



Global Research Programme; addressing the health needs of women and children in disadvantaged populations globally.

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Newton Fund: DBT-DFID-ESRC-MRC Concept Proposal Guidance

Global Research Programme grants should be 3 years in duration. There is no maximum value of grants, but unless your proposal is a late phase clