

Going Global Partnerships

Going Global Partnerships Grant Guidelines

Introduction

[Going Global Partnerships](#) builds stronger, more inclusive, internationally connected higher education and TVET systems which support economic and social growth.

Through this British Council programme, you can connect, collaborate and innovate with universities, colleges, education policy makers and other partners in the UK and around the world.

The overall expected outcomes of the programme include:

- **Enabling research:** supporting research, knowledge, and innovation collaboration to address local and global challenges and promote inclusive growth
- **Internationalising higher education and TVET institutions:** creating an enabling environment while supporting institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation
- **Strengthening higher education and TVET systems:** improving the quality and efficiency of institutions and systems
- **Enhancing student outcomes:** improving the qualities of global graduates (e.g., soft skills, employability, community outcomes).

Opportunities

Going Global Partnerships offers you vital international opportunities - the 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: **Thai-UK World-Class University Consortium: Open call for Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal**

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Thai-UK World-class University Consortium

Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal Guidelines

Deadline for submission: 31 October 2021 (23.59 GMT)

Version 1.3 – changes made in Appendix II: Eligible and ineligible costs (Page 16)

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About the Thai-UK World-class University Consortium

Under the Going Global Partnerships Programme, the British Council Thailand, in partnership with the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), is launching the Thai-UK World-class University Consortium in support of Thailand's ambition to reinvent universities towards becoming globally competitive and develop internationally recognised and connected higher education, focusing on the shared challenges of quality, inclusion, and internationalisation with the UK.

The strategic objective of the Consortium is to increase commitment and strategic partnerships between Thai and UK universities to support excellence in teaching, research, and innovation capability through the provision of a more equal and inclusive tertiary education.



Activities may include, but not limited to, the development of mobility and exchange of students and academics, joint research projects, transnational education, specifically joint Master or PhD, or training for leaders, academics, young researchers, and university administrators to boost innovation, the quality of teaching and research, talent development, and technology transfer.

Fifteen members from seven Thai institutions have been selected to become part of the Thai-UK World-class University Consortium in seven priority areas: Architecture and the Built Environment, Chemical Engineering, Life Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, Medicine, Geography, and Developmental Studies. A list of Thai Consortium members is provided in Appendix I.

Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal

The Consortium will offer opportunities for UK higher education institutions to engage and collaborate with Thai members to deliver activities that meet the strategic objectives through the submission of a Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal. Following successful proposal selection, UK universities will join their Thai counterparts and become members of the Consortium.

A Catalyst Grant of up to £10,000 will be available for applicants to support project delivery in the first year (the number of grants is limited).

Project Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Open call for Joint Thai-UK Project Proposals. All applicants are eligible to apply for the Catalyst Grant	16 August–31 October 2021 (23:59 GMT)
Networking and one-to-one session between Thai and UK universities (the event booking system will be open soon)	8 October 2021 (virtual)
Announcement of successful Joint Thai-UK Project applicants	By 12 November 2021
Announcement of successful Catalyst Grant applicants	
The first meeting of Thai-UK Consortium members	TBC January 2022
Delivery of activities for the Joint Thai-UK Project	January 2022 onwards
The second meeting of Thai-UK Consortium members	TBC March 2022

Eligibility Criteria

To submit a proposal for the Joint Thai-UK Project, applicants from Thai and UK universities must meet the following criteria:

- The leading Thai applicant must be one of the 15 members of the Thai-UK World-class University Consortium (see list in Appendix I).
- The project proposal must include at least one UK lead institution.
- The leading UK applicant should be in a management position equivalent to or higher than their Thai counterpart with the authority to drive changes at the university level.
- The leading UK applicant must be a full-time employee.
- All UK higher education institutions are eligible to apply.
- Leading Thai and UK applicants can submit only one project proposal this year.
- The project can have up to three associate partners from Thai or UK institutions, industry, and the community. The associate partners must submit a letter of confirmation to join the project.

Assessment Criteria

Project proposals will be assessed based on the information provided in the application form. Shortlisted applicants may be contacted for further information about their proposals. A final decision will be made by the representatives from the British Council and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation.

The joint proposal will be assessed using the following criteria. The selected applicants will need to score at least 70%.

