

AHRC Research Networking Scheme Highlight Notice for International Development

Please note – This is the second highlight notice under the Networking Scheme on this topic. This highlight notice was re-issued in September 2016 with revised guidance and updated in January 2017 to highlight additional opportunities relating to China and the Creative Economy and extend the closing date to 1600hrs on Tuesday 25 April 2017 (no other changes to the guidance were made in the January 2017 update). Please read the information below in full and apply using the updated guidance. Applications which do not comply fully with this updated guidance will not be accepted for processing under the highlight notice.

Aims and Focus of the highlight notice

This highlight notice is intended to encourage the development of research networking proposals which explore the contribution that arts and humanities research can make to challenges, policy and/or practice relating to international development. It also seeks to support the development of sustained international boundary crossing collaborations with Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) which receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) (see below) and/or with organisations which play an important role in supporting international development. Additional funding is being made available through the networking scheme to support applications under this highlight notice as a part of the allocation to the AHRC under the [Global Challenges Research Fund \(GCRF\)](#) (see below). Given that international collaboration with developing countries is central to this highlight notice, applications under this highlight notice may seek up to £30,000 of supplementary funding specifically to enhance international activities, collaborations and participation (particularly in relation to LMICs) in addition to the normal £30,000 networking scheme limit.

In addition to meeting the standard requirements for applications to AHRC's research networking scheme (as stated in the AHRC's Research Funding Guide), in order to be considered under this highlight notice applications must also:

- i) explain how the proposed network will support the development of significant collaborations and sustained engagement with:
 - researchers in one or more of the countries which appear on the [Development Assistance Committee list of ODA Recipients for 2014-16](#) (these can be countries under any category in the ODA list – hereinafter also referred to as Low and Middle Income Countries, LMICs);

and/or

- non-academic partners (e.g. cultural, creative and heritage organisations, charities and NGOs, voluntary, non-profit, civil society, public or private sector organisations) in LMICs;

and/or

- relevant international organisations with remits that include supporting development in LMICs (e.g. international aid, development, humanitarian or cultural exchange organisations).

Collaborators or network members could include overseas academic co-investigators, project partners or other project collaborators as appropriate but these collaborators should play a significant role in the development, intellectual leadership and pathways to impact activities of the network rather than just be listed as 'participants' in events and their role in shaping the proposed activities should be discussed in proposals;

- ii) include a statement at the top of the case for support which makes clear how the proposal fits the highlight notice and explains how it meets the requirements of ODA funding (see below). This must make clear how the primary focus of the network will be on exploring how arts and humanities research (working with other disciplines where appropriate) can contribute to international development agendas or challenges and/or to the development (and welfare more broadly) of one or more LMICs;
- iii) provide an *Impact Summary* with a primary focus on users and beneficiaries in LMICs and/or of direct relevance to international development policy/practice. Applications must also include a *Pathways to Impact* attachment which describes the pathways and activities through which it is expected that the research network will make a contribution to:
 - the economic development of, and/or to the welfare (broadly defined) of people in, one or more LMIC

and/or

 - international development policy or international development practice in LMICs.
- iv) include an ODA compliance statement as an additional attachment (one side of A4) providing a full justification for how the research network meets the requirements for ODA funding (see below).

Further details of the required additional information can be found in the "Applying Under This Highlight Notice" section below

Background

An initial highlight notice for networking applications relating to international development closed on 31 May 2016 and attracted a positive response with over 25 applications submitted. Outcomes from this first highlight notice were announced in the autumn of 2016. In the light of this positive response, and

following feedback about the time required to develop internationally collaborative networking proposals which meet the aims of the highlight notice, the AHRC has decided to re-issue the highlight notice with updated guidance. The highlight notice was further extended in January 2017 to include a reference to emerging opportunities in the area of China and the Creative Economy and allow more time for the development of applications (including ideas for standard research network awards which may emerge from discussions around the AHRC GCRF Area-Focused Network plus call).

As well as encouraging the development of new applications it is hoped that this second highlight will provide more time for those individuals who were interested in the first highlight notice but unable to complete applications by the end of the highlight notice.

It should be noted however that the normal AHRC policy on resubmissions will apply to this notice (as per page 97 of the [Research Funding Guide](#)). The uninvited resubmission of any previous proposal rejected at peer review stage or beyond to this second highlight notice is not permitted.

