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INDUSTRY ACADEMIA COLLABORATIVE GRANT

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Call opens: Monday, 22 May 2023
Call closes: Monday, 24 July 2023; 11:59pm, UK time

Important Dates

SR. NO.	ACTIVITIES	DATE/MONTH
1.	Date of advertisement for call for applications	22 May 2023
2.	Last date for receipt of queries related to submission of application	29 May 2023
3.	Last date for submission of applications	24 July 2023
4.	Date of result declaration on British Council's website	21 August 2023

1. Background

The Industry Academia Collaborative Grant is a part of the Going Global Partnerships programme that has been initiated by the British Council to promote collaboration between industry and academia. Consortium to work on a larger theme of collaboration in areas like (this is an indicative list and not exhaustive) product / process innovation, course / module development, research, creation of knowledge, develop employable workforce, and an opportunity for learners to work on new technologies and challenging problems.

With the emergence of the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), rapid developments in science and technology have greatly affected everyday life. In the education sector, developments such as the Internet of Things (IoT) have influenced curricula and introduced educators to new teaching methods. In this context, 4IR is expected to actualize smart education environments that can improve the quality and accessibility of education.

Higher education in the fourth industrial revolution is complex and bring exciting opportunities which can potentially transform society for the better. Higher learning institutions should put innovation, both revolutionary and evolutionary, high on its agenda and deepen system reforms by breaking down all barriers to innovation. This will necessarily require much more interdisciplinary teaching, research, collaboration and innovation.

The overarching aim of the Going Global Partnership Industry Academia Collaborative Grant is to catalyse industry academia partnerships that will allow academia and industry to work in sync, prepare work ready workforce, reduce on the job training cost, and make learners more employable.

This document outlines the context, purpose, process of **Going Global Partnership Industry Academia Collaborative Grant.**

2. Objectives

The objective of the Going Global Partnerships Industry Academia Collaborative Grant is to develop a joint programme under existing regulations including but not limited to the following:

- Convergence between curricula and industry requirements. Creation of common frameworks of content, quality, delivery, and assessment at par with global industry standards.

- Focus on fourth industrial revolution and its convergence with academia to impart lifelong learning and make learners workforce ready.

- Research based on industry requirements.

- Focus on specific thematic areas of common interest of partnering university(s) and industry or consortium of multiple UK and Indian Universities and industry.

- Create feasible plans to showcase the possibilities of high-quality learning experience and skill acquisition through innovative industry academia collaborative models.
- Learn from industry and students' experiences and incorporate in teaching and learning for an enhanced outcome.
- Share knowledge and understanding for collaboration through different innovative TNE (Transnational Education) models.

3. Outcomes

The grant aims to build stronger, more inclusive, industry connected higher education systems that support global development impacts.

Goal: Industry academia collaboration for a more joined up approach leading to excellence in higher education, work ready workforce and quality research outputs for the benefit of the industry and the academia.

The overall expected outcomes of the programme:

- **Developing a sustainable ecosystem by bridging the gap between industry academia.** Industry-academia collaboration is vital for a sustainable ecosystem where both the industry and academia flourish. Creating research modules, developing industry focussed curriculum, opportunity to work on live projects, creating sustainable channels for knowledge transfer between industry and academia.

- **Knowledge development and growth**: industry academia collaboration to optimise complementing competences, knowledge, and technologies to advance research and development. Develop joint teaching and research programmes endorsed both by industry and academia.

- **Develop a mutually beneficial partnership**: Academia and industry partners develop a two-way learning environment and exchange of knowledge. Industry contributes by knowledge sharing to train and develop an industry ready workforce thereby reducing on the job training cost. Academia provides flexibility in teaching and learning thus, contributes by training learners as per industry standards and requirements.

- **Promote inter disciplinary learning:** creating an enabling environment while supporting institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation. Increased scale and effectiveness of joint teaching programmes including virtual delivery and collaborative teaching, semester abroad, development of shared understanding of assessments and curriculum development that will allow more students with lesser economic means to experience international education.

- **Strengthening higher education systems**: improving the quality and efficiency of institutions and systems. Contributions to wider reform processes through creating greater awareness of quality assurance, compliance, relevant tools, evaluative frameworks and access.

- **Enhancing student outcomes:** improving the qualities of global graduates (e.g., soft skills, employability, community outcomes). Students, graduates, and academicians develop an international industry-oriented perspective through shared experience of international education and industry collaboration as a part of their course and their qualification.