Selection criteria (max score = 100)	Weight of score
<p>Potential to deliver target outcomes and impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Summary: Proposals must clearly explain what the project expects to achieve and how this will create opportunities for individuals and/or increase collaboration between the UK and Thailand. • Deliverability: Proposals must incorporate a credible delivery plan with realistic milestones for progressing the different elements of the project for timely completion. • Proposals must demonstrate measurable, tangible, and sustainable impacts in the short term (within 1 year), medium term (1–3 years), and long term (3 years and beyond) that will bring value and benefits to the UK and Thailand as well as the education sector. Projects principally benefiting one institution will not be considered. • Monitoring and evaluation: Proposals must have a clear monitoring and evaluation plan. The plan should explain the key performance indicators and monitoring procedure. Tangible milestones should be set, with an explanation as to how they would be measured. A risk management plan should also be included. 	40%
<p>Alignment with strategic objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals must show a clear understanding of the Consortium’s strategic objectives and how to achieve them. • Proposals must demonstrate the ability to generate outcomes that meet the Consortium’s strategic objectives. • Proposals must clearly explain the potential opportunities for individuals in the UK and Thailand, and how these will be created. 	30%
<p>Capacity to deliver on time and within budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be led by a team with the skills and experience necessary to successfully deliver the proposed work. • Sustainability: Proposals must be financially sustainable with benefits that can endure beyond the funding period. 	30%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals must demonstrate the commitment of the project team towards successfully developing the programme. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): Measures must be in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different backgrounds, race, faith, ages, gender, sexual orientation, and dis/ability throughout the project. This includes those running the project, activity participants, and beneficiaries. 	
Total	100%

Implementation

All projects must be implemented in accordance with the submitted proposal, Grant Agreement, and other formal/written communications provided by the British Council. Any changes to the proposed project activities must be approved by the British Council prior to execution. This also includes proposals submitted for the Catalyst Grant.

Project Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation

The Principal Applicant is responsible for submitting a bi-annual project report to the British Council, containing a narrative and financial information to track project milestones. A report template will be provided.

Applicants are also expected to report gender equality-related indices such as the benefits to participants from working on the project.

The British Council will conduct regular monitoring and evaluation, including the commission of independent evaluations for selected activities of strategic importance to the project.

A record should be kept of project activities, contracts, expenditure, financial transactions, and other important documentation for external auditing purposes.

How to Apply

The application form along with all supporting documentation should be submitted by 23:59 GMT on **31 October 2021**. Please submit your application form to thidaporn.wareenin@britishcouncil.or.th and ekkarat.subannarat@britishcouncil.or.th

The Catalyst Grant Application will form part of the joint Thai-UK World-class University Consortium project proposal. Those interested in applying for the Catalyst Grant, should please express their intention to do so in the joint proposal application.

Guidelines for the **Catalyst Grant** can be found on Page 11.

Diversity

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all activities, including the avoidance of bias due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. Lead applicants are encouraged to work towards achieving an equal gender balance and promote diversity, ensuring no applicants are excluded from participation on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability.

Further information on the British Council's Equality Policy can be found at

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies/equality-diversity-inclusion>

Data Protection

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring and 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 our funding partners in the partner country in order to assist with management of the application process. We may share data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the Thai-UK Joint Project Proposal and Catalyst Grant.

The British Council complies with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU 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, [insert name of the British Council partner(s) institution(s)] 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 [insert name of partner(s) institution(s)] 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 infogovernance@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.

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, or shareholders are listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings;
- 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) 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 on 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.

The applicant must comply with all reasonable requests from the British Council for information to complete the necessary screening searches. Applicants should please read the relevant text on the application form and tick the box to show they understand it.

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Thai-UK World-class University Consortium

Catalyst Grant Guidelines (Optional)

Call for applications opens: 16 August 2021

Call closes: 31 October 2021 (23.59 GMT)

Catalyst Grant Application Guidelines

Catalyst Grant Objectives

The grant will fund the first year of activities contained in the Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal to support the Consortium's strategic objectives outlined on Page 5 of this document.

Grant Available

The British Council has designated £65,000* for the Catalyst Grant in 2021/22. For each proposal, funding of up to £10,000 will be awarded. The funding is expected to start in January 2022 and will run for a maximum of one year (until 1 February 2023). The funding is for the duration of the project and not per annum.

(*The grant amount may change depending on the funding availability)

Catalyst Grant Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for the Catalyst Grant must meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- The leading Thai institution will be responsible for disbursing the grant to the UK partner institution(s) for activity delivery in the UK.
- All applicants must review the Grant Agreement template (Annex 2) and confirm that no further amendments will be made by 31 October 2021. No further changes can be made after submission of the proposal.
- Applicant must submit the Catalyst Grant Activity Based Budget template (Annex 3)
- All applicants must submit the following documents with their application form:
 - Legal registration documents of Thai and UK institutions
 - Tax registration document (if any)
 - Bank details completed on the template provided and printed on the letterhead of the institution
 - Bank Account Certificate (including IBAN and SWIFT Code)
- Applicants may be asked to make budget adjustments if their request does not fit within the funding guidelines.

Eligible Costs

The budget requested in the proposal should cover only costs that are essential, appropriate, and relevant to the collaboration to ensure value for money. The proposal should specify any cost sharing through direct and indirect institutional contributions.