This highlight notice will close at **1600 hours on Tuesday 25 April 2017**

We intend to keep this highlight notice under review and may update it to include additional emerging areas where proposals are particularly encouraged. After this highlight notice closes in April 2017 we envisage reviewing the response and outcomes before making a decision on whether to issue a further highlight notice in this area in the future.

Scope and Context for this Highlight Notice

This highlight notice is open to research networking proposals which bring arts and humanities research expertise and perspectives to any issue or challenge relating to international development, provided that they meet the requirements for the highlight notice as outlined above and ODA compliance requirements outlined later in this document.

Inter-disciplinary boundary-crossing proposals are welcomed, including those proposals that cross Research Council remits. Where proposals extend beyond the AHRC's subject remit, they should ensure that they bring arts and humanities research expertise and distinctive arts and humanities research concepts, ideas and/or approaches centrally into the development of relevant cross-disciplinary fields. In order to be considered under this highlight notice ***applications must draw significantly on relevant arts and humanities research literature, context and concepts or approaches and include significant research expertise within the remit of the AHRC.***

Proposals under this highlight are expected to be highly internationally collaborative. This could include involvement of international academic co-investigators and/or collaborators as well as non-academic collaborators / partners in LMICs and/or organisations involved in international development.

The holding of some networking events in LMICs is strongly encouraged where appropriate, particularly where this would facilitate greater involvement of LMIC collaborators. One of the aims of this highlight notice is to support the development of such international collaborations, particularly in LMICs, and to encourage the engagement of overseas or international development partners in shaping and framing networking proposals. We would expect to see evidence within the proposals submitted that this international engagement has occurred and discussion of how this has informed the proposed research networking agenda. In order to accommodate, where appropriate, the enhanced involvement of international co-investigators from LMICs, applications under this highlight notice may include more than one co-investigator, provided that any additional co-investigator beyond the normal limit of one is based in a LMICs and would play a significant role in the overall leadership of the network.

This highlight notice is intended to complement other AHRC and cross-Council calls under the GCRF (see [AHRC GCRF pages](#) and [RCUK GRCF Pages](#) for further information)

Research Areas included within the Highlight Notice

We will welcome proposals which address any issues outlined in the first research networking highlight notice for international development (recognising the time that it can take to build genuinely internationally collaborative proposals) and/or which link to the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Additionally proposals which develop the potential for arts and humanities research to make a significant contribution to any aspect of the emerging [GCRF Research Agenda for Enabling Change](#) will be welcomed, provided that the proposed networking activities do not duplicate any activities included in proposals submitted by research organisations under the GCRF call for '[Growing research capability to meet the challenges faced by developing countries](#)'.

We are also particularly keen to provide opportunities for arts and humanities led research networking proposals which ***respond in an agile way to emerging international debates, agendas and events, and/or to emerging cross-disciplinary research agendas, relating to international development.***

This could include, for example, proposals which address any of the following (*this list is intended merely to illustrate the range of emerging opportunities under the highlight notice and to stimulate rather than constrain innovation - it is not a requirement that applications to the highlight notice address any of these areas*):

- i) **China and the Creative Economy** (added January 2017) – given the growing importance of the creative economy to both the UK and China (creativity and innovation are core components of China's 13th Five Year Plan and the creative economy is playing an increasingly important role in the transformation of China's rapidly growing cities) there are opportunities for research networks which explore the potential for the creative economy to contribute to sustained and inclusive development in China. The term 'creative economy' is broadly conceived in this

regard to include, for example (but not limited to): the creative and digital industries; intellectual property and copyright; the creative and performing arts; innovation in cultural content; underpinning skills & capabilities and diversity; emerging urban cultural ecosystems, clusters and inclusive urban development; the museum / heritage sector; design, including urban and user-led design.

