



New and Forthcoming Calls

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GCRF (Re)thinking the off-grid city: Human-infrastructure interactions in the context of urban crises and urban change

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GCRF (Re)thinking the off-grid city



- Delivery partners: ESRC, NERC, AHRC, EPSRC and British Academy
- Objective: to support the most marginalised and least resourced urban residents in the face of acute shocks, chronic stresses and urban change. The call will focus on human-infrastructure interactions and support research that leads to actionable policy alternatives, engineering solutions and social innovations.
- Proposed size of the grants: £500k-£2m (up to 3 years)



GCRF (Re)thinking the off-grid city



- **Key dates:**
 - Call opens: 23rd April 2019
 - Intention to submit deadline: 29th May 2019
 - Call closes: 24th July 2019
 - Panel: November 2019
 - Grants start: 1st February – 1st April 2020
- Enquiries: GCRFOff-GridCities@esrc.ukri.org
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<https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/gcrf-re-thinking-the-off-grid-city-human-infrastructure-interactions-in-the-context-of-urban-crises-and-urban-challenge/>

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GCRF Sustainable energy and international development: beyond technology

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GCRF Sustainable energy and international development



- Delivery partners: ESRC, NERC and InnovateUK.
- Objective: Deliver cutting-edge research that enriches our understanding of the intertwined social, environmental, cultural, political and economic factors that affect and shape energy production, access and use in developing countries. Projects should be multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary.
- Proposed size of the grants: £1m - £1.5m (3 years)



GCRF Sustainable energy and international development



- Key dates:
 - Call opens: 1st week of April 2019
 - Intention to submit deadline: 15th May
 - Call closes: 2nd week of July 2019
 - Panel: November 2019
 - Grants start: 1st February – 1st April 2020
- Enquiries: GCRFEnergy@esrc.ukri.org



Equitable Resilience – ensuring resilience enhances the Sustainable Development Goals

- Delivery partners: led by ESRC, in partnership with NERC, AHRC and EPSRC
- Objective: To provide a systematic and rigorously researched evidence base on the ways in which climate change adaptation, humanitarian action, risk management and resilience can enable pathways for transition to sustainable development - ensuring equity across poor and marginalised communities in developing countries.
- The call is structured around four areas: Transformative adaptation , survivor-led humanitarian response, enhancing local capacity through understanding and reducing risk and risk management-development co-benefits
- Proposed size of the grants: Aim to fund 10 proposals of up to £1 million fEC (36 months max)



Equitable Resilience – ensuring resilience enhances the Sustainable Development Goals

- Key dates:
 - Call closes: **17th April 2019**
 - Panel: September 2019
 - Panel Outcomes: October 2019
 - Grants start: 1st November 2019
- Enquiries: EquitableResilience@esrc.ukri.org

www.esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities



Multi-hazards and Systemic Risks

- Delivery partners: led by NERC
- Objective: To provide a better understanding of the drivers of multi-hazard events, how the impacts of these events cascade through socio-economic systems and to use this knowledge to determine which interventions and policies are effective at mitigating the risks, particularly for vulnerable groups. The focus is on multiple natural hazards and the interrelated environmental, social, economic, cultural and health risks, and effects that can be triggered by these events, or can amplify or compound their impacts.
- Proposed size of the grants: two projects of up to £3.5 million will be funded, lasting up to three years



Multi-hazards and Systemic Risks

Key dates:

- Webinars: 5 and 8 April 2019
- Deadline for outline proposals: **15 May 2019**
- Closing date for invited full bid: September 2019
- Projects start: April 2020
- Enquiries: GCRFResilience@nerc.ukri.org
www.nerc.ukri.org/funding/application/currentopportunities

Key Criteria

GCRF: Fund Level Assessment Criteria

- ✓ **Research Excellence**
new approaches not constrained by traditional methodologies or disciplinary silos
- ✓ **Official Development Assistance (ODA) compliance**
OECD guidelines
- ✓ **Equitable Partnerships and Building Capacity**
strong and enduring partnerships between UK and developing-country researchers to enhance the research and innovation capacity of both
- ✓ **Impact: Problem and Solution Focused**
substantial impact on improved social welfare, economic development, and environmental sustainability



What is GCRF looking for?

- Proposals need to be ODA challenge-led/solution-focused - compliance statements need to be focused on and specific to the partner/target countries
- Applicants need to demonstrate an deep understanding of the context (societal, cultural, political, historical, economic etc.)
- In-country partners need to be appropriate, involved in the scoping and delivery of the research, and add value
- Support adaptability and resilience by focusing on key competencies/expertise required rather than specific work streams and staff
- Be clear and realistic about the potential impact
 - Directly associated with this grant
 - What are the benefits beyond the lifetime of the grant?

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Je-S

Check the specific call documentation about Principal and Co-Investigator eligibility.

Entering applicants

- All Principal and Co-Investigators must have a fully registered 'Research Proposal' type Je-S account
- Please ensure that you **submit any account requests as soon as possible.**

Contact Je-S helpdesk for technical queries

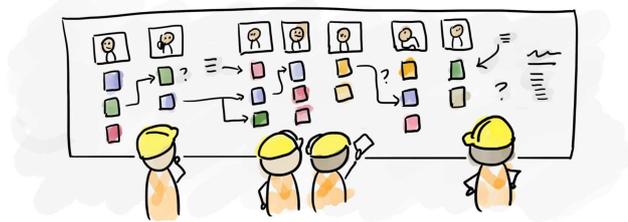
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Pathways to Impact

Should:

- provide timelines and milestones for grant specific activities
- identify a breadth of significant and measurable impacts
- demonstrate understanding of the societal and cultural context of the research
- outline the approaches taken to ensure sustainability and potential for legacy beyond the initial investment



Notes on Costs

- Principal investigators must be based at an eligible UK RO (ESRC 80% contribution)
- ESRC will fund the justified costs for international co-investigators from ROs of comparable standing with UKRI-recognised UK ROs at 100%
- No cap on costs associated with international co-investigators' contribution but all costs to be fully justified
- International co-investigators from countries not on the DAC list are expected to make a significant contribution to their own research costs and will not be eligible for indirect costs
- Contributions to indirect & estates costs for organisations from DAC list countries are eligible

Please see costings guidance for further detailed information

Points to Note

- Applications must demonstrate:
- ODA compliance
- Research excellence
- Appropriate leadership
- Interdisciplinarity
- Development of equitable partnerships
- Multi-partner engagement and collaboration
- Value for money and sustainability

