***University of St Andrews***

**SFC Official Development Assistance GCRF 2018-19**

***Guidance notes for applicants***

***Please email completed applications to*** [***ris\_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk***](mailto:ris_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk)

***Deadline for applications – open***

**This call is open for applications for Rapid Response funding to support new or existing projects as situations and/or circumstances change or as new opportunities present themselves.**

This funding is intended for interdisciplinary and/or collaborative research which addresses the challenges defined for developing countries in the [Global Goals for Sustainable Development](https://www.globalgoals.org/).

The University has secured funding through the Scottish Funding Council for academic year 2018-19 as part of a 3-year strategy for longer-term projects to support 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.

The OECD DAC list is available on: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>

The University is committed to supporting projects that are intended to make a real difference to the lives of people in ODA countries, particularly in countries on the Least Developed, Low Income and Lower Middle Income DAC list[[1]](#footnote-1).

The aim is to develop strong and enduring partnerships between the University and developing-country researchers to enhance the research and innovation capacity of both and to deliver substantial impact on improved social welfare, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

This funding will be open to new and existing applicants to SFC GCRF funding from all disciplines. **Interdisciplinary applications and proposals led by post-doctoral researchers seeking to establish St-Andrews and Scotland-wide collaborations will be particularly welcomed**.

Projects can be up to a maximum of £20k for 2018-19 and are meant to cover the unanticipated need and/or opportunity until the next competitive round for funding, to be announced in early May 2019.

Priority umbrella themes are:

* Energy and innovation
* Global health and inequality
* Sustainability and environmental change

Sustainable livelihoods, promoting justice and humanitarian action, and secure and sustainable food systems are relevant to each theme and, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) priorities, cross-cutting issues of gender equity and rapid urbanization should also be considered.

Acceptable use of funds includes supporting:

* Capacity and capability building in the UK and developing countries (including strengthening partnership with DAC countries across Scotland).
* Visiting fellowships for colleagues from DAC listed countries (including those from academic, third sector, commercial and policy-focused institutions)
* 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

Projects led by post-doctoral researchers based at St Andrews are welcome but need to indicate the following elements: own idea; one output as a result; engagement with St Andrews permanent staff; longer term plans for sustainability of the research agenda.

Activities 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.** Applications should include anticipated outcomes and project aims and explain how these are directly and primarily relevant to addressing the problems of developing countries.

**We encourage applicants, especially those applying for the first time to GCRF funding, to seek advice from members of the St Andrews Global Challenge Forum by contacting** [**ris\_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk**](mailto:ris_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk) **in the first instance.**

Rapid response applications must have a spend date of 30th June 2019. Please email applications to [ris\_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:ris_gcrf@st-andrews.ac.uk).

**All spend on the grant must be completed by 30th June 2019.**

**SFC Official Development Assistance GCRF 2018-19 Rapid Response application form**

**If this is an extension to an existing SFC ODA GCRF award, please complete information which has changed from the earlier application.**

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| Title of project |  |
| Title(s) of associated SFC ODA GCRF project(s) or other funded research targeting development challenges, if applicable |  |
| Current XFC account, if applicable |  |
| Principal investigator(s) |  |
| Co-Investigator(s) at St Andrews |  |
| School/Department |  |
| Contact email |  |
| Total funding requested from SFC ODA GCRF - please use FAS, for accurate costings as appropriate. i.e.  % of PDRA time |  |
| **Non-specialist abstract of the project**  **Max. 200 words** |  |
| Please explain why this application requires immediate consideration; that is, why it cannot wait for the open call. |  |
| **Itemised costings** (for example travel, subsistence, salaries, equipment) |  |
| Start date |  |
| Anticipated end date in 2019 (NB: the spend deadline is 30 June 2019.) |  |
| ODA country(ies) supported by this project? |  |
| Primary Global Challenges area(s) being targeted and the economic development or well-being areas to be promoted?  **Max 200 words** |  |
| How is this project interdisciplinary? If not, please say why. |  |
| Please describe the milestones with timeline for spend for year 2020-21. Diagrams are acceptable.  **Max 200 words** |  |
| Please describe how your desired outcomes are directly and primarily relevant to addressing the problems of the specified developing countries.  **Max 150 words** |  |
| Current collaborators (in relation to this proposal). Name(s), job title(s), organisation(s), as applicable. |  |
| Which of the above collaborators have you spoken to (and when) in developing this proposal? |  |
| If the proposed piece of work requires ethical approval, has / will this be sought? If so, please briefly summarise the issues.  **Max 150 words** |  |
| Due diligence: Is it anticipated that control of the disbursement of any funds associated with this project would be transferred to organisations/individuals outside the UK? If yes, have the outgoing funds been through the financial due diligence process with FAS (please attach the outcome from FAS).  **Max 200 words** |  |
| Will any cash advances be required for visitors from ODA countries coming to St Andrews/Scotland? If yes, have you completed the cash advance template? Please seek advice from FAS. |  |
| If you have any relevant experience/ expertise in ODA research or practice, please outline briefly here.  **Max 150 words** |  |
| Any other relevant information on your project, such as fit with institutional priorities, potential REF 2021 impact case study, etc.  **Max 100 words** |  |

1. https://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC\_List\_ODA\_Recipients2014to2017\_flows\_En.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)