

## **Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) – Pump Priming Fund**

### **Application Form**

The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) has awarded £88,468 to Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) to spend in 2019/20 on GCRF initiatives. The University has allocated £40,000 of this to an internal competitive scheme, **the GCRF Pump Priming Fund**. This funding will be allocated to a range of projects across the University through a competitive application process.

All funding must be committed by 30th of June 2020 at the latest.

### **The Pump Priming Activity can include activity such as:**

**Meetings and Exchanges** to develop and/or strengthen relationships with Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) partners to progress potential collaborations.

**Research Projects** that have potential to be developed into larger research initiatives through widening and deepening relationships with low and middle income countries (LMIC) and conducting smaller scale preparatory studies.

In order to support the development of strong applications, we encourage all potential applicants to contact their School RIM for advice on strengthening their proposals.

**PLEASE NOTE:** if your proposal includes data collection, especially personal data, it will be mandatory to include data management plan with your application. You can find additional information, including a template, [here](#)

### **The Pump Priming Fund is intended to support:**

Teams, wherever possible, working across the remit of two or more research councils (applications involving PIs or Co-Is from interdisciplinary teams), and including partners in ODA recipient countries, to develop partnerships and projects to target external GCRF or Newton funding calls.

### **ODA Compliance**

Applicants should ensure they have considered existing advice on ODA eligibility. The OECD have produced general guidelines to help determine [ODA eligibility](#) .

Slight differences in context and detail could mean that an activity would or would not be ODA eligible. Therefore when trying to decide whether a research activity is ODA eligible, it is important to focus on the questions which would typically be asked for by the OECD.

The [GCRF](#) and [Newton delivery partners](#) have prepared some helpful additional guidance on key ODA compliance issues to note in writing applications for funding. Any applications for ODA compliant research funding need to comply with these guidelines.

### **Eligibility**

- This call is open to any academic staff member from across the University who have salary support to cover the duration of any award
- Expenses for items such as travel, accommodation, subsistence, consumables, etc. are eligible for inclusion in project budgets, and should be appropriately justified in your application
- Funding may be used to visit HEIs and non-academic organisations in ODA recipient countries, however, applicants must clearly demonstrate why this activity is ODA eligible.
- Partners from HEIs and non-academic organisations in the UK and in non-ODA recipient countries are eligible, however, applicants must clearly demonstrate why this activity is ODA eligible.
- In exceptional cases, costs for temporary staff are eligible for inclusion where it can be demonstrated that appropriate staff can be recruited in the timescale and/or that contractual arrangements for current staff on temporary contracts can be reasonably altered. For further advice about the costs and constraints associated with the inclusion of costs for temporary staff, including named researchers, please contact your School Research and Innovation Manager.

### **The fund is not intended to support the following costs for any partner:**

- Direct buy-out of time (salary costs/directly allocated costs) for existing, permanent academic or professional services staff
- Estates and indirect costs, or short falls from FEC funded research (with the exception of LMIC partner overheads noted above)
- PhD fees
- Publisher costs associated with Open Access

**Assessment Criteria for the application:**

- Potential for strengthening the position of Edinburgh Napier University and partner organisations to contribute to GCRF strategy through both this initiative and future funding opportunities
- Fit to School and University strategy
- The quality of the research proposed (or future research likely facilitated) and its potential to impact on the development of ODA recipient countries (in terms of the challenges it addresses, clarity of aims and objectives; feasibility of achieving the stated outcomes within in the timescale).
- Value for money and effective mitigation of risk
- Clearly demonstrate impact
- Promotion of interdisciplinary and cross-School research activity
- Involvement of ENU researchers new to GCRF-related activities
- Inclusion of non-academic delivery partners
- The strength of the evidence presented of demand from ODA recipient communities or the quality of plans proposed to determine this demand

**Reporting**

- Award recipients will be required to submit a report detailing expenditure, use and outcomes by 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020.

