



UK Research
and Innovation

Funding opportunities with UKRI

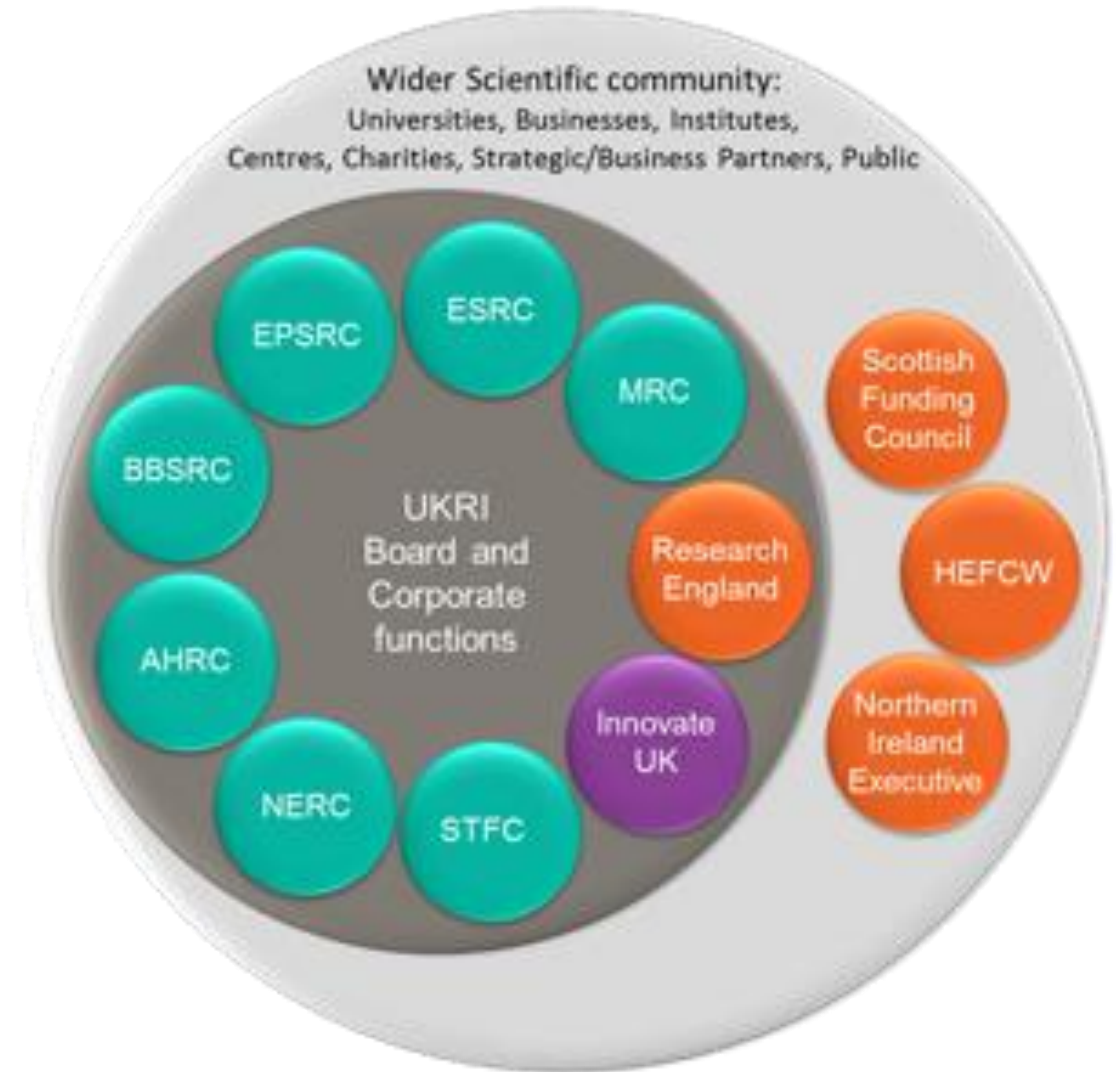
Thailand and the UK

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What is UK Research and Innovation?

UK Research and Innovation, launched in April 2018

- Seven UK research councils
- Innovate UK
- Research England



Gender Equality

- 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)?

Current opportunities

- Newton Fund Impact Scheme – in partnership with British Council
- UKRI GCRF/Newton Fund Agile Response call to address COVID-19
- Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research – MRC in partnership with NIHR
- MRC Applied Global Health Board
- International Co-Is
- Fellowship opportunities
- Research Council standard partnership funding

Newton Fund Impact Scheme

BBSRC:

- Sustainable Rice Research Initiative
- Swine and Poultry Initiative

MRC:

- UK-Thailand June 2015
- MRC TRF UK-Thailand June 2015
- MRC NSTDA UK Thailand Infections 2017

NERC:

- Increasing Resilience to Hydrometeorological Hazards - Thailand

STFC:

- Exploiting synchrotrons for industry and societal needs
- Skills for Large Facilities - SE Asia
- STEM skills in data analysis and advanced engineering

RCUK:

- Regional SE Asia research partnerships
- Joint Call Small-Scale-Research Partnerships Call with South East Asia

UKRI GCRF/Newton Fund Agile Response call to address COVID-19

- **Project length:** up to 18 months
- **Eligibility:** UK applicants must be eligible to receive Research Council funding.
- **Additional eligibility rules** apply for international applicants, please see below
- **Closing date:** none – apply at any time
- **Funding:** 80% of the full economic cost (fEC) for Research Council funding.
- **Additional funding rules** apply for international applicants
- **The primary benefit** of proposals should be to any Low and Middle income Countries (LMICs) likely to be negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- **Award range:** there is no specific budget for this call.