4. Overview of the Funding Opportunity

Going Global Partnerships offers you vital international opportunities – a chance to build relationships, to share ideas and good practice, to access grant funding for collaborative partnerships and more.

You can see current and upcoming Going Global Partnerships opportunities on our website: **https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science/going-global-partnerships/connect-collaborate**. We have many opportunities being launched at this time, so please check this page regularly.

This document refers to the following opportunity: **Going Global Partnership Industry Academia Collaborative Grant**.

These grants will be awarded to a consortium comprising of one UK Institute, one Indian Institute and one industry partner either from India or the UK. In case it is existing GGP partnership, it should be able to clearly demonstrate use of funding through this opportunity as an expansion of the scope of their existing work including joint and collaborative teaching / research at the undergraduate as well as graduate level**.**

In case of course development through the Industry academia collaborative grant, the development of any model of teaching collaboration should be as per the industry standards which is endorsed and accredited by the industry partner and academic institutions in compliance with necessary guidelines. Development of a course module that contributes towards a UK and Indian Bachelors or Master's qualification where credits and outputs are clearly defined. The partnerships will be able to secure consultancy services for this from UK sector service providers such as ENIC, QAA and others if needed.

All consortium comprising of HEI's and industry who meets the eligibility criteria are eligible to apply. Any consortium supported by any State Government in India will be given a preference. A plan for implementation of learning within the state system will be a desirable criterion. It could be through incentive schemes, modification of regulations or any other support that the State will provide to enable students to experience UK education and industry endorsed qualification including micro-credentials. This intention should be expressed through a letter of support from competent authority in the State.

Maximum amount of grant to be awarded is up to £40,000 for twelve months

Each proposal to have a consortium of one UK and one Indian University and an Industry partner. UK University will be the lead applicant and other partners as co-applicant. Lead Applicant from the UK will be considered as the principal applicant for the proposal, as lead university will receive the funding.

All applicants will be required to focus either on a specific teaching-learning area or on an interdisciplinary theme of mutual relevance.

5. Transparency and reporting

As a part of the government's commitment to transparency and in line with DFID's reporting requirements, there is a requirement to publish information about grants including project titles and summaries via the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and DFID's national statistics.

The purpose of publishing information via the IATI registry is to make information regarding development related projects easily accessible to governments, stakeholders and other relevant groups in beneficiary countries. All funded projects from this programme will be published in this way. Please, therefore, write your project title and summary in such a way that they are meaningful and accessible to non-specialist audiences, following publication.

It is expected that the project title and summary are written in plain English and avoid use of jargon, acronyms, puns and play on words.

6. Gender Equality Statement

To comply with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014, applications must outline how they have taken meaningful yet proportionate consideration as to how the project will contribute to reducing gender inequalities in the Gender Equality Statement section of the application form.

Gender Equality Statement

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender and provide a gender statement. It should not be a re-statement of your Institution's policy; you may refer to the policy but should show how the policy will be implemented in terms of the project.

Below are the project aspects that can be taken into consideration for the gender statement but not limited to.

- Outputs
- Outcomes
- Make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project
- Processes followed throughout the programme.

The statement is part of the equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) assessment criterion in this call. The following questions should be answered when writing the statement.

- Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation, and the beneficiaries of the activities.
- The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

Not all questions will be applicable. If a question is not applicable, you will need to articulate the reasons why?

British Council reserve the right to reject the application if no consideration has been given to gender equality or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact for gender equality.

7. Eligibility

Applicants must jointly fill the online application form. The proposal must be a joint application, with **three partnering institutions** with representation from one UK institution, one Indian institution and one industry partner either from India or UK. Lead applicant from the UK will be considered as the principal applicant for the proposal, as their institution will receive the funding. Preference will be given to proposals on new thematic areas other than the ones awarded in the past to the consortium / lead UK University.

Applications must have the support of all participating Indian and UK institutions and the industry partner, confirmed by supporting letters on their letter heads. The consortium should also submit one common letter of intent signed by the head of department of all participating institutes/industry, acknowledging the formation of the partnership. All letters (including state support letter, if any) are to be saved as one document in the form of pdf and send to goingglobalindia@in.britishcouncil.org after submitting the online form. The Subject line of the email should be "Supporting Documents" followed by UK Lead Institution name.

