

Going Global Partnership

Guidance Notes for Grant Calls

GGP TNE Grant 2026-27

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Grant Call for TNE grant 2026-27

About Going Global Partnerships

[Going Global Partnerships](#) supports universities, colleges and wider education stakeholders around the world to work together towards stronger, equitable, more inclusive and internationally connected higher education systems and science and TVET.

Through international partnerships, system collaborations and opportunities to connect and share, we enable stronger transnational education, more collaborative research, higher quality delivery, enhanced learner outcomes and stronger, internationalised, equitable and inclusive systems and institutions.

Higher education and TVET providers and research organisations can access funding to develop collaborative partnerships with institutions in other countries, focusing on key areas such as capacity strengthening, collaborative research projects, developing joint teaching programmes and establishing new transnational education links. These mutually beneficial partnerships help universities and colleges develop and sustain stronger international connection. We help to strengthen higher education and TVET in five core areas:

- **Enabling research:** supporting research, knowledge and innovation collaborations to address local and global challenges and promote inclusive growth.
- **Internationalising higher education and TVET:** supporting systems, institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation, including enabling transnational education and system alignment.
- **Strengthening systems and institutions:** improving the quality and efficiency of higher education institutions and TVET institutions and systems.
- **Enhancing learner outcomes:** addressing the qualities of the global graduate, including soft skills, employability and community outcomes.
- **Increasing equality, diversity and inclusion:** making higher education and TVET more accessible, equitable and accountable.

If you are interested in our work in this area and want to get involved, please regularly visit our [Opportunities and insights webpage](#), where we open all our funding calls and other opportunities.

Key Information about this Grant Call

TNE Grant 2026-27

Maximum value of grant in GBP	£30,000
Minimum number of grants expected to be funded in this call	The number of grants will depend upon the number of applications and available funds
Deadline for applications	Tuesday 25 August 2026 11:00 am (UK time)
Contact for further information	goingglobalindia@britishcouncil.org

Call objectives and intended outcomes

Call Objectives and Intended Outcomes:

The core objective of this grant call is to develop and launch TNE courses/degree programmes in emerging disciplines that will lead to stronger academia and industry engagement and create opportunities of youth in emerging themes.

This grant call seeks to support innovative, interdisciplinary, and high-impact TNE courses/degree programme development and launch in emerging disciplines, a list of thematic areas is listed below. The call aims to promote collaboration between UK and India HEIs and industry to addresses societal, economic, environmental, and global challenges through launch of TNE courses/degree programmes. The partnership should work towards design and launch of joint and dual degrees at the Under-graduate, post-graduate and doctoral level under the foreign collaboration regulation by UGC.

Note: This call is not to support research collaboration or doing exclusively capacity building training/workshops/programmes in below mentioned areas but to promote creation of strong pipeline of TNE courses/degree programmes in emerging areas.

The below has been incorporated:

Sr No.	Emerging Priority Disciplines
1	AI and Machine Learning and Quantum Computing
2	Genomics and Proteomics CRISPR based Therapies
3	Sustainable Energy – Technology Transition/ Climate Change
4	Synthetic Biology/ Neurotechnology
5	Circular Economy
6	Advance Engineering/Robotics/Space Technologies
7	Semi-Conductor Technologies
8	Critical Minerals/Geological and Earth Sciences
9	Creative Industries
10	Banking and Finance
11	Computational Social Sciences

Enhancing learner outcomes

- Development and launch of TNE courses/degree programmes in alignment with [UGC Foreign collaboration guidelines](#) is the primary focus of this grant call.
- The TNE courses/ articulation arrangements signed should map UK Universities outcomes to national credit framework.
- The TNE qualifications so designed under the grant should be in demand by industry in either or both in UK or India and tailored for post qualification progression aspired by the potential learners.

- Offer learners greater choices in customisation of their qualification linked to industry demand and job employability.