UKRI GCRF/Newton Fund Agile Response call to address COVID-19

UKRI will support excellent proposals which meet at least one of the following:

- New research or innovation with a clear pathway to impact on policy or practice that has the potential (within the period of the award) to deliver a significant contribution to the understanding of, response to, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in a developing country context.
- Supports the manufacture and/or wide scale adoption of an intervention with significant potential for impact in developing countries.
- Gathers critical data and resources quickly for future research use.

UKRI GCRF/Newton Fund Agile Response call to address COVID-19

Open to Principal Investigators based in the UK and countries on the OECD DAC list of ODA recipients

All applications led by organisations outside of the UK must be able to provide a UKRI grant reference for a grant led and held by the organisation or will not be eligible to apply for this call.

UK-lead proposals must have a minimum of one Co-Investigator based in a country identified on the OECD DAC list of ODA recipients.

Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research

Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research is a new cross UK government funding call aiming to support applied health research that will address COVID-19 knowledge gaps. The focus is on understanding the pandemic and mitigating its health impacts in low and middle-income countries (LMIC) contexts. The call prioritises epidemiology, clinical management, infection control and health system responses.

Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research

The call specification is based on the WHO COVID-19 Global Research Roadmap priorities, areas 3, 4, 5 and 9 from the WHO Roadmap are in scope:

Thematic Area 3. Epidemiological studies

Thematic Area 4: Clinical management

Thematic Area 5: Infection prevention and control including health care workers' protection

Thematic Area 9: Social Sciences and Humanities in the Outbreak Response

Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research

Open to Principal Investigators based in the UK and LMICs

Proposals should normally be up to £1m per award. This call will cover 100% full economic costs (fEC) for Principal and Co-Investigators from LMICs. Normal fEC rules (80%) apply to UK based researchers.

Proposals should normally be up to 18-month duration and applicants should be ready to start the research within 4 weeks of being notified of an award.

MRC Applied Global Health Board

The purpose of this Board is to fund world leading global health research with practical benefits to the health of low- and middle-income country (LMIC) populations and to provide a regular funding opportunity for LMIC and UK researchers.

The Board's strategy recognises the diversity of health challenges facing the world's poorest populations and the input of the various disciplines and stakeholders required to tackle these challenges and is committed to supporting capacity building for research in LMICs.

Applicants both from Principal Investigators (PIs) in the UK and directly from PIs in LMICs, without the need for a UK collaborator.

MRC Applied Global Health Board

Three grant schemes are available through the Board:

- Research Grant
- Programme Grant
- Partnership grant

Research Council standard partnership funding

The policy is not a separate funding scheme and therefore requires no additional forms or review. Rather it is intended to be a simple and straightforward mechanism which allows researchers from any country to be included on proposals.

AHRC <https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/internationalfunding/international-co-investigators/>

ESRC <https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/>

MRC (must agree before proposal submission) <https://mrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/resources/#3.3>

STFC (only those at approved institutions) <https://stfc.ukri.org/research-grants-handbook/2-eligibility/2-3-eligibility-of-applicants/>

Council standard partnership funding

Standard Research Council grants, some variations between councils:

Visiting Researcher – distinguished researchers from the UK or overseas may be funded to visit the Investigator's institution in order to give full time advice and assistance on research in a particular field for up to 12 months during the project.

Travel and Subsistence – project staff can claim costs of travel and subsistence, where these are required by the nature of the work.

Fellowship opportunities

Future Leaders Fellowships – funding for 4(+3) years, applicants can be hosted by an academic organisation or a business

Turing Artificial Intelligence World-Leading Researcher Fellowships - small number of 5 year fellowships.

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/turing-artificial-intelligence-world-leading-researcher-fellowships/>

Both require the support of a UK host organisation

How to apply?

Funding opportunities:

UKRI <https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>

GCRF <https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/>

Newton Fund <https://www.ukri.org/research/international/newton-fund/>

UUKi funding bulletins (GCRF and Newton Fund)

Finding a UK partner: <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/funding-and-opportunities/Pages/newton-fund.aspx>

Je-S system (investigators and institutions must register to apply)

<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/TermsConditions.aspx?mode=accountsetup>



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Background to GCRF



- Address global challenges through disciplinary and interdisciplinary research
- Strengthening capability for research and innovation, within developing countries and the UK
- Agile response to emergencies and opportunities



Cutting edge research which addresses the problems faced by developing countries

2015 Government Spending Review Outcomes

Background to GCRF



- £1.5 billion ODA funding
- 2016-2021
- Distributed across 17 delivery partners
- Currently >800 research projects and growing

GCRF delivery partners

