GCRF Fortuity Fund 2018-19

The University’s GCRF Fortuity Fund is intended to provide an agile response to immediate and short-term need.

Please note that the GCRF Fortuity Fund is now closed for 2018/19. We will confirm in due course whether the fund will be available in 2019/20. Please email globalchallenges@kent.ac.uk with any questions.

Background

The University has put in place two schemes to support planned activities that develop collaborations, projects and workshops for tackling global challenges. These are:

- The GCRF Partnership Fund
- The GCRF Workshops Fund

However, we recognise that opportunities may arise that were not necessarily planned, but present an opportunity to make links, to undertake research and to build networks that may lead to significant benefit for the DAC list countries.

Such opportunities often need a small amount of funding quickly to facilitate the activity.

The aim of the GCRF Fortuity Fund is to meet this need.

Eligibility

The GCRF Fortuity Fund is open to all academics, researchers, postgraduate research students and professional service staff based at the University.

ODA Compliance

The activity for which funding is sought must be ODA compliant.

As such, it must directly and primarily benefit the economic and social problems faced by developing countries on the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list.
Questions to consider when writing the ODA compliance statement:

- Is the activity addressing the economic development and welfare of the country in question?
- Are the countries involved on the DAC List of ODA Recipients?
- Is there a development need that the project or activity is addressing?
- Is this credible or is there evidence of the need?
- How would this project or activity be applied in the country?
- What would the impact of my project or activity be, and who would benefit?
- How does my project or activity contribute to sustainable development?
- Would this lead to a reduction in poverty in a developing country?
- What would success for this activity look like?
- How would success or impact be measured?

**Funding available**

The upper limit for funding is £1,500. Value for money will be an assessment criterion.

**Deadlines**

There are no set deadlines. You can apply any time.

**How to apply**

Please note that the GCRF Fortuity Fund is now closed for 2018/19.

To apply briefly explain why you need the funding. This should be no more than one side of A4 (min font size 10 in a standard font such as Times New Roman or Arial). You should include details of:

- What the activity is
- The timing of the project (start date and duration)
- Why you can’t get the funding from other sources (such as school funds or externally)
- How the activity will benefit the long-term economic wellbeing of DAC list country citizens
- How you will follow up the activity once it has finished.
Applications should be sent as an attachment to globalchallenges@kent.ac.uk

Assessment process

It is important that the outcome of the application is known quickly. As such, the assessment process will be light touch.

The application will be seen by two members of the GCRF panel. The panel comprises:

- The Associate Deans for Research and Innovation
- The Dean of the Graduate School
- The Director of the Global Challenges Doctoral Centre
- The Research Services Grants & Contracts Manager

Assessment criteria

The panel will use the following criteria:

1. ODA Compliance
2. Eligibility of the applicant
3. Fit with the aims of the GCRF, namely:
   1. To promote challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, including the participation of researchers who may not previously have considered the applicability of their work to development issues;
   2. To strengthen capacity for research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the UK and developing countries through partnership with excellent UK research and researchers;
   3. To provide an agile response to emergencies where there is an urgent research need.
4. Fit with the three specified challenges of the GCRF, namely:
   1. Equitable access to sustainable development
   2. Sustainable economies and societies
   3. Human rights, good governance and social justice
5. Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals appropriate for the ODA nations involved.
6. Value for money.

Where possible, feedback will be given to unsuccessful applicants.
Award of the grant

The grant will be given in the form of a budgetary adjustment to the applicant’s school. This means that it will be a specified item on the school’s budget, and it will be up to the individual school to manage it. The funding **must** be spent by the end of the University’s financial year (31 July 2019).

Reporting on the project

The applicant will be asked to provide a short report on the project.

Further information

For specific questions contact the Global Challenges Officer (or, prior to their appointment, a nominated member of RS) on globalchallenges@kent.ac.uk. More information on the GCRF is available [here](#).