Internationalising higher education

- UK and Indian institutions have improved access to new international markets as India aspires to become global education destination and education hub globally.
- Increased scale and/or effectiveness of UK TNE and Joint Teaching Programmes.
- Institutions have improved awareness and understanding of new or improved environments, frameworks and design agreements to enable internationalisation of tertiary education and/or UK qualifications through the grant supported partnerships mitigating technical as appropriate.
- Students, graduates, HEIs leaders and academic staff develop a greater international outlook and enhanced understanding of education systems across both countries through long term collaborations.
- Institutions have improved awareness of market drivers towards internationalisation.

Increasing equality, diversity and inclusion

- Enhanced awareness of good practice through a gendered lens around:
 - recruitment, retention & career progression policies;
 - quality assurance mechanisms;
 - integrating gender transformative content & practice within pedagogy;
 - safe & inclusive learning and working environments.
- Access to opportunities for women in:
 - research & knowledge production;
 - tertiary education leadership;
 - international mobility pathways.
- Improved understanding and awareness of barriers to participation for women in:
 - STEM and other underrepresented subject courses;
 - academic, research and policy positions;
 - international mobility.
- Empowered people and effective systems to challenge and change hostile learning and work environments within HE.
- Increased participation of women studying for level subjects.
- Increased participation and retention of women in research and knowledge production in HE.
- Increased participation of women in international mobility opportunities.
- New or improved regulatory frameworks to enable gender equality - including recruitment and assessment policies for staff and students.

- Policy and quality indices and quality assurance mechanisms and indices are addressed through a gendered lens.
- Curricula (course and extra-curricular based), teaching practice and materials support gender equality and challenge gender stereotypes.
- Enhanced understanding among faculty, staff, and students about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in higher education.
- Comprehensive reports detailing barriers and facilitators affecting the participation of people with disabilities in higher education.
- Adoption of the policy recommendations by institutions, leading to systemic changes that promote inclusion.
- A set of actionable policy recommendations aimed at enhancing disability inclusion in higher education developed.
- Increased collaboration between institutions and disability advocacy groups, leading to shared resources and strategies.
- Established partnerships among universities, disability organizations, and policymakers dedicated to promoting inclusion.
- Adoption of inclusive classroom, lab, and fieldwork designs in higher education settings.
- Documented models for inclusive classrooms, labs, and fieldwork, with guidelines for implementation.

Key Milestones

Milestone	Timelines
Call open	Wednesday, 24 June 2026
Clarifications call with proposed applicants (to familiarize the applicants with Thematic areas, Good grants portal etc)	Thursday, 2 July 2026
Deadline to upload the clarification responses based on the briefing/clarifications call	Monday, 6 July 2026
Deadline for clarification questions submitted by applicants via e mail	Tuesday, 18 August 2026
Deadline for submission of applications	Tuesday, 25 August 2026; 1100hrs (GMT)
Results announcement	Thursday 08 October 2026
Contracts signing	By Friday, 16 October 2026
Grant disbursement period	By October/November 2026

Note that all dates may be subject to change if the call received significantly more applications than expected.

No project activities can take place after the project end date. If a funded project's planned activities timelines are required to be adjusted, an official request via change request form must be submitted at least 2 months in advance.

Eligibility Criteria for Institutions and Projects

Eligibility checks will be applied to all applications after the grant call closes. Those applications which are not eligible, will be rejected during these checks.

Eligibility Criteria for Institutions

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Each proposal must have both: • one Lead institution from the UK and • one Lead institution from India; • One Industry partner either from India or UK • The proposal must be prepared jointly by leads from all 3 partnering institutions but submitted by the Lead from the UK Institution.
UK led institution must be one of the following: • Higher Education provider with degree awarding powers. ◦ England - Check the 'awarding degrees' drop down section on the specific provider's entry on the OFS register. The OFS register lists all institutions which offer UK degrees, not all of which have degree awarding powers. ◦ Northern Ireland – https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/universities-and-colleges-northern-ireland ◦ Scotland – https://www.gov.scot/policies/universities/ ◦ Wales – https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree/recognised-bodies-wales
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.
The UK Lead institution in the must have the capacity to administer the grant. They need to submit a support letter to confirm their capacity.
The partnership can include in their proposals Associated Partners (from India and the UK) affiliated with: • Higher Education providers • Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations • Other education organisations/charities/foundations/membership bodies

- Not-for-profit organisations, including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- For-profit/commercial organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Branch and satellite campuses of any Higher Education providers
- Government organisations
- Employer organisations and industry bodies

For-profit non-education organisations are not eligible to receive any grant funds, except to cover travel-associated costs. The proposal must clearly define their contribution to achieving call objectives.

