Please provide details of authors, titles and references of no more than <b>ten</b> of your best publications in refereed journals, in reverse chronological order. You should choose not only the best but also those most relevant to the application to support your case. Please note that publications will be reviewed on the basis of scientific content, rather than publication metrics or the identity of the journal.</p> <p><b>Most significant publications:</b> Please also identify with asterisks (*) up to three publications which you consider to be most significant.</p> <p>If appropriate, give the publisher or URL, including any password, where each publication may be obtained.</p> <p>Your list should have two sections: (i) refereed papers in primary journals, (ii) contributions to symposia and compiled volumes (refereed only).</p> <p>Most significant publications - Please identify with asterisks (*) up to five publications which you consider to be most significant.</p> <p>For publications arising from large collaborative programmes clearly specify the exact role and contribution made towards large collaborative research programmes that have resulted in multi-authored publications.</p> <p>If your field of research differs in any way from normal conventions, e.g. lead author, first author, and publications in journals being the main gauge of success, please provide a brief explanation at the top of your publication list.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your publications from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p>
Applicant Research Funding *	<p>Please list all your current and previous research funding in reverse chronological order.</p> <p>The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p>

<b>Research Proposal</b>	
Project Title *	Give the full title of your proposed project. (Maximum 20 words)
Start Date *	Please enter the proposed start date of the project. Awards must commence in December 2020.
End Date *	Please enter the proposed end date of the project. The maximum duration of a project is 3 years.

Subject Group/Area *	Select the subject group/area(s) that most closely defines the research area of the research proposal from the drop-down menu and tick box options. This will enable us to allocate the application to the most appropriate assessment panel.
Abstract *	Please provide a scientific summary of your proposed project. This should be a summary of your research proposal, briefly outlining the background and summarising the aims of your project. (Maximum 400 words)
Global Challenge Areas *	Select the primary Global Challenge Area that your research proposal will address. A secondary Global Challenge Area can be selected if your proposal will address more than one of these themes.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) *	Select the primary <a href="#">Sustainable Development Goal</a> that your research proposal will address. A secondary Sustainable Development Goal can be selected if your proposal will address more than one of these areas.
Lay Summary *	Provide a lay summary of your proposed project. This should be understood by a layperson. Explain why you have chosen to work in this subject area and what it is about your proposed research that you find particularly exciting, interesting or important. Please also explain the potential impact or wider benefits to society of your research. (Maximum 250 words)  Please explain the potential impact of your research on addressing the global challenges facing developing countries, avoiding specialist terminology.
Research Proposal *	Please upload your proposal as a PDF file. PDF files must be no longer than <b>three sides of A4</b> , portrait orientation, be titled and the text size cannot be smaller than Arial size 10.  Your research proposal should provide a general description of the proposed research to be carried out. This should include, but is not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear specification of the context and research objectives of the proposed study.</li> <li>• description of the methodology to be used</li> <li>• indication of milestones/timescales</li> </ul>
Previous Contact *	Please provide details of any previous contact with the overseas-based co-applicant and indicate whether you have met them personally
Multidisciplinary proposal *	Please indicate whether your proposal covers more than one of the following subject groups: physical sciences; biological sciences; humanities or social science. If so, please indicate which subject groups it covers, e.g. 'My proposal covers biological sciences and social science.'  Please enter N/A if your proposal falls within one subject group only.

### Data Management and Data Sharing

The Royal Society supports science as an open enterprise and is committed to ensuring that data outputs from research supported by the Society are made publicly available in a managed and responsible manner, with as few restrictions as possible. Data outputs should be deposited in an appropriate, recognised, publicly available repository, so that others can verify and build upon the data, which is of public interest. To fully realise the benefits of publicly available data they should be made intelligently open by fulfilling the requirements of being discoverable, accessible, intelligible, assessable and reusable.

The Royal Society does not dictate a set format for data management and sharing plans. Where they are required, applicants should structure their plan in a manner most appropriate to the proposed research. The information submitted in plans should focus specifically on how the data outputs will be managed and shared, detailing the repositories where data will be deposited. In considering your approach for data management and sharing, applicants should consider the following:

- What data outputs will be generated by the research that are of value to the public?
- Where and when will you make the data available?
- How will others be able to access the data?
- If the data is of high public interest, how will it be made accessible not only for those in the same or linked field, but also to a wider public audience?
- Specify whether any limits will be placed on the data to be shared, for example, for the purposes of safeguarding commercial interests, personal information, safety or security of the data.
- How will datasets be preserved to ensure they are of long-term benefit?

