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How we can support



The International Research and Innovation team can help support you in a number of different ways, our service offer includes:



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UKRI-SBE lead agency opportunity	Open (no deadline)	Up to £1 million, US	Support US and UK collaborative research at the intersection of NSF/SBE and AHRC/BBSRC/ESRC remits in any interdisciplinary or disciplinary area. Before submitting a proposal, researchers should identify a prospective lead agency, either NSF or UK research council. A full research proposal may be submitted to the lead agency upon confirmation.	Charlie Ellis
African Research Leaders 2023 – UKRI	1 Dec 2022	Up to £750,000, up to 5 years, sub-Saharan Africa.	Support excellent global health research and strengthen research leadership across sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Researchers should be supported by an enthusiastic local research environment and by a UK-based mentor as part of a partnership between the African and UK institutions.	Stavros Fotiadis

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Pre-announcement NIHR Global Health Research Groups - Fourth Call	23 Nov 22	Awards up to £3,000,000 over a period of up to 3-4 years, LMICs	Aims include: Build global research capacity by supporting specialist UK researchers to pivot to global health through new equitable and diverse UK-LMIC partnerships and networks; Support UK-LMIC partnerships seeking to expand research programmes into new health areas and/or geographies; Deliver high quality applied global health research targeted at the needs of people in LMICs, including e.g., scoping studies, needs analyses, economic analyses, pilot studies and potentially trials; Generate robust new scientific evidence that will improve health outcomes for people in low resource settings through improving practice and informing policy; and Develop research leaders of the future and strengthen research management capability to support sustainability in partner countries.	Stavros Fotiadis



Research councils – AHRC

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AHRC Working with Brazilian researchers	Open (no deadline)	Between £50,000 and £1 million for up to 5 yrs, Brazil	<p>These enable transnational British and Brazilian teams to carry out collaborative research projects in any area of the social sciences within the remit of AHRC and FAPESP.</p> <p>UK-based researchers must be actively engaged in postdoctoral research. Brazil-based researchers must be formally associated with institutions in the São Paulo state. Before applying, the Brazilian principal investigator should contact FAPESP to confirm eligibility.</p>	Charlie Ellis
Collaborate with German partners on arts and humanities research: round five	15 Feb 2023	Up to £420,000, between 24 and 36 months, Germany .	<p>Apply for funding to collaborate on arts and humanities projects with German research partners.</p> <p>The principal investigator in the UK must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- based at a research organisation eligible to apply to Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)- working with a German team led by a researcher eligible to apply to German Research Foundation (DFG)- proposing a project within the remit of AHRC. <p>Research projects must make fundamental advances in human knowledge in any area of arts and humanities.</p>	Charlie Ellis
Work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects – AHRC	Open (no deadline)	Between £50,000 and £1 million, Luxembourg .	<p>Apply for funding to work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects with the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR).</p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- be based at a UK research organisation eligible for AHRC funding- partner with a team in Luxembourg approved by the FNR- have a doctorate or equal experience. <p>AHRC and FNR will jointly fund successful applications.</p>	Charlie Ellis

Research councils – BBSRC



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BBSRC-FAPESP joint research funding	Open (no deadline)	Up to £2m for up to 5 yrs, Brazil	Funding to support activities from research projects to technology development, new infrastructure and equipment, use of equipment and facilities, networks, and summer schools. Invite approaches that encourage collaborative research with users, research that informs public policy, and international partnerships. Brazilian partners must be based at a non profit research organisation in the State of São Paulo.	Charlie Ellis
BBSRC United States partnering award	10 Nov 2022	Up to £50,000, up to 4 years, United States.	<p>This is part a wider International Partnering Awards programme. You must hold a current Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) research grant that: started before the application deadline; or has at least six months remaining from the start of this award.</p> <p>Collaborative activities will include: travel for one or more investigators in either direction; visits and access to overseas institutions; exchange of staff for scoping studies and skills exchange; workshops and networking; and researcher exchanges.</p>	Charlie Ellis



Research councils – ESRC

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ESRC Working with Brazilian researchers	Open (no deadline)	£350,000 - £1 million, up to 5 yrs, Brazil	Grants support collaborative research in any area of the social sciences within the remit of both the ESRC and FAPESP. Proposals may be submitted by a UK research organisation. Brazilian partners must be based at higher education and research institutions, public or non-profit organisations, in the state of São Paulo .	Charlie Ellis
ESRC Working with Luxembourg researchers	Open (no deadline)	£350,000 - £1 million, up to 5 yrs, Luxembourg	The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) invite applications to work with researchers in Luxembourg.	Charlie Ellis
Pre-announcement ESRC-NSTC UK-Taiwan networking grants 2	To be announced	Up to £50,000 for UK, up to 12 months, Taiwan .	This opportunity seeks to improve the connectivity between UK and Taiwan social science research communities, by providing funding to groups of researchers to foster the development of relationships. Proposals should contain a UK component, to be funded by ESRC, and a Taiwan component, to be funded by NSTC.	Charlie Ellis
Use secondary data to focus on Global South development issues	31 Oct 2022	Up to £300,000, up to 22 months, LMIC in the Global South.	Funding to work with secondary data to build knowledge and engage with researchers in low- and middle-income countries in the Global South. This funding opportunity involves the use of secondary data analysis and is an extension of the ongoing Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI) opportunity . This highlight notice is focused on development issues in low- and middle-income countries in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia.	Charlie Ellis



