Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC)
Scholarship competition 2019-2020 & training activities
Eight GCDC doctoral scholarships for 2019-2020

- Starting in September 2019 for 3.5 years
- Open to students from all Kent schools and centres
- Annual stipend at UKRI rates (£14,777 for 2018/19)
- Annual tuition fees at UKRI Home/EU rates (£4,260 for 2018/19); 1 scholarship at international rates
- Access to Research Training Support Grant of £3,500 (over the whole 3.5 years)
- Specialised interdisciplinary GCDC cohort training activities
Eligibility

• Research project has to be **ODA compliant**

• Research has to fit with aims and challenges of Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

• **GRCF aims**: e.g. to promote challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and to strengthen capacity for research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the UK and developing countries

• **GRCF principal challenges**: 1) Equitable access to sustainable development; 2) Sustainable economies and societies; and 3) Human rights, good governance and social justice
Two ways of applying

- **Project-led applications**: academic staff members across all Kent faculties can suggest projects suitable for a PhD student to conduct.

- Summarize the project aims (max 500 words), how it is ODA compliant and fits within the GCRF’s remit (max 500 words), and what kind of attributes and skills you are looking for in candidates (GCDC website links to a form for this).

- **Student-led applications**: interested students can suggest their own research projects; we strongly recommend students to contact the supervisor they have in mind to discuss their research proposal ahead of applying formally.
Deadlines

- **Project-led applications**: Interested academics should submit their project-led applications **by Monday, 26 November 2018** to graduateschool@kent.ac.uk

- **Student-led applications**: submit online application following the usual process for PhD process outlined above by **Sunday, 20 January 2019** (also see individual schools for entry requirements)
Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by a panel including the Dean of the Graduate School, the GCDC academic lead, and the Associate Deans for Graduate Studies from all three faculties.
- Panel will compile a shortlist based on quality of applications, as well as compliance with ODA and GCRF funding rules.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews (to be conducted in person or via Skype) in February 2019.
GCDC training activities

- Main activity in 2018-2019: *interdisciplinary training school* for doctoral students in summer 2019 (July)
- Organized in collaboration with the GCRF-funded COMPASS project based at POLIR
- The training school will include three elements: (1) discuss PhD research projects, (2) interdisciplinary training (e.g. on international publication, funding for field research, networking, data visualisation), (3) specialised lectures by invited speakers
- Open to PhD students at Kent and external applicants (with travel grant support for students from ODA countries)