In this round, only one application should be submitted per lead applicant, However, there can be more than one application from the UK and India institution from different departments with different PIs covering more than one thematic

area/department. It is suggested that the consortium applies for grant in new thematic areas.

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

- Must demonstrate the consent of Indian partner in setting up of teaching learning collaboration and demonstrate how the grant will be utilized to expand scope of the collaboration.

- Must be able to demonstrate resources and other funds being committed towards this collaboration and any value added to the grant will be desirable.

- It is desirable if the consortium can demonstrate international experience of setting up TNE collaborations and articulation agreements in other parts of the world which they could use to shape their Indian engagement within the provisions of UGC regulations.

- Preference will be given to partnerships within a consortium sponsored or approved by State governments in India and aligned to State priorities in Higher Education. Please submit this letter as part of the other supporting letters mentioned above in a common pdf.

- All tertiary Higher Educational Institutions (public or private) that are recognised by the State government or Central government and its institutions like UGC (University Grants Commission) or AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) in India, can apply. All not for profit research institutions, organisations are also eligible. In case of doubt, please do check with British Council.

- UK lead partner institute must be one of the following:
    - Higher Education provider with [degree awarding powers]. .
    - Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations.
    - Any public or private organisations with a role in the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET)/Further Education (FE) system

- Industry must be one of the following:
    - For-profit/commercial organisations, including micro, small, medium and large enterprises
    - Industry or enterprises should be compliant with the necessary local laws

- Lead Applicant and Co-applicants must be permanent employees of their institution(s) (this means that emeritus and honorary professors may not apply as lead) and/or their contract end date must be later than the date of completion of this grant.

- Lead Applicant and co-applicants can submit only one application as part of this call announcement.
- The proposed proposal should not already be funded through any other grant funded programme. Preference will be given to proposals on new thematic areas other than the ones awarded in the past to the consortium / lead UK University. In all cases, such assurance must be clearly articulated in the application form.

Organisations affiliated to Higher Education institutions in the UK or any other country and based in India (e.g., an overseas campus) are not eligible for awarded grants.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all applications on receipt.

Please send an enquiry to goingglobalindia@in.britishcouncil.org, if you are in doubt about the eligibility of your organisation.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all applications after the grant call closes. Those which are not led by an eligible institution will be rejected during these checks. Please see **Annex 2** for the eligibility criteria check list.

8. Funding

Other conditions of Award of the Collaborative Grant

- Each proposal can be budgeted up to £40,000.

- Preference will be given if the theme for joint collaboration is in areas where there is a demonstrable strong industry demand and/or for which there a gap in the current available opportunities for students.

- The themes and subjects selected should not be culturally insensitive, controversial or matters related to the internal security of India and UK. Other than this requirement, it is open to all subject areas.

- The grant will be disbursed in two instalments, by October 2023 and February 2024. British Council will disburse 80% in first instalment and the remaining 20% of the grant in second and the final instalment provided 50% of the activities are achieved and 50% of budget is spent from the first instalment.

- Grants will be disbursed to the lead applicant (UK University) and the lead applicant will be responsible for the modalities of sharing the grants with their Indian and UK partner institutions and the industry for activities related to the project. There is no requirement for the split to be of a particular ratio, but it should be mutual and equitably address the goal of the partnership and in agreement with all partners in the consortium or partnership. The agreed split of funds should be clearly mentioned in the financial proposal.

- Once the award has been granted, UK and Indian partner institutes are advised to agree the project activities, role and responsibility and fund transfer details and any other clauses as necessary and sign an MoU / agreement with-in three months of grant received.

- It is expected that grant awardees will share an interim progress report of the 50% of the activities by 5 February 2024. The remaining 50% activity to be completed by 30th September 2024 and final report to be submitted by 31st October 2024 after which British Council may seek refund for the unutilised part or whole of the grant as applicable, after this date.

- Lead applicant and co-applicants in the consortium will be asked to keep and submit receipts and invoices to demonstrate their grant utilisation until 31 October 2024.They are required to submit full grant utilisation statement along with invoices or receipts for each category. Lead applicant's UK University are required to keep all expenditure documents for seven years for audit purpose.

- Full checks of supporting documentation will be carried out on a proportion of the grants.

- Further monitoring and evaluation will also be carried out, that will be specified in the Grant Agreement to be signed between British Council and the UK University.