A list of eligible and ineligible costs can be found in Appendix II. Applicants should please contact the British Council if in any doubt about the costs covered by the grant.

Assessment Criteria

The Catalyst Grant proposals will be assessed using similar criteria to those for the Joint Thai-UK Project with emphasis on:

- **Project summary:** Proposals must clearly explain what the Catalyst Grant is expected to achieve and how this will create opportunities for individuals and/or increase collaboration between the UK and Thailand.
- **Deliverability:** Proposals must incorporate a credible delivery plan for the Catalyst Grant activities with realistic milestones for progressing the different elements of the project for timely completion within budget.
- **Monitoring and evaluation:** Proposals must have a clear monitoring and evaluation plan for the Catalyst Grant activities with an explanation of the key performance indicators and the monitoring procedure. Tangible milestones should be set, with an explanation as to their measurement. A risk management plan should also be included.
- **Value for money:** Proposals must achieve the best possible outcomes with the funding and resources available, ensuring they are used effectively, economically, and without waste.

Payment of the Grant

Following announcement of the results, the British Council will sign Grant Agreements with the successful applicants on the Thai side. Thai institutions are expected to allocate funding to their UK counterparts to co-deliver the project. Thai institutions must attach a supporting letter to the application, signed by both parties to indicate prior agreement to the arrangement.

Unless otherwise stated, the British Council will administer 100% of the funding within 60 days of receiving the signed Grant Agreement. All funded applicants must submit a declaration confirming they have received the funds.

The British Council reserves the right to recover payment in full if the final report and supporting documents are not satisfactory, or the activities have not been delivered as planned.

In cases where the project expenditure is less than the funding awarded, the underspend cannot be used for further activity unless agreed by the British Council. Requests to utilise the underspend should be sent to thidaporn.wareenin@britishcouncil.or.th and ekkarat.subannarat@britishcouncil.or.th prior to additional expenditure. Requests should be submitted before 1 February 2023.

How to Apply

The Catalyst Grant Application will form part of the Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal. Applicants should specify their intention to apply for the Catalyst Grant in the joint project proposal application. The deadline for application and submission of supporting documentation is 23:59 GMT on **31 October 2021**. Please submit your application form to thidaporn.wareenin@britishcouncil.or.th and ekkarat.subannarat@britishcouncil.or.th

Timeline for Catalyst Grant

Activity	Timeline
Call for proposals	16 August 2021
Deadline for the Joint Thai-UK Project Proposal and Catalyst Grant	31 October 2021
Announcement of Catalyst Grant results	By 12 November 2021
Signed Grant Agreement received from successful universities	Before 26 November 2021
Allocation of funding	December 2021–January 2022
Commencement of project	1 January 2022–1 February 2023
Submission of report	28 February 2023

Digital Platform

The British Council's Global Information Security Policy prohibits the use of Zoom for contracted suppliers and grant award holders. The British Council strongly recommends using Microsoft Teams to deliver virtual activities and workshops.

Principal applicants, who want to use other online tools or online platforms, must follow British Council's safeguarding and security protocols. Please email British Council for the protocols or if you have any questions.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Recipients of the Catalyst Grant are required to submit a bi-annual report to the British Council on their progress as part of the Joint Thai-UK Project together with a final narrative and financial report within 30 days of completion. Report templates will be provided.

Appendix I

List of Thai members of the Thai-UK World-class University Consortium

Subject area	Successful applicant	Institution	Email
Architecture/Built Environment	Dr Withit Punsuk Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering	Chulalongkorn University	withit.p@chula.ac.th
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Agriculture and Forestry	Dr Kobsak Wanthongchai Faculty of Forestry	Kasetsart University	kobsak.w@ku.ac.th
Medicine	Dr Chaisiri Angkuawaranon Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine	Chiang Mai University	chaisiri.a@cmu.ac.th
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Geography	Dr Pannee Cheewinsiriwat Faculty of Arts	Chulalongkorn University	pannee.ch@chula.ac.th
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Appendix II

Eligible costs

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Travel: Travel (economy class) and subsistence costs to the UK/Thailand, 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 Thailand.
- 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 (Guidance for British Council travel rate is provided in Annex 3).
- 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 30% of the total project costs).
- Cost of temporary research and research assistant personnel, and other temporary staff recruited to work solely on the project.
- 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 Thailand, the UK, 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, plus the costs of temporary personnel and other temporary staff recruited to work solely on the project

Ineligible costs

The following costs are ineligible for funding:

- Full economic costs (FECs).
- 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).
- 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.
- Exchange rate costs/losses and other banking-related costs.
- IP costs, patent, copyright, licensing, or other IP-related costs.

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- 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 during the period of this grant.