Research councils – EPSRC

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Working with overseas scientists	EoI required (no deadline)	No funding limit, Brazil/US	Funding to work with researchers from the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) in Brazil across EPSRC remit. Collaborations with researchers in the United States from the National Science Foundation (NSF) only in engineering, manufacturing the future, mathematical sciences, and ICT.	Charlie Ellis
Early career researcher international collaboration grants	18 Jan 2023	Up to £200,000, up to 2 yrs, international.	EPSRC wants to support early career researchers to initiate or develop new international partnerships with researchers overseas. You and your international partners may have a previous relationship, but we do not expect you to have worked together extensively.	Charlie Ellis
Early career researcher collaborations for global development	18 Jan 2023	Up to £200,000, up to 2 yrs, LMIC or Least Developed Countries.	Funding to initiate or develop new international partnerships with researchers overseas and to tackle the challenges faced by developing countries. Applicant must be an early career researcher who meets the eligibility requirements of EPSRC's New Investigator Award scheme.	Charlie Ellis

Research councils – MRC



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MRC-FAPESP lead agency opportunity	Open (no deadline)	Average project costs: £440,000, Brazil	Applications are welcomed in any single or cross-disciplinary area within the remit of FAPESP and MRC. Brazilian partners must be based at the State of São Paulo . Prior to submitting an application to the MRC applicants should email Laura.Joiner@mrc.ukri.org with summary details.	Stavros Fotiadis
MRC Partnership grants	Depending on the board	1-5 yrs funding. Any country	The grant will allow you to establish new, high-value collaborative activities or capabilities, and add value to high-quality scientific programmes that are already supported by grants from MRC and other funders.	Stavros Fotiadis
UK-US research: ecology and evolution of infectious diseases 2022	16 Nov 22	Up to £3,000,000 up to 5 yrs. US plus China and Israel	<p>The funders wish to encourage high quality, innovative research on the ecological, evolutionary and social drivers that influence the transmission dynamics of infectious diseases. This opportunity is an early action to delivery UK Research and Innovation’s strategic theme of tackling infections.</p> <p>We will fund research in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals • Humans • Plants 	Stavros Fotiadis
Pre-announcement Applied global health research	Opens: 1 Nov 22 Deadline: 16 Feb 23	Up to £2,000,000 LMICs	<p>MRC are looking for research projects that will develop practical solutions to global health challenges and inequities. The aim is to fund a portfolio of high-quality global research, which will be diverse, promote multi-disciplinarity and strengthen global health research capacity.</p> <p>MRC are committed to strengthening research capacity within low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and the UK. All applicants are required to develop plans to strengthen research capacity within their proposal, which will be assessed as part of the peer review process and inform funding decisions.</p>	Stavros Fotiadis

Research councils – NERC



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NERC-FAPESP joint funding	Open (no deadline)	Average project costs £650,000, Brazil	Applications are welcomed in any single or cross-disciplinary area within the remit of FAPESP and NERC. Brazilian partners, must be from higher education and research organisations, public or non-profit, in the State of São Paulo . Applicants should contact FAPESP to confirm their eligibility before submitting an application.	Charlie Ellis
NERC-NSF joint funding	Open (with deadlines for full applications in mid-January and mid-July each year)	Average project costs £920,000, US	<p>The goal of this opportunity is to reduce barriers to work internationally, based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- external link - on research cooperation agreed between UK Research & Innovation and NSF. Proposals must be an integrated UK-US effort to address a research topic of interest to both NERC and a relevant NSF division that would benefit from a collaborative approach. A Letter of Intent is required three months before the closing date.</p> <p>Agreements operate with the NSF Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) and the NSF Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) through NERC's discovery science schemes and NSF's equivalent schemes, using existing budgets and peer review mechanisms.</p>	Charlie Ellis
Work with US-based researchers on environmental science research	Open (no deadline)	Up to £300,000 or \$500,000 for UK depending on lead status, US .	<p>Apply for funding to work with US-based researchers on an environmental science proposal with the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Collaborative work is governed by an agreement between NERC and the National Science Foundation (NSF).</p> <p>You must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - based at a UK research organisation eligible for NERC funding - employed at lecturer (or equivalent) level or above. <p>For NERC-led proposals, the NSF DEB contribution is limited to \$500,000; whilst there is no cap for the NSF GEO contribution. For NSF-led proposals, the UK applicant may request up to £300,000 (100% FEC).</p>	Charlie Ellis
Pushing the Frontiers of Environmental Science Research	17 Jan 2023	Up to £1 million, usually between 3 and 4 years,	Funding to pursue an ambitious, high-risk and high-reward project in environmental science. NERC welcomes multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and projects delivered in partnership with other research funders and users.	Charlie Ellis