- There are five budget categories under which Applicants can plan their activities:

A. International Travel and Accommodation
B. Professional consultancy Fees and Project activity
C. Communication and Promotion
D. Staff cost
E. Administrative and consumables

Please see Appendix 1 for maximum permissible percentages that can be budgeted for each budget category. Applicants are required to provide a budget as part of their application submission.

Format for budget submission will be part of the application form, available in the 'Download' section of the web announcement. You may refer to "Application Process" in this document.

9. Milestones

Key Milestones and their timelines to submit your grant application for Industry Academia Collaborative Grant are:

Key Milestones	Timelines
Call for Application	22 May 2023
Last date for receipt of queries related to submission of application	29 May 2023
Call Closed	24 July 2023
Result Declaration (Tentative)	21 August 2023
Request for Feedback	28 August 2023
Signing of Grant Agreement and 80% Grant Disbursement	October 2023
Interim Report to be submitted with 50% of grant utilisation and 50% of activities accomplished	5 Feb 2024
Second instalment of 20% Grant disbursement. This is subject to receipt of the interim report	By 15 February 2024
Remaining 50% of grant to be utilised and 50% of activities to be completed with closure of finances	30 September 2024
Final Report Submission	31 October 2024

10. Reporting

Lead Applicant from the UK University must submit an outcome report of the project before 30 days of the contract expiry, as a condition of the grant.

The final report template will be sent to successful lead applicant as a part of the grant agreement and will include financial and technical sections.

Lead applicant and co-applicants may be asked to participate in a monitoring and evaluation exercise by a third party, for which they will be contacted separately.

11. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Applicants are encouraged to ensure equal opportunities in the teams implementing their proposed activity. Applicants may apply for additional funding to cover any specific requirements necessary to ensure full participation.

Please make additional costs in the 'human resources' section of the budget request within your application. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact us for further information on the British Council's approach. See our Equality Policy here: https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/our-values/equality-diversity-inclusion

12. Application process

Applicants must submit **a completed application form via MS Forms.** Sample of the application form is also available at the downloads section of the web announcement. The online application form cannot be saved in between; hence you are advised to download the sample application form and fill that collaboratively. Once you are satisfied with the offline application form, transfer it to the online version and submit the same. Please note, no email submissions are accepted as part of this call.

Please click here to access the online application form:

Any issues with the online submission system should be reported to the following email address: **GoingGlobalIndia@in.britishcouncil.org.**

Applicants must confirm on the online form that:

Applicants have obtained necessary **permission(s) to submit the application on behalf of the UK, Indian institutions and industry partner(s).**

- Lead applicant from UK institution **is willing to receive the funds and to sign a grant agreement with the British Council**.

- Applicant needs to comply with British Council policies on prevention of fraud, bribery, money laundering and address any other financial and reputational risk that may affect a transparent and fair grant award process. See: **https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies/anti-fraud-and-corruption**

Supporting Documents

- A common letter of Intent signed by the Head of Department confirming a formal collaboration between all participating institutions and industry on a letterhead.
- A statement of support from the Head of Department (or equivalent) of each participating institution and industry that they have read the application and agree

to provide consent for submitting the same on a letterhead. Letter from UK Lead Institute should also confirm that the grant will be administered by them.

- All letters mentioned above along with supporting letter from the state (if any) **are to be saved as one document in the form of pdf and send to goingglobalindia@in.britishcouncil.org after submitting the online form.** The Subject line of the email should be "Supporting Documents" followed by the UK Lead applicant name and UK Lead Institution name.
- Please note the Budget sheet in the form of xls should be part of this mail only.

13. Application assessment and notification of results

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility, Gender Equality check and Quality Review criteria (Appendix 2 and 3). Applicants whose application is rejected at the eligibility and Gender Equality check stage will have one week to appeal against the decision. If it still doesn't meet the criteria, it will be considered as rejected.

14. Selection process

Selection begins with an eligibility check by the British Council against the eligibility criteria given in Appendix 2.

Eligible applications will be further assessed against GES (Gender Equality Statement) criteria. **All applications which are GES eligible will only move ahead to the Quality Review Check (Appendix 3) by the Assessment Panel.** Assessment panel will consist of nominated qualified panel and the decisions taken by the panel will be final.

Applications will go through a review by a panel of experts as per the assessment criteria mentioned in Appendix 3. Each review results in a total score between 0 and 40. The final score will be decided by a joint review panel.