Please send an enquiry to Going Global Partnerships if you are in doubt about the eligibility of your organisation.

“A maximum of two applications from a single UK lead institution will be accepted and reviewed for final grant selection.”

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.

Eligibility Criteria for Projects

The grant is open to promote partnerships between UK and India Higher Education sector.

Please outline the economic development and social welfare impact of your work, including how it is conducted as well as the outputs and potential outcomes. The work should be relevant to at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals. The applications must have an adequate Gender Equality Statement.

The British Council supports peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide. To align our granting to this mission, we are unable to support projects with military or security partners, or with military, security or dual-use impacts or outcomes. All applications will be checked to ensure alignment with this policy at the eligibility stage.

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Funding

The TNE Grant expects to be of £30,000 in value each, for a 17-month period starting from October 2026.

Applicants may be asked to adjust their budget if their request does not fit within funding guidelines or if this is considered not appropriate by the application reviewers.

Matching funds from institutions are encouraged but are not a requirement.

There are some limits on funding allocations:

- For-profit non-education organisations are only eligible to receive funds to cover travel-associated costs. The proposal must clearly define their contribution to achieving call objectives.

- Human resource costs: Staff costs for personnel working directly on the grant funded project limited to 30% of the grant to be awarded.
- UK expertise costs: Limited to 20% of grant to be awarded.
- Travel costs: Limited to 20% of the grant to be awarded.

For successful partnerships, funds will be disbursed directly to the Contracting Institution according to the approved final budget and after signing of the Grant Agreement. The Contracting Institution is responsible for all budget management, including grant transfers to overseas partner/s. For an equitable partnership, the Contracting Institution should be able to transfer funding to the partnering institution(s) for activities in a timely way. Implementation will be delayed and the objectives of the collaboration and the overall project impacted if the funds are not shared in time. We encourage partners, especially first-time partners, to discuss in advance their internal mechanisms that will enable the budget transfer between countries.

Note: Any funding originating from the UK, along with the associated transfer mechanism, must be mutually agreed upon in alignment with the operational methodology. This agreement should be established and discussed at the initial stage of completing the application in collaboration with the partner institution.

Ethics

It is essential that all legal and professional codes of practice are followed in conducting work supported by this call. Applicants must ensure the proposed activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity.

In the application form, applicants must clearly articulate how any potential ethical and health and safety issues have been considered and how they will be addressed, ensuring that all necessary ethical approval is in place before the project commences and all risks are minimised.

Please refer to the Research Councils UK '[Policy and Guidelines on Governance of Good Research](#)', the Inter Academy Partnership report '[Doing Global Science: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in the Global Research Enterprise](#)' or contact us for further guidance.

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 all organisations - and by extension the staff who work for them - who contract with us, plus any other Associated Partners and suppliers, to operate within and adhere to our Safeguarding Policy which articulates our approach to protecting children and adults at risk and ensures their wellbeing. By completing and applying to this call, you are accepting and agreeing that the partnership and all associated organisations and persons will comply with and uphold all aspects of our Safeguarding Policy.

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.

Visit [Safeguarding](#) webpage for more information.

Privacy Notice

The British Council and UK partners comply with UK GDPR and the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and data protection laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards and the monitoring & review of any grants. The legal basis for processing your information is agreement with our terms and conditions of application (contract).

We may share all application data with UK partner(s) institution(s), India partner(s) Institution (s) and Industry partner to assist with management of the application process. We may share selected non personal data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the Industry Academia TNE Grant.

Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners mentioned above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council and its partners 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 [Visit our project website](#). We will keep your information for a period of seven years after the project.

Application Process, Documentation and Pre-Submission Checklist

Applications must only be completed and submitted via the [Good Grants online platform](#).