Outline of data management and data sharing plan *	If the proposed research will generate data that is of significant value to the research community, then please provide details of your data management and sharing plan. (Maximum 200 words)
Overseas Field Research *	Please provide all details of any proposed fieldwork to be carried out outside the UK. Please ensure you provide details of location, duration and justification for the fieldwork.
Overseas Field Research (Upload only)	<p>Please upload documents related to the following (if applicable):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Permission Any mandatory documents that show local support has been assured by way of permission from the government concerned to travel to and work in the country.</li> <li>2. Collection of specimens Any mandatory documents that show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific permission has been obtained from the host country to collect and to export specimens and material</li> <li>• The director of the museum or other decision makers where these specimens will be deposited has indicated his/her desire or willingness to have such specimens and material.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

**Use of Animals in Research \***

The Royal Society is committed to supporting the development of alternative methods to reduce and/or replace the use of animals in research. Applicants proposing to use animals in their research must ensure that the use of animals falls within the regulations stipulated in the Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 and subsequent amendments. Additionally, applicants should continually be aware of developments in best practice, and adopt the principles of the [3Rs](#) when designing and conducting experiments on animals.

As a funder of research, the Society takes its responsibilities towards the UK Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 seriously and requires applicants to consider the questions below when preparing grant applications that include the use of animals.

Does your proposal involve the use of animals or animal tissue? *	Select 'Yes' or 'No'. If you have selected 'Yes' it is mandatory to complete all of the relevant questions on the Use of Animals in Research page.
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### Experimental Design Assistant

The Royal Society recommends that applicants use the [Experimental Design Assistant](#) (EDA), which is a free resource from the NC3Rs to support researchers in the planning of animal experiments. This will help to facilitate robust study design and reliable and reproducible findings.

The EDA helps applicants build a machine-readable diagram representing their experimental plan, following capture of their methodology, and allows the applicant to then generate a PDF report which provides a transparent description of the experimental design in a standardised format, which can be uploaded to the application form.

**Please note:** Applicants who choose to use the EDA, and subsequently uploads the EDA report to the application form, are advised to enter **see report** or **n/a** into any question fields within this section of the application form that have already been captured in the EDA report, to avoid any duplication.

### Use of Human Participants, Patients and Tissue

Any application for a research proposal involving human participants, patients or tissue and therefore requiring local ethical committee approval will be considered only when accompanied by the necessary permission certificate or proof that ethical permission will be sought, which must be provided in English.

Does your proposal involve the use of human participants, patients or tissue? *	Select 'Yes' or 'No'. If you have selected 'Yes' it is mandatory to provide either a certificate or letter, as proof that ethical permission has been, or will be, obtained. Please upload the file as a PDF in portrait orientation.
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### ODA Compliance

As this funding call is being supported as part of the GCRF all applications must include a statement demonstrating how they are ODA compliant and will promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries as the primary objective. Further information on ODA compliance under the GCRF is available [here](#).

Which country/countries on the <a href="#">DAC list</a> will directly benefit from this proposal? *	Tick the relevant country/countries.
How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development problems of these countries? *	Please provide a statement. (Maximum 200 words)  Applications should describe the nature and scale of the problem or challenge they are seeking to address through this research. For example, how many people would be affected by progress in this area?
How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country	Please provide a statement. (Maximum 300 words)  Applicants should explain how any stakeholder collaboration and knowledge exchange activities strengthen the pathways to impact and likelihood or scale of beneficial outcomes. This should include any specific commitments from institutions or enterprises from developing countries to adopt or apply outcomes of the

or countries on the DAC list? *	research, and where appropriate it is helpful to outline how this enhances local innovation and research capacity at an individual, institutional or whole system level.
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<b>Financial Details</b>	
Budget Table *	The following costs (up to £75,000) will be provided annually for up to three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Small pieces of equipment</b> of no more than £10,000 per item</li> <li>• <b>Research Support</b> may be used to pay for: Consumables and conference, workshop or seminar organisation costs.</li> <li>• <b>Travel and subsistence</b> may be used to pay for the cost of travel, subsistence and visas for the UK and overseas partner and their research group, including PhD students.</li> <li>• <b>Contribution for research assistants.</b></li> </ul>
Justification *	Please fully justify all requested costs by referring to each budget heading. Funding will not be awarded without justification.
Financial plan *	Provide a financial management plan for the project. This should include proposed financial transferral mechanisms to the overseas institution (Maximum 1500 words)

<b>Applicant Declaration *</b>
<p><b>Please declare that:</b></p> <p>You have read the Terms and Conditions of Award under which Royal Society grants are awarded and, if a grant offer is made, you agree to abide by them. <b>The Terms and Conditions for Royal Society applications can be found at <a href="https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/international-collaborations/">https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/international-collaborations/</a>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have access to the necessary facilities to enable you to deliver the research proposed and will continue to have access to the facilities for the duration of the project.</li> <li>• You have agreed with your Head(s) of Department that you will be afforded sufficient time and resources to deliver the research project as described in this application.</li> </ul>

<b>Institutional and Departmental Support *</b>
<p>You should invite both Heads of Department from the UK and overseas organisations to provide a statement of support by following the instructions under the <b>'Participants'</b> tab on the application form summary page. <b>Please check that they are able to supply their statement by 2 April 2020 3.00 PM (UK time).</b></p> <p>Please Check which email address your Head of Department would like to use, as they may already be registered on Flexi-Grant® and mistakes may lead to a delay in processing your application.</p> <p>The Head of Department is expected to detail your suitability for the department and also set out their intentions for your career progression at the host organisation.</p>

# Appendix 1: Application and Review Process