Applications scoring less than 20 points will be considered not fit for funding. However, please note that achieving an average score of 20 or above does not imply that the proposal will be funded.

Successful applicants will be notified approximately after a month from the call closure.

15. Call deadline

The submission deadline is **11:59pm UK time on 24 July 2023.** Applications submitted after the deadline **will not be considered for funding.**

The deadline applies to all the parts of your application, including upload of fully completed supporting documentation. Any applications which are not submitted in full by the deadline, with all required supporting documents, will be considered ineligible.

If any case, please write to us should you require any support or are facing a challenge to submit your application before the call end date.

16. Safeguarding and protecting adults at risk

The British Council is committed to safeguarding children and adults at risk and to upholding their rights in accordance with all applicable legislation and statutory guidance. As part of that commitment, we require that all staff, and those we work with, including partners and suppliers, operate within our Safeguarding Policy which articulates our approach to protecting children and adults at risk and promoting their wellbeing.

We have robust systems and procedures in place to both prevent incidents (covering, for example, the recruitment of appropriate staff, training and support given so that staff can work safely, and standards regarding the way in which we carry out activities) together with responsive actions necessary to address situations where we become aware that a child or an adult at risk may have been harmed. As part of our policy, all countries have a named Safeguarding Focal Point (SFP) who is supported by a Regional Safeguarding Manager (RSM) and the British Council Safeguarding Team.

For further information please see: https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/how-we-work/policies/safeguarding

17. Data protection

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring and reviewing of any grants. The legal basis for processing your information is agreement with our terms and conditions of application (contract).

We may share application data with the agency appointed by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in order to assist with management of the application process. We may share data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation as and when the agency is procured.

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (GDPR). We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council staff and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council and agency appointed by Ministry of Education, Government of India reserve the right to publish and share anonymised aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information.
If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or the Data Protection Team inforgovernance@britishcouncil.org or see our website: http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection. We will keep your information for a period of seven years after the project.

18. Applicant screening

In order to comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant nor any of the applicant's employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

- as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime;
- as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body;
- as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or
- as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.
- If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Council with all information reasonably requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches. Please read the text to this effect on the application form and tick the box to show that you understand this.

19. Contractual requirements

The contracting authority is the British Council which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the British Council from time to time
a. (see: www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status).

The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the partner countries listed in these guidelines.

The British Council is subject to the requirements of the UK Freedom of Information Act, ("FOIA"). Please indicate in your application whether FOIA also applies to your organisation, so that we can reflect this in the Grant Agreement should you be successful in your application.

(Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement) ("Grant Agreement"). **By submitting a response to this call for applications, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of these guidelines and the Grant Agreement without further negotiationor amendment.**

In the event that you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement,you should submit a clarification request to purti.kohli@britishcouncil.org in accordance with the provisions of this call for applications by the application deadline.The British Council reserves the right not to make any changes to the Grant Agreement.

The British Council is under no obligation to consider any clarifications / amendmentsto the Grant Agreement requested following the application deadline.

APPENDIX 1: GRANT RATES

Budget heads

A. **International travel and Accommodation**: include economy class return airfare, visa costs, travel insurance and local transport from the UK airport to the place of stay. It also includes accommodation.

   Maximum up to 25 per cent of the available budget can be allocated to this category.

B. **Professional Consultation Fees and Project Activity:** This includes professional fees for officials and Consultation Fees for UK sector experts like QAA, ENIC etc.

   Maximum up to 45 percent of the available budget can be allocated to this category.

C. **Communication and Promotion**: This cost may be used towards Printing, Design & Development collaterals for communication purposes, etc.

   Maximum 15 percent of the available budget can be allocated to this category.

D. **Staff time and other Delivery Cost:** This cost may be used towards staff time of the officials involved, workshop planning and delivery, delivering other activities, cost towards running project/course/modules etc.

   Maximum 10 percent of the available budget can be allocated to this category.

E. **Administrative cost and consumables:** This cost may include office supplies for the project, stationary, day to day running cost, Institutional overhead, contingency, miscellaneous etc.

   Maximum 5 percent of the available budget can be allocated to this category.

Please note the maximum available budget in each budget head is summarised below. These constitute the maximum amounts that can be requested in each category and that all budget requests will be assessed for feasibility and appropriateness. While the maximum contribution cannot be exceeded, applicants can request less in which case the amount requested cannot be increased at a later stage.