Any applications submitted via any other channel will be ineligible and will not be considered for funding. It is possible to download a blank version of the application form to enable your partnership to develop your answers together before it is submitted. The Good Grants platform will not allow submission where any specified word limits are exceeded or questions missed.

Accessibility

The Good Grants platform offers a wide range of accessibility support, and is fully compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) WCAG 2.2 AA standards, the Revised Section 508 ICT standards from the U.S. Access Board, and the European Union's EN 301 549 Accessibility requirements for ICT products and services.

If you require any access adjustments or have any additional support or learning needs to submit the application, please contact us prior to the deadline.

Deadline

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, 25 August 2026; 1100hrs (GMT)**. We recommend that you submit at least an hour before to avoid any last-minute technical glitches.

Due to the volume of applications, we receive, any application received after specified deadline will be considered **ineligible**.

Documentation

All supporting documents (budget sheets, CVs, supporting letters) must be uploaded on to the Good Grants platform prior to the deadline.

Ensure you have included all of the documentation listed in the Pre-Submission Checklist below as incomplete applications may be immediately regarded as ineligible. The British Council receives large numbers of applications to its funding calls, and for this reason we cannot facilitate a resubmission process should your application be deemed ineligible.

Pre-Submission Checklist

1. This application has been discussed and agreed between both Lead Institutions.
2. The application form and supporting documents have been completed in English.
3. The applicants have obtained and included necessary supporting letters from each of the Lead Institutions, on headed paper, signed by the Head of Department or more senior person, giving specific commitment to the project on behalf of the institution. Supporting letters must be in English and must not be signed by Lead Applicant(s).
4. Lead Institutions must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by responding to Pre-submission Confirmation in the application form.
5. Applicants have submitted a detailed budget request using the Budget Section of the online application form.
6. Applicants have submitted a CV for both Lead Applicants.
7. Where relevant, Associate Partner letters have been uploaded.

Impact on Environment

The British Council is committed to minimising its environmental impact. For this call, we have developed a set of questions in the application form which will enable us to understand the expected impact of a proposed project on the climate (and environment more broadly). We welcome information from Applicants regarding environmental considerations such as reducing carbon emissions for their projects (for example, alternatives to national or international travel such as virtual delivery), minimising waste or promoting resource efficiency.

Please note, responses to these questions will not form part of the grant assessment criteria and will not be subject to peer review. The British Council collects this information for internal purposes only.

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.

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender equality 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 project, including methodologies and sampling processes;
- Budget;
- Risk;
- Measures taken to facilitate the participation of people from different genders.

Please note that the Gender Equality Statement should clarify and enable a clear demonstration that contributing to addressing gender inequalities has been considered in the project development. It is expected that the approach will be reflected in other sections of the application including the project description, outcomes and outputs.

All applications are checked for an adequate Gender Equality Statement at the eligibility stage.

The following questions should be answered when writing the statement.

Analysis

- What are the key gender equality issues that are relevant to your project and how it will contribute to addressing these? Please include data and evidence to support your analysis of the relevant gender equality issues. This should include issues relevant to the theme of your project and to the team that will deliver it.

Measures

- 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.
- Drawing on the analysis of the gender equality issues, think about the barriers to participation and engagement in the project and how you will overcome these through your project plan and activities.

Impact

- Describe how the project will impact women, men and people with diverse gender identities, both throughout the project and beyond. Specifically, show how the project will address the barriers that have been set out in the question above.
- Consider also the potential impact of the project on relations between men and women e.g. changes in voice, decision making, leadership, etc Please refer to the examples shared in the application form for more information.

Risks

- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?

Outcomes

- 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.

Applicants are encouraged to check the [Guide to Addressing Gender Equality](#) document which provides further information which will help you to write your gender statement e.g guidance on how to undertake a gender analysis etc.

British Council reserve the right to reject the application if inadequate consideration has been given to gender equality, or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact for gender equality.