The potential for further collaboration in this area was discussed at a Creative Economy roundtable event organised by the AHRC as part of the UK Showcase component of the [Pujiang Innovation Forum held in Shanghai in September 2016](#) and further discussions are continuing between the AHRC and partners in China which may lead to further collaboration in the future (e.g. under the Newton Fund). Networking awards in this area could complement these on-going discussions by helping to build networks of UK researchers and partners in the UK and China to explore new areas of collaboration and engagement. Such networks could provide a basis for mutual learning and exchange and for stimulating inclusive growth and innovation in the creative economy in China. Applications which explore creative and innovative approaches or areas of collaboration and which engage extensively with wider partners such as businesses, policy groups, cultural or heritage organisations, creative practitioners, urban designers and/or third sector organisations or community groups in the UK and China (and beyond where appropriate) are particularly encouraged. Proposals could explore the interconnections between the creative economy in China and other issues outlined below (e.g. urbanisation, inclusive participation, etc)

- ii) ***sustainable development***: networks could seek to develop research agendas emerging from the [UN Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and achieving the Global Goals, for example those highlighted in the [Global Sustainable Development Report 2016](#) and at the first meeting (following the adoption of the goals) of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2016. A key cross-cutting theme for both of these was "***ensuring that no one is left behind***" with the 2016 report highlighting three key underpinning questions for research: "*First, who are those being or at risk of being left behind? Second, how can strategies and policies reach them in practice? And third, what types of strategies and policies would be appropriate in order to leave no one behind?*". In addition, we would continue to welcome proposals which consider how the role of culture, creativity and heritage could be more strongly integrated into the Goals and/or that challenge the current framing of the Goals and/or explore more widely what alternative or additional goals might look like. Proposals which explore developing arts and humanities research agendas related to the importance of addressing the needs of people in fragile situations as a part of the UN Agenda for 2030, including the publication by OECD of a new [States of Fragility 2016](#) report will also be welcomed;
- iii) ***culture and the creative economy***: proposals could explore the role of culture and the creative economy in international development with the potential to contribute to growing international debates for example with the planned publication later this year by the UN Conference on

Trade and Development of a new Creative Economy Report 2016 and agendas emerging from past reports such as the UNESCO reports on [Re-Shaping Cultural Policies: a Decade Promoting the Diversity of Cultural Expressions for Development \(2015\)](#);

- iv) **humanitarian relief:** proposals could follow-up on new research agendas emerging from the First [World Humanitarian Summit](#) in 2016 (and the synthesis of consultations leading up to it see [Restoring Humanity – Global Voices Calling for Action](#)) which outlined a range of core commitments covering areas such as respect for international humanitarian and human rights law, reducing vulnerability, gender equality (see below), and empowering local action (see also communities and participation below);
- v) **urbanisation:** proposals could investigate the contribution of arts and humanities to addressing issues of urbanisation in LMICs and to international development agendas. In particular **Habitat III** -the bi-decennial United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development held in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016 - has adopted a [New Urban Agenda](#) which recognises the importance of culture, heritage and the creative economy for urban futures and the recent major report published by UNESCO as a part of the HABITAT III process – [Global Report on Culture for Sustainable Urban Development](#) reviews in depth a wide agenda for developing ‘culture for transformative change in cities’;
- vi) **women and girls:** research that contributes to addressing the specific challenges faced by women and girls in international development, for example pursuing agendas emerging from the [World Survey on the Role Of Women in Development \(2014\)](#) and/or the [High-Level Leaders Roundtable at the World Humanitarian summit in May 2016 on Women and Girls: Catalysing Action to Achieve Gender Equality](#)
- vii) **communities and inclusive participation:** development of arts and humanities research contributions to inclusive participatory engagement, social innovation, co-production, community action and/or related approaches to international development. Particular foci for networks could include issues around engagement with marginalised or vulnerable communities or subaltern voices. Proposals under this heading could build, in new contexts, on insights from AHRC funded research for example the Connected Communities Programme and AHRC themes such as Translating Cultures. In addition, they could consider how arts and humanities research can make distinctive contributions to related international movements and debates, for example: the synthesis of consultations leading up to the first World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 ([Restoring Humanity – Global Voices Calling for Action](#)) with its emphasis on “collective endeavour” “to leverage the strengths and abilities of affected people and communities affected by crises, and those of a broader and more diverse group of actors” in ways which “protects and enables people as the primary agents of their own response” or the agendas explored at the International Conference on University-Community Engagement

“Collaborative Creation Leads to Sustainable Change) held in Surabaya, Indonesia in August 2016 <http://iconuce.uinsby.ac.id/>

- viii) ***emerging inter-disciplinary agendas where there are opportunities for arts and humanities-led research networks to make a distinctive contribution to developing cross-disciplinary fields, including opportunities under the [GCRF Research Agenda for Enabling Change](#)***. Applications could complement the initial cross-Council GCRF calls for foundational or innovation awards or the collective call on ‘*Growing research capability to meet the challenges faced by developing countries*’ by bringing distinctive arts and humanities research expertise, concepts and approaches more centrally into research on topics such as health and wellbeing, sustainable cities and communities, clean air, water & sanitation, food systems, resilience, and addressing inequalities.