While there is no recommended split between UK and Indian costs, however it is expected that the budget plan will be mutually agreed among all partners and will be shared as part of the application form. Please note, the purpose of the spend meets the requirement of the programme objective.

Maximum available budget under each head

International travel and Accommodation – 25%

Professional Consultation Fees and Project Activity – 45%

Communication and Promotion – 15%

Staff time and other Delivery costs – 10%

Administrative cost and consumables – 5%

APPENDIX 2: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Eligibility criteria checklist	Yes/No
The application has been submitted by the applicant within the published deadline.	
Lead Applicant must be from a UK Higher Education Institution partnering with one Indian Higher Education Institution and one industry partner.	
Letters of consent from Heads of the Department or similar authority in institutions of all applicants for working jointly on the proposed project are included as a part of the application.	
Must have demonstrated experience of setting up international collaborations towards addressing the theme that you are applying for the grant	
Letter of support to applicants' consortium by a State government in India and aligned to State priorities, if applicable	
Lead Applicant and Co-applicants are permanent employees of their institution/industry and/or if contractual, their contract end date must be later than the date of completion of this grant.	
The application form is completed in full and complies with given instructions.	
The application form has been completed in English including Gender Equality Statements.	
Only one application per lead applicant has been submitted in this round (please note that there is no limit on the number of applications submitted per institution)	
The institutions where Lead Applicant and Co-applicant(s) are based, are recognised Higher Education Institutions in the respective countries. The industry partner has the requisite license / approval / registered from the industry regulatory body.	
Applicants must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants will confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by responding to pre-submission questions in the online application form	
The Lead applicant and Co-applicant(s) has assured that if they received grants from British Council or other funding agency previously, the proposed project is clearly distinct from any other project they have developed in the past.	

All the above criteria must have a 'Yes' response, to be eligible.

APPENDIX 3: QUALITY REVIEW SCORING SYSTEM

Assessment of the quality and development relevance of the proposals will be performed by panel members. Decision of the assessment panel will be final and funding will be given in order of ranking and available funds.

Proposals with an average score of less than 20 points will be considered not for funding. Proposals that have clearly articulated relevance to Gender Equality Statements will be considered for further evaluation as per section 2,3 and 4

Section 1: Relevance to **G**ender **E**quality	Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Measures are in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to participate.	
The learning opportunities created will have a positive impact on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.	
Risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality will be monitored, avoided or mitigated against.	
Relevant outcomes and outputs will be measured with disaggregated data by age and gender (where disclosed).	

Section 2: Institutional Track and Experience in supporting Teaching Learning Collaborations	Scoring Scale	Score (Range 0-10)
The Lead applicant and Co - applicants have sufficient relevant experience and an intent to develop and implement the project jointly. The lead applicant and co- applicants are aware of the regulatory provisions for industry academia collaboration and are able to demonstrate how they plan to work within these and articulate possibilities? The collaborating institutions are of appropriate academic and industry standing.	**10 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **8-10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **5 to 7 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **3 to 4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 to 2 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level **0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.	

Section 3: The Proposal	Scoring Scale	Score (Range 0-20)
The proposal should indicate reasons how the proposed project is reflective of the industry demand / developing work ready workforce / industry academia linkages / knowledge sharing between industry and academia / joint research / interest of the Indian State Government supporting the proposal, in particular, and potential for meeting critical needs of student community. The description of the proposal includes description of activities that would allow for the identification of the industry academia collaboration. Proposal must describe activities that would lead to development and delivery of the proposed project as per the timelines indicated in the Call Guidelines. There is clear evidence that the development of the proposed project is enhancing industry academia linkages. The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the industry and academia are clearly described.	**20 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **16 to 19 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **11 to 15 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **6 to 10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 to 5 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level **0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.	

Section 4: Sustainability	Scoring Scale	Score (Range 0–10)
There is a clear description how learning from this proposal will translate into larger collaboration between industry and academia and enhance student learning experience. There should be clear indication of commitment and resources for sustainability of this proposed proposal by each of the participating partners, during and beyond the duration of the grant.	**10 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **8-10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **5 to 7 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **3 to 4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 to 2 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level **0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.	
Total score for quality assessment (Section 2 + Section 3 + Section 4)	**Score**	**Range**
		0–40