Equality Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. Working effectively with equality, diversity and inclusion is an essential part of our purpose. We want to ensure that everyone who works with us and for us is treated with respect and dignity. We aim to remove barriers to granting, redress any identified imbalances caused by inequality and provide and maintain a fair and accessible process, ensuring application requirements have been designed to support inclusion and diversity.

Applicants are encouraged to structure response to EDI section by considering those questions below. You will be requested to report the progress and outcomes in your interim and final report.

- Will your project target specific groups (e.g. age, disability, race/ethnicity, religion/belief, and socio-economic background)?
- What activities are going to be designed to include or benefit these groups? How are these groups going to be engaged in the planning, delivery, or evaluation of the project?
- What are the intended outcomes for these groups?
- Can you anticipate any barriers to participation of these groups and consider ways to remove them? How will the EDI outcomes be sustained or built upon after the project ends?

Accessibility and Adjustments

Approach for reasonable adjustment and access support

We provide disability and accessibility support for applicants and grant recipients at different stages of the grant from application, project delivery to reporting.

Application stage

If you need support when applying for funding, you should try to speak to your employer first, if applicable (e.g., your university, or other host institutions).

If you need additional support to apply for this opportunity, please contact the British Council at [Going Global Partnerships](#) as early as possible (and at least two weeks before the application submission deadline as early notification helps us provide more timely assistance) to discuss individual needs for reasonable adjustments or disability-related support during the application. This includes e.g. requests for application information in alternative formats, access support worker to help you make an application, etc.

Project accessibility costs

Applicants and grant recipients are encouraged to take a proactive approach to build accessibility into the design and delivery of their proposed activities and events, so that we can improve the experience for everyone, particularly for disabled people. These include e.g. support from a Sign Language interpreter to make your designed event inclusive, remediation service to make your research report accessible, etc. These project accessibility costs should be planned and included in your project budget.

Personal access costs

These are designed to remove barriers and support the grant recipients (or their core team) in managing grants and delivering the project. These include e.g. requests for information in alternative formats, access to a support worker to help you during the project and in drafting the end of project report, a travel assistant to support your attendance to events, etc.

Note that these personal access costs should be planned as additional expenses on top of the project budget and therefore should be listed separately from the project budget. Make sure you plan for any personal access support you might need during or at the end of the project. Make sure you plan ahead where possible and consider our reporting requirements. These costs can only be for the project period (between your project start date and end date) and must be specific to your project. We are not able to cover costs for support that is unrelated to the activity. The amount of personal access costs you can include in your application should be relevant to your activity and the size of your task. These costs are submitted separately from your project budget and we do not take them into consideration in the evaluation of your application, as this allows for all applications to be submitted and assessed on an equal basis.

For example, if the maximum amount you can apply for the project is £10,000. Your application is for £10,000 and you also need an extra £500 personal access costs. We will consider this as an application for £10,000, rather than £10,500 and you will be eligible to apply. Please include as much detail in the expenditure line description. We need to understand what you are going to use the additional costs for, and how it's specific to your needs and project. Our grants cannot cover any activity or spending that takes place before we can make a decision.

These will be considered on a case-by-case basis and dependent on the funding available. Requests for Personal Access Costs will be reviewed only after the project is selected for funding. We may contract with the Contracting Institution for the main project and then do a contract amendment for any additional amounts shortly afterwards. [Kindly note request for Personal Access Cost won't affect the evaluation of the proposal. The requests for personal access cost would be reviewed by British Council EDI team and project members.]

If you wish to discuss the requests and/or costs in your application, please contact the British Council at [Going Global Partnership](#).

Please note that funding allocated for personal access costs is ring-fenced and must only be used for the stated purpose. Any unused funds should be returned in line with the British Council requirements.

Please contact us for further information on the British Council's approach. See ours [Equality Policy](#).

Budget Sheet

Budgets must only be submitted using the Budget section of online Application form.

You will note that some budget categories are subject to a cap which is set as a percentage of the total amount of funding being applied for. Where a budget cap is specified, it must be adhered to as it is a stipulation of the funding. If caps are not adhered to, your requested budget may be subject to correction by the British Council to make it compliant, and this may result in a reduction of your grant.