Wellcome



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Wellcome Career Development	01 Dec 22	Up to 8 yrs funding for salary and research. UK & LMIC Host (except India & China)	Funding for mid career researchers from any discipline who have the potential to be international research leaders. They will develop their research capabilities, drive innovative programmes of work and deliver significant shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing.	Stavros Fotiadis
Wellcome Discovery Awards	06 Dec 22	Up to 8 yrs funding for research. UK & LMIC Host (except India & China)	This scheme provides funding for established researchers and teams from any discipline who want to pursue bold and creative research ideas to deliver significant shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing. Funding covers 20% of CI cost, but not PI.	Stavros Fotiadis

Other- CEPI

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Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) Funding Call	Open	Project costs, Any Country with a focus on LMICs	<p>CEPI Funding Call (up to US \$25 million) to evaluate fractional COVID-19 booster and third shots as part of efforts to stretch global vaccine supply. The objective of this programme is to generate data on fractional doses of COVID-19 vaccines when given as an additional single dose in previously primed populations (either via full or partial vaccination or natural infection).</p> <p>The applicants should provide proposals that include a description of the proposed clinical trial. The focus of this program is to accelerate global COVID-19 vaccine coverage and to optimise vaccination regimens in special populations especially in low- and middle-income countries without compromising vaccine efficacy, Applicants should state in what ways the proposal can contribute to CEPI's mission of increasing LMIC access to affordable vaccines.</p>	Stavros Fotiadis

Other- Global Innovation Fund & USAID



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Global Innovation Fund (GIF)	Open (no deadline)	Pilot- Up to \$230,000 Test and Transition - Up to \$2.3m Scale - Up to \$15m. Developing countries	<p>GIF invest in a range of innovations with strong potential for social impact at a large scale. ‘Innovation’ broadly includes new business models, policy practices, technologies, behavioural insights, or ways of delivering products and services that benefit the poor in developing countries. Solutions that has potential to address an important development problem more effectively than existing approaches. The innovation has the potential to be politically and logistically feasible at scale, with demonstrable interest from public sector scaling partners or a credible plan to raise capital for commercial innovations.</p> <p>Pilot innovations are early stage but requires a credible plan for development and test in a real world setting.</p> <p>For test and transition investment your innovation has already shown promise of success at a small scale, and you have some information on your operational, social, and financial viability which you want to solidify before you scale. For innovations with a commercial pathway to scale, this will include measures of customer demand and willingness to pay. For public sector or hybrid pathways to scale we expect prior evidence from pilot level implementation.</p> <p>For scale investment your innovation already has evidence of impact, cost effectiveness, and implementation feasibility or market viability in at least one context. There are credible plans to advance the innovation towards scale including sustainably financed. This includes a vision of how the innovation can achieve further scale with a view to reaching millions of people in the long term if successful.</p>	Prior to application contact Charlie Ellis for S&E and H&SS proposals and Stavros Fotiadis for M&D proposals
USAID Development innovation ventures	Open (no deadline)	stage 1 – Pilot, up to \$200,000; stage 2 –Expand, up to \$ 1.5m; stage 3 – scale, up to \$5m. Developing countries Evidence generation – up to \$ 1.5 m Developing countries	<p>The Agency for International Development (USAID) invites applications for its development innovation ventures grants. This supports development innovations that improve the lives of people living in poverty in the developing world. The scheme provides tiered funding to pilot, test and transition to scale innovations that demonstrate evidence of impact, cost-effectiveness and the potential to scale. DIV supports innovations across all countries and development sectors in which USAID operates, including health, education, water, energy and economic development.</p> <p>stage 1 – to support piloting of innovations in a developing country context, stage 2 – to support the further testing and expansion of innovations beyond the piloting stage, stage 3 – to transition proven approaches to widespread scaling in new contexts or new geographies.</p> <p>Evidence generation – to generate evidence on the causal impact of widely implemented development approaches that still lack sufficient rigorous evidence of impact and cost-effectiveness.</p>	Prior to application contact Charlie Ellis for S&E and H&SS proposals and Stavros Fotiadis for M&D proposals

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