***University of St Andrews
SFC Official Development Assistance GCRF 2017-18***

**Guidance notes for applicants**

**Please email applications to** **impact@st-andrews.ac.uk** **by 5pm Wednesday, 20 September**

The University has recently been allocated approximately £316k funding for FY 2017-18 for the purposes of supporting cutting edge research that promotes the economic development and well-being of countries on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list as its primary objective.
The OECD DAC list is available on: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>

Acceptable use of funds include supporting:

• Capacity and capability building in the UK and developing countries

• Challenge-led interdisciplinary and collaborative research activity

• Pump-priming activities to under-pin GCRF bids to other funders, including relationship building

• Generating impact from research both within and beyond the sector

• Rapid response to emergencies where there is an urgent research need

Applications are welcome from researchers who may not previously have considered the applicability of their work to development issues.

Activity should align with the GCRF Strategy and BEIS ODA Statement of Intent which were published at the end of June 2017:

• [UK Strategy for the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/623825/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf-strategy.pdf)

• [Research & Innovation: Official Development Assistance (ODA) Statement of Intent](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beis-official-development-assistance-research-and-innovation)

The UK Aid Strategy recognised that research and innovation has a critical role to play in tackling global challenges which most significantly impact upon developing countries. The report identifies the following major drivers of today’s development challenges:

• The youth bulge

• Urbanisation

• Global health security

• Fragility and conflict

• Climate change

**Funding will prioritise those areas that have the strongest pathways to impact and where there is the strongest demonstrable expertise to deliver maximum benefits to the global poor.**

The deadlines for applications is **Wednesday 20th September 2017** although rapid response applications can be made at a later date provided the spend allocation date of 31st March can be met. Please email applications to impact@st-andrews.ac.uk.

**All spend on the grant must be allocated by 31st March 2018.**

**SFC Official Development Assistance CGRF 2017-18: University of St Andrews Application Form**

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| Title of project  |  |
| Principal investigator(s) /project lead(s) for this proposal  |  |
| School/Department  |  |
| Main applicant - Contact Email  |  |
| Total funding requested from SFC ODA CGRF - please use FAS, for accurate costings as appropriate, e.g. any salary costs. |  |
| Start date |  |
| Duration of project  |  |
| Global challenges area(s) being targeted?  |  |
| ODA countries supported by this research? |  |
| General outline of project with **planned dates** for some **key measurable milestones** in reaching intended targets/objectives.**Suggested max 500 words** |  |
| What are the economic development or well-being areas to be promoted?**Suggested max 300 words** |  |
| Any other funding obtained? (e.g. grant support, cash or in-kind contributions). Please give amount and source. |  |
| Current collaborators (in relation to this proposal). Give name and organisation or HEIs, as applicable. |  |
| Any other relevant information on your project, such as fit with institutional priorities, REF 2021 potential case study, etc. **Suggested max 100 words** |  |