A list of eligible and ineligible cost can be found in [Annex 1](#).

Selection Process

- All applications received by the deadline will be logged and acknowledged – if you have not received an acknowledgement within seven days, please check your spam folder for messages from British Council Good Grants. If you have not received any acknowledgement of receipt of application, please contact us with details by writing at [Going Global Partnerships](#)
- Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness – if we do not have everything requested in the Pre-submission Checklist your application may be declared ineligible and not proceed to next stage. We receive large volumes of applications so we may not be able to notify you of this outcome at this stage.
- **Applications will be assessed by a panel of subject experts, on the basis of the assessment criteria specified.**
- Top ranked applications will be selected and will be notified about their selection for contracting and disbursement of grants.
- Requests for Personal Access Costs from successful applicants will be reviewed only after the project is selected for funding.
- Unsuccessful applications will be notified at a later stage. **You can ask for feedback to your application by writing to [Going Global Partnerships](#).**

Assessment Criteria

Project quality and relevance: possible criteria (4 marks per criteria and total marks maximum – 20)	Score	Range
		0–20
The academic importance and timeliness of the proposal is clearly demonstrated.	20 points:	Meets all criteria to an exceptional level
The Lead Applicants have sufficient relevant experience to lead the proposed workshops and achieve the stated objectives.	16 to 19 points:	Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level
The collaborating institutions have relevant reputation, experience and capability in the proposed discipline for collaboration.	11 to 15 points:	Meets the majority
The proposed activities clearly meet country's priorities and market needs.		

The proposal clearly states how the proposed activities contribute to the purpose of the grant as outlined in the objectives section. (subject area and associated qualification levels) Clearly demonstrates the relevance of the qualification to bilateral and global context and demand.	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.	
Methodology/proposal/project design: possible criteria	Score	Range
		0–20
The description of the activity(s) includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs. According to the eligibility criteria and the regulatory scope and compliance as outlined by the regulatory bodies between UK-India. (2 Marks) The activities are well planned and defined. The proposal contains clear, feasible, and realistic objectives, as well as potential for long term impact. Applicants clearly articulate the steps leading to the design and launch of the joint qualification including planning, timelines and risk assessment. There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions. There is a clear definition of roles and responsibilities. (8 Marks) The proposal represents value for money and all costs are fully justified and resources are appropriately allocated. Any leverage of grant through other sources to amplify impact. (5 Marks) Demonstration of any innovation in the collaboration, methodology, design and highlighting any USP of the qualification proposed to be developed. (5 Marks)	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.	
Sustainability and capacity building: possible criteria	Score	Range
		0–20
The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the Principal Applicants institutions intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term. (10 Marks) The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the Lead Institution intends to ensure the outcomes are achieved beyond the funding period. (4 Marks) There is a clear plan for how the benefits of the qualifications developed will go beyond the institution, whether at a bilateral/global level. (4 Marks)	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	

There is involvement of Associated Partners who will aid in sustaining the activity outcomes (if applicable)	majority of the criteria to a high level
There is a planned mechanism for the communication and dissemination of the results of the activities. (2 Marks)	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.

Applicant Screening

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 institutions nor any of the applicants' employees, partners, directors, shareholders are listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings; and/or
- 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; and/or,
- 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 grantcall. 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.

Granting Process

When a decision has been made on applications the British Council will send out a notification to all successful applicants with a timeline to accept the Grant.

This will be followed by sharing of the British Council Grant Agreement for signatures. Funding will be offered to successful applications on the terms and conditions as set out in the sample grant agreement which has been made available as part of the funding call launch. The terms and conditions in this template are non-negotiable and standard for all grants from Going Global

Partnerships. Contracting Institutions are expected to obtain necessary institutional approval for these contractual terms prior to application submission. Please ensure you seek approval from any necessary internal colleagues or teams, such as pre-award, legal and/or finance, before the deadline for submission. The Grant Agreement to successful applicants will be populated with some of the data you have entered into your application, so please ensure that the responses you give are full and correct in order to prevent errors in the contract once it is issued.