Given the limited time available to develop inter-disciplinary and international collaborations around the first foundational calls on ***health (both on non-communicable disease and global infections)*** and ***global agricultural and food systems*** there remain significant opportunities to build research networks to develop the contribution of arts and humanities research to inter-disciplinary work in these areas. Areas highlighted in these foundational calls on health and food included:

- the importance of understanding local and indigenous knowledges and assets, beliefs and faiths, histories and heritages, practices and traditions, cultures and diversity;
- developing contextually appropriate and participatory / locally engaged approaches, including potential roles for the creative arts, digital and other media, and cultural/ heritage institutions;
- addressing gender and other inequalities;
- opportunities for integrated ‘design thinking’ and user-led design e.g. of services;
- translation and communication across cultures (including between international and local ‘experts’, professional groups, local change agents and translators and diverse local communities);
- opportunities to learn from past and address its legacies.

Applying under this highlight notice

Applications submitted for consideration under this highlight notice must include:

- 1) a statement at the top of the case for support outlining:
 - the fit of the proposal to the highlight notice;and

- how the proposal meets the requirements of ODA funding (see section below on GCRF/ ODA funding);

The statement should explain how the proposed networking activities are focused on exploring how arts and humanities research (working with other disciplines where appropriate) can contribute to international development agendas or challenges and/or to the development (and welfare more broadly) of one or more LMIC.

Additionally, where appropriate, the statement should include:

- references to relevant research literature, evidence or reports about the value of research in the field covered by the network for international development/LMICs;

and/or

- discussion of how the research network relates to relevant international development policies or strategies (e.g. UN Goals for Sustainable Development, UK Aid Strategy etc.) or the development strategies of the LMICs or development organisations involved in the network;

and/or

- an account of how the proposal has been developed in consultation with, and to reflect the needs of, relevant partners in LMICs / development organisations.

2) an impact summary and pathways to impact attachment with a primary focus on developing pathways for the research networking activities to make a contribution to international development policy or practice and/or to the welfare (broadly defined) of people in LMICs and/or the economic development of one or more LMIC. Details should be provided of planned engagement with non-academic collaborators or partners in ODA recipient countries and/or with organisations concerned with supporting international development in LMICs (e.g. aid, humanitarian or development agencies or charities or cultural organisations etc.);

3) an ODA compliance statement as an additional attachment (one side of A4) providing a full justification for how the research network meets the requirements for ODA funding (see section on GCRF and ODA aspects of this highlight notice for further guidance on completion of Oda compliance statements).

The potential contribution to international development should also be reflected in other parts of the application as appropriate. This could include, where appropriate, those parts of the application relating to: aims/ objectives; how the application has been developed and the role of individuals/ organisations in LMICs or related international development organisations in the formation of plans; network participation/collaboration; outputs / outcomes; supporting evidence (e.g. letters of support, see section below).

Applications should be submitted through the Research Councils' Joint Electronic

Submission (Je-S) System (<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/>). A separate call for this highlight notice will be available for applications in Je-S from Early to mid December 2016 named "AHRC Research Networking Scheme Highlight Notice for International Development Feb 2017". In order to be considered under this highlight notice applications must be submitted by research organisations before 1600hrs on 25th April 2017. **Do not submit to the standard networking scheme; to be considered under this highlight notice you must submit to the call titled "AHRC Research Networking Scheme Highlight Notice for International Development Feb 2017".**

To prepare a proposal form in Je-S log-in to your account and choose New Document, then select 'AHRC' as the Council, 'Standard Proposal' as the Document Type, 'Research Networking' as the Scheme, "AHRC Research Networking Scheme Highlight Notice for International Development Feb 2017" as the Call/Type/Mode and then 'Create Document'. Je-S will then create a proposal form, displaying the relevant section headings. Using the 'Help' link at the top of each section will provide guidance relevant to that section of the form. Note that clicking 'submit document' on your proposal form in Je-S initially submits the proposal to your host organisation's administration, not to AHRC. Please remember to allow sufficient time for your organisation's submission process between submitting your proposal to them and the Call closing date.