## The Global Challenges Research Pump Priming Fund Application Form

<b>Lead Applicant Details</b>
<b>Project Summary (50 Words)</b>
<b>ODA RECIPIENT COUNTRY PARTNERS</b> PLEASE LIST INDIVIDUAL NAMES AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS.
<b>Academic Partners:</b>
<b>Non-Academic Partners:</b>
<b>PROJECT TIMELINES</b>
<b>PROJECT START DATE:</b>
<b>PROJECT END DATE:</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED: £</b>
<b>1. PROJECT SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES (MAX. 350 WORDS)</b> PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES, STATING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT.



**2. EVIDENCE OF DEMAND FROM ODA RECIPIENT PARTNER COMMUNITIES (MAX. 350 WORDS)**

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIVITY MEETS THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES IN THE ODA RECIPIENT PARTNER COUNTRY WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORKING AND DESCRIBE THE ROLE OF ODA COUNTRY COLLABORATORS IN DEVELOPING THE PROJECT IDEA. APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM, OR INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL GATHER THIS EVIDENCE.

**3. Project Planning – Timeline & Risk Mitigation (max. 300 words)**

PLEASE SET OUT THE TIMESCALE FOR THE PROPOSED WORK, GIVING A SCHEDULE FOR THE DIFFERENT PHASES AND AN INDICATION OF HOW YOU WOULD MITIGATE AGAINST FORESEEABLE RISKS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDE REALISTIC GOALS AND TIMELINES, AND DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF LIKELY RISKS AND APPROPRIATE MITIGATION STRATEGIES.

**4. Outputs and Outcomes (max. 300 words)**

PLEASE CLEARLY OUTLINE THE INTENDED OUTPUTS (DELIVERABLES) AND OUTCOMES (CHANGES THAT COME ABOUT RELATED TO THE PROJECT ACTIVITY), AND ITS POTENTIAL TO IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ODA RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, ENSURING THAT THEY ARE APPROPRIATE AND REALISTIC TO THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES.

**5. ODA Compliance Statement (max. 300 words)**

THIS SECTION IS CLOSELY LINKED TO SECTION 2. YOU MUST STATE ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED, THEIR POSITION ON THE DAC LIST, AND THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY YOUR ACTIVITY. IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ONLY STATE YOUR WORK IS TAKING PLACE IN AN ODA ELIGIBLE COUNTRY – YOU MUST ADDRESS HOW THE PROJECT FITS INTO THE COUNTRY CONTEXT (LOCAL CHALLENGES, SOCIO-POLITICAL STRUCTURES, SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE GAPS RELEVANT TO THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES IN QUESTION, ETC.)

**6. SUSTAINABILITY (MAX. 200 WORDS)**

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROJECT FITS INTO THE CONTEXT OF YOUR EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR ODA RECIPIENT COUNTRY PARTNER(S) AND HOW YOU WILL GO ABOUT ENSURING THAT FURTHER RELEVANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION ARE IDENTIFIED AND CAPITALISED UPON. APPLICANTS SHOULD INDICATE HOW THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVITY, EITHER THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FUNDING APPLICATIONS (GCRF, NEWTON FUNDING ETC.) WILL THESE BE DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT, HOW WILL THE APPLICANTS MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE PROJECT, WHAT ARE THE LARGER GOALS THE PROJECT IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AND HOW WILL THE TEAM TRANSITION TO ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS.

**7. CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (MAX. 200 WORDS)**

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF HOW THIS PROJECT WILL BUILD THE CAPACITY OF RESEARCHERS FROM 1. ODA RECIPIENT COUNTRY PARTNER ORGANISATIONS TO ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RELEVANT RESEARCH, 2. ENU (STAFF EXPERTISE, CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ETC.) AND HOW THIS ALIGNS WITH ENU INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES. APPLICANTS SHOULD CLEARLY EXPLAIN HOW THE ACTIVITY WILL ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SKILLS WITHIN THE TEAM AND HOW THE PROJECT WILL CAPTURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CAPACITY STRENGTHENING ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT.

**8. BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION OF RESOURCES (MAX. 200 WORDS)**

PLEASE PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF YOUR COSTS AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE RESOURCE REQUESTED. APPLICANTS SHOULD CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE COSTS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND WHY THEY ARE NECESSARY.