Funds will be disbursed only upon the British Council receiving an acceptably signed copy of the Grant Agreement. It will be expected that the Grantee is able to return a signed copy of agreement within the stipulated timelines given by the British Council, and the funding may be at risk if the stipulated timelines are not adhered to.

British Council will also ask for a copy of the Contracting Institution's most recent Bank Details which should be supplied on the provided form and on the institution's letter head.

British Council 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. Visit - [British Council](#)
- The Contracting Institution is the Lead Institution that has made the application on the Good Grants platform. The Contracting Institution for the partnership will sign the Grant Agreement with the British Council. The Contracting Institution must be eligible to receive and manage grant funds. The Contracting Institution is accountable for delivery, reporting, and compliance with all grant requirements.
- Other key partners are names in the Grant Agreement. The Contracting Institution is responsible for flowing down the relevant clauses to the other partners.
- 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.
- A copy of the Grant Agreement is available with the call document.
- Terms and Conditions of the 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 negotiation or amendment.

Monitoring and Reporting

The Contracting Institution is responsible for complying with the requirements of monitoring and reporting as detailed in the Grant Agreement. We require both financial and activity reporting.

Annex 1 – Eligible and ineligible costs

Eligible costs

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Travel: Travel (economy class) and subsistence costs to the UK/partner country, visa fees, vaccinations, quarantine costs (not exceeding GBP800 per person for 14 days), medical insurance, and roaming charges during travel essential to the project, to the UK and partner country.
- Local travel in the UK and overseas (public transport to and from the airport and for meetings/visits is encouraged where possible).
- Reasonable accommodation and subsistence costs for staff when visiting their partner organisation in the UK or overseas
- Reasonable hospitality costs (excluding self-entertaining costs).
- Reasonable production costs (such as for the development of materials but excluding time spent by staff in relation thereto).
- Consultancy fee (for external procurement and up to 20% of the total project costs).
- Essential equipment for use in the project including consumables, specialist software licences essential to the collaboration, access fees for facilities or library services. Equipment must be essential to project delivery and beyond the scope of institutional provision.
- Cost of meetings, training events, workshops, public engagement events, and seminars integral to the proposal. Translation and interpreter fees.
- Publication costs directly related to the collaboration, including web page development by external providers, if appropriate. Open access publication is encouraged.
- Online platform and relevant costs for digital delivery can be included.
- Attendance at conferences or other events in the UK, partner countries, or virtual events to present the outputs and outcomes of the project.
- Monitoring and evaluation costs.
- All the foregoing activities must be directly related to the development and delivery of the agreed project. Partners will be asked to provide the British Council with information on expenditure, supported by receipts for monitoring and auditing purposes.
- The cost of staff time for full-time personnel working directly on the project -only the time allocated for the project, plus the costs of temporary personnel and other temporary staff recruited to work solely on the project,
- Exchange rate costs and other banking-related costs.

Ineligible costs

The following costs are ineligible for funding:

- Promotional activities solely concerned with the recruitment of overseas students.

- Institutional overheads including administration fees and other indirect costs.
- Costs associated with Master's and PhD scholarships (including stipends and tuition).
- Purchase or rental of standard office equipment (except specialist equipment essential to the research). This includes IT hardware – laptops, personal computers, tablets, smartphones, Mac workstations, computer parts and peripherals, etc. Any standard hardware routinely used by researchers and academics will not be funded.
- Office software and office equipment including desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, printers, and fax machines.
- Mobile phone costs including rental or purchase, and monthly phone bills.
- IP costs, patent, copyright, licensing, or other IP-related costs.
- Costs relating to the construction, procurement, or rental of physical infrastructure (e.g., office buildings, laboratory facilities). Rooms and facilities essential for routine collaboration are provided as an in-kind contribution by participating institutions. These can be detailed as an in-kind contribution in the budget breakdown.
- Entertainment costs such as gifts, alcohol, restaurant bills, or hospitality costs for personnel not directly participating in the project, excessive restaurant costs, and excessive taxi fares.
- No profit or fees must be charged to the grant.
- British Council Grants cannot be converted to any Gift Cards, non-monetary assets, Crypto currencies.