Unless stated explicitly in this highlight notice, the eligibility and assessment criteria/ process for applications to this Research Networking Highlight Notice is as detailed in AHRC's Funding Guide.

Proposals relevant to this highlight notice can be submitted at any time from when the forms become available in Je-S up to 1600 hours on **Tuesday 25 April 2017** and will be processed on receipt. Early submission ahead of the end of the highlight is encouraged to avoid possible delays in processing if large numbers of applications are submitted close to the end of the highlight period.

Proposals submitted under the highlight notice will be assessed on their quality and individual merits according to standard networking scheme criteria. Proposals addressing the highlight notice will not be given priority in the assessment or ranking of applications. However supplementary funding may be made available to support additional highly rated applications addressing the highlight notice that may not have otherwise been funded under the existing networking scheme budget. As a result, applications addressing the highlight notice may have an increased chance of funding, but only if they meet the excellence criteria for the networking scheme as judged through peer review.

Proposals addressing areas relevant to the highlight notice may continue to be submitted after 25 April 2017 but, unless a new highlight notice is issued in the future, will not be eligible to access supplementary funding for the highlight notice or the higher funding limit for international activities. Such applications would have to apply through the standard networking call route on J-eS and fall within the standard funding limits (£30,000 for UK costs and £15,000 for international costs) and requirements of the Networking Scheme.

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and Fit of Proposals to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Aspects of this Highlight Notice

The [Global Challenges Research Fund \(GCRF\)](#) aims to support cutting-edge research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries through:

- challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research
- strengthening capacity for research and innovation within both the UK and developing countries
- providing an agile response to emergencies where there is an urgent research need.

GCRF forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment, which is monitored by the [Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#). ODA-funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the [OECD Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\)](#) list. Only research directly and primarily relevant to the problems of developing countries can be treated as ODA. GCRF funding must be awarded in a manner that fits with [Official ODA guidelines](#).

When assessing whether an activity is eligible for GCRF funding under this call, we will consider whether projects satisfy OECD criteria on eligibility. This will be done by assessing whether applications:

- aim to promote the welfare and economic development of a country or countries on the DAC list of ODA recipients
- are designed to address a development need, and
- focus on developing country problems.

As outlined above, applications under this highlight notice are required to demonstrate the relevance of their proposed research to ODA requirements in a number of ways. These include:

- provision of a statement on how they fit the highlight notice at the beginning of their case for support;
- inclusion of proposals for collaboration with academic and non-academic partners in one or more of the 146 countries which appear on the DAC list of ODA recipients (Low and Middle Income Countries, LMICs) and/or with ODA-eligible international organisations (a list of large eligible international organisations is maintained by the OECD DAC Committee <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/annex2.htm> but other smaller organisations, charities, cultural and community groups focused on supporting international development may also meet the criteria).
- provision of an impact summary and pathways to impact section with a strong focus on how it is envisaged that the research will contribute to international development policy or practice and/or to the welfare (broadly defined) and development of one or more LMIC and what activities will be undertaken to develop these pathways to impact;
- attachment of an ODA-compliance statement (approx. 1 side of A4 - see below)

In addition, the inclusion of **letters of support** from partners or collaborators in LMICs and/or development organisations can be helpful where these outline, from the partners/ collaborators perspective, how the activities would address a development need they have identified or has been identified in relevant LMICs local contexts and/or how they expect to benefit from collaboration with the network and/or why they believe the activities would be of benefit to LMICs/ in local development contexts.

In relation to networking activities it is important that there is evidence of a **sustained process of engagement/collaboration** with key LMIC/development partners/collaborators which extends beyond participation in single one-off networking events. Where appropriate this can include research networking activities which support the development of capacity/ capabilities in developing countries. Consideration should also be given to the location of networking events to facilitate sustained engagement with participants from LMICs as well as to issues of sustainability and the legacy from the networking activities for LMIC/ development collaborators.

Proposals under the highlight notice should move beyond broad aspirations to engage with relevant partners and provide **evidence that engagement / consultation with relevant partners in LMICs/development organisations has taken place** and has informed the development of the networking proposals.

