***University of St Andrews***

**SFC Official Development Assistance GCRF 2019-20 Rapid Response**

***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 2019-20 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.

Rapid response projects can be up to a **maximum of £30k** for 2019-20[[2]](#footnote-2). Attention should also be given to the balance between St Andrews-based salary costs and the costs and spend in the ODA country context. Please note that no more than 30% of the total funds requested can be for St Andrews based Research Assistance.

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, gender equity, rapid urbanization and cultural heritage preservation are embedded within each theme in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) priorities.

Acceptable use of funds, as long as urgency and ODA compliance criteria are met, 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

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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)

Applicants are encouraged to consult the [UKRI ODA Global Challenged Research Fund Guidance](https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/international/gcrfodaguidance-pdf/).

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.**

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**All spend on the grants must be completed by 30th June 2020.**

**SFC Official Development Assistance GCRF 2019-20 Rapid Response application form**

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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 address |  |
| Total funding requested from SFC ODA GCRF - please use FAS for accurate costings as appropriate. i.e.  % of PDRA time **– PDF of a FAS costing must be submitted** |  |
| **Itemised costings** (for example travel, subsistence, salaries, equipment) | Please attach a PDF of your itemised breakdown for St Andrews budget and collaborator(s). |
| **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. |  |
| Which Global Challenge Forum priority challenge theme do you feel your project is most aligned to? | Energy and innovation / Global health and inequality / Sustainability and environmental change |
| If applicable, which of the Global Challenge Forum sub-themes do you feel your project is aligned to? | Sustainable livelihoods / Promoting justice and humanitarian action / Secure and sustainable food systems / Gender equality / Rapid urbanization / Cultural heritage preservation / Other – please state |
| Start date, nearest month in 2019 |  |
| Anticipated end date in 2020 (NB: The spend deadline is 30 June 2020.) |  |
| ODA country(ies) supported by this project? |  |
| 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? |  |
| How is this project interdisciplinary? If not, please say why. |  |
| Primary Global Challenges area(s) being targeted and the economic development or well-being areas to be promoted?  **1500 Characters/Approx. 200 words** |  |
| Sustainable Development Goals    What are the UN Sustainable Development Goals being addressed? (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>) | * Goal 1: No Poverty: End poverty in all its forms  * Goal 2: Zero Hunger  * Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being  * Goal 4: Quality Education  * Goal 5: Gender equality and women's empowerment  * Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation  * Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy  * Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth  * Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure  * Goal 10: Reduced Inequality  * Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities  * Goal 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production  * Goal 13: Climate Action  * Goal 14: Life below Water  * Goal 15: Life on Land: Biodiversity, forests, desertification  * Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions  * Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals |
| Please describe the milestones with timeline for spend for year 2019-20. Diagrams are acceptable.  **1500 Characters/Approx. 200 words** |  |
| Please state the project aims & anticipated outcomes. Please include steps towards achieving these.  **1125 Characters/Approx. 150 words** |  |
| Please describe how your desired outcomes are directly and primarily relevant to addressing the problems of the specified developing countries.  **1125 Characters/Approx. 150 words** |  |
| If the proposed piece of work requires ethical approval, has/will this be sought? If so, please summarise the issues.  **1125 Characters/Approx. 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, please state the sum of funds going out and have the outgoing funds been through the pre-award financial due diligence process with FAS. (**Please attach the pre-award form at the end of the application**.)  **1500 Characters/Approx. 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.  **1125 Characters/Approx. 150 words** |  |
| Any other relevant information on your project, such as fit with institutional priorities, potential REF 2021 impact case study, etc.  **1125 Characters/Approx. 150 words** |  |

1. https://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC\_List\_ODA\_Recipients2014to2017\_flows\_En.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The fund is not intended to support the following costs:

   Salary costs for permanent academic or professional staff

   Estates and indirect costs

   PhD fees

   Publisher Open Access [↑](#footnote-ref-2)