UKRI GCRF Collective Programme: Cultures, Behaviours, and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition

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Overview:

• £4 million of funding to be made available through two calls
• £50k and £200k funding limits
• 12 to 24 months duration
• Partnership building awards
• Must be challenge focussed and ODA compliant
• Must be interdisciplinary
• International co-investigators are allowed
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Timetable:

- **First call launches:** 4th March 2019
- **Workshop:** 8th March 2019
- **First call closes:** 4pm, Thursday 16th May 2019
- **Assessment panel:** July 2019
- **Outcomes of first call:** August 2019
- **Projects from first call start:** October – December 2019
- **Second workshop (tbc):** September/October 2019
- **Second call launches:** Autumn 2019
- **Second call closes:** Late 2019
- **Projects from second call start:** Spring 2020
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Scope of call:

• In order to facilitate inter-disciplinary innovation and co-design between UK and LMIC partners, the call is deliberately open in scope and broad in its remit with regard to food systems. **Applications on any relevant topic are welcomed.**

Example areas:

• Gender dynamics of food and nutrition
• Community dynamics around food and diet
• Collective memories of food shocks and their impact on policy/practice
• Coping with climate, weather and environmental risks in food systems
• Non-communicable diseases related to food practices
Eligible activities:

- Establishing interdisciplinary collaborative partnerships or consortia.
- Developing strategy to strengthen research activity across the field.
- Knowledge sharing across research departments and/or between Institutions and across sectoral boundaries both within the UK and with LMIC based colleagues.
- Small scale, pilot, proof of principle, exploratory, higher risk interdisciplinary projects to explore innovative boundary crossing collaborations.
- Cross-disciplinary (and cross-cultural/language) literature reviews, research synthesis, evidence analysis or integrative data sharing and analysis.
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Eligible activities:

- Widening/extending the disciplinary breadth of existing teams and/or partnerships (e.g. through placements, embedding ethnographic research, or similar).
- Career development, interdisciplinary skills enhancement and capacity building.
- Establishing foundations for research collaboration such as development of research/stakeholder networks or development of protocols/scoping potential for shared use of data, collections, fieldwork, facilities or other resources with a defined sustainable research outcome.
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Project costs:

- Proposals should be submitted on a full economic cost (fEC) basis recognising that UK research organisation costs will be supported at 80 per cent fEC.
- Any costs directly related to the proposed project and that are eligible (e.g. no capital expenditure, no funding for PhD studentships) can be claimed.
- Additional flexibility has been included for costs for international co-investigators in DAC-list countries and for NGO/third sector organisations:
  - 30% limit on total overseas co-investigator costs is removed for individuals based in developing countries (on the DAC list).
  - costs for third sector/NGO partners may also be funded at 100% fEC, these are normally subject to 30% overall limit of the total cost of an award.
  - contribution towards indirect and estates costs can be made for overseas organisations within DAC list (LMIC) countries, calculated at up to 20% of the total eligible direct costs charged to the grant directly relating to the activities of the LMIC co-investigator.
ODA Compliance:

- Proposals must make clear how their primary purpose is to promote the economic development and welfare of a developing country or countries.
- There are no priority countries.
- However, if a country is flagged as likely to graduate it cannot be the primary focus of a proposal, although it can be included as an additional case study or comparison.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate how they meet ODA requirements throughout their ‘Case for Support’ and ‘Pathways to Impact’ submission.
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ODA Compliance:

• In addition, all proposals must include a mandatory ‘ODA Compliance Statement’ attachment addressing the following three questions:

1. Which country/countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this proposal?
2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries?
3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?
Assessment process:

• AHRC staff will check applications are eligible (e.g. PI/Co-Is and institutions are eligible, costs claimed are eligible, attachments are eligible and in page limits).
• Initial assessment of ODA compliance by AHRC staff.
• Where possible applications with eligibility issues will be returned for amendment BUT there is likely to be a short turn around for any amendments.
• All eligible applications will then be assessed by a multi-disciplinary, expert panel, including relevant members of the Research Councils’ and UKRI’s International Peer Review College.
• There is no PI response stage.
• We are not expecting to provide individual feedback on every proposal.
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Assessment criteria:

• Quality, interdisciplinarity and innovation
• Impact
• Research team and management
• Ethics, costs and risk
• Equitable partnership
Advice from previous calls:

• Be realistic about what you can achieve.
• Don’t just apply for the funding limits, use the full range as appropriate for the proposed project.
• Make sure the project team has the relevant expertise to deliver the project.
• Be clear on what the proposed activities, methods etc. and how they will lead to the proposed outcomes.
• Give full consideration to all potential ethical implications of the work proposed.
• Ensure partnerships are well thought through and justified with an appropriate mix of academic and non-academic stakeholders.
• Give full consideration to the sustainability of partnerships and legacy post funding.
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Questions?

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