RCUK has produced some [guidance on ODA compliance for applications for Global Challenges Research Fund](#) which applicants might find helpful in preparing the statement on fit to the highlight at the start of their case for support and the more detailed ODA compliance statement (as an attachment), as well as informing the framing, focus and development of proposals more generally. The RCUK guidance suggests that in completing a statement on ODA compliance applicants use the questions below:

1. Which country/ countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this proposal and are these countries likely to continue to be ODA eligible for the duration of the research?
2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries?
3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?

Applications which are relevant to international development challenges but which do not fully meet the requirements for ODA compliance (for example where addressing development challenges is a secondary rather than a primary focus for the networking activities or where the principal beneficiaries are outside LMICs or wider development contexts), should not be submitted under the highlight notice but may be submitted under the standard AHRC networking scheme.

Applications which are not ODA-compliant will not be accepted under the highlight notice. Where applications are not accepted under the highlight notice, if applicants wish the application to be considered through the standard networking

scheme route a fresh application would need to be submitted which complies with the standard networking scheme funding limits and requirements. In some cases awards under the highlight notice may be recommended subject to revised / enhanced ODA-compliance statements being submitted.

Timetable for Assessment of Applications and Start Dates for Applications

We will aim to reduce the time taken to announce outcomes on applications under this highlight. Outcomes on the majority of applications submitted close to the original end of the highlight notice in February 2017 are expected to be announced by end of July 2017. Applications submitted close to the extended deadline of 25 April 2017 are expected to receive a decision by the end of September 2017. Therefore, the guidance in AHRC's Funding Guide on earliest possible start dates for the Research Networking Scheme does not apply to applications under this highlight notice. **Applications may propose a start date of 5 months after submission. All applications under the highlight notice are expected to propose a start date no later than 1 November 2017.** Should successful applicants encounter unanticipated delays which may a start date of 1 November 2017 difficult they should contact the AHRC as soon as possible following the notification of the outcome of the application to discuss possible options. **Early submission of applications is strongly encouraged in order to maximise the potential notice period between outcomes and the required start date of no later than 1 November 2017.**

Additional Funding for International Activities under this Highlight Notice

Applicants under this highlight notice are eligible to apply for **up to £30,000 of supplementary funding for international activities** in addition to the normal £30,000 networking scheme limit. This is instead of the normal provision for up to £15,000 of supplementary funding for international activities. The total limit (fEC) on applications under the highlight notice is therefore £60,000. Please note this higher limit for supplementary international activities applies only to applications submitted under this highlight notice for International Development and meet the criteria for ODA-compliant funding under the Global Challenges Research Fund

This additional provision for international activities is intended to extend the opportunities under the highlight notice which meet the following criteria:

- support the activities of international co-investigators based in LMICs (additional co-investigators may be included beyond the normal limit of one where they are based in LMICs) or of collaborators in international development organisations (costs associated with international co-investigators may be funded at 100% fEC as detailed in AHRC's Funding Guide);
- increase or diversify participation by international development organisations (e.g. aid agencies, cultural organisations) and/or collaborators based in LMICs (researchers or non-academics) in research networking activities;
- support the organisation of research networking activities/ events in LMICs;

- enhance pathways to impact aimed at supporting the development (and welfare more broadly) of one or more LMIC;
- support targeted knowledge exchange activities focused on non-academic audiences with interests in international development strategy, aid policy, or development practice;
- enhance the dissemination of outcomes targeted at audiences in LMICs (including costs of producing outputs and/or conducting activities in different formats, media and languages in order to reach diverse audiences or communities in LMICs where appropriate).

All funding requested in excess of the standard limit of £30,000 must be directly attributable to international collaboration as outlined above and in [AHRC's Research Funding Guide](#).

Please note that, as stated in [AHRC's Research Funding Guide](#) (1.5.4), the following should **not** be included within any requests for supplementary funding for international activities above the standard scheme limit:

- additional UK Investigator time or administrative support in the UK spent supporting the international collaboration (whether in the UK or abroad);
- costs of UK based workshops/ activities involving international participants such as room hire or catering (however, travel and subsistence costs of overseas collaborators to attend workshops /events in the UK may be included within the additional international costs).

Some supplementary funding for international activities may be used to support international activities which do not meet these criteria (e.g. international events / collaborations outside LMICs) within the normal £15,000 limit for such activities. However, where applications request supplementary international funding above this level (under the increased £30,000 limit for this highlight) we would expect the *majority* of the funding requested for international activities, and *any funding in excess of the normal £15,000 limit*, to be directly attributable to activities which meet the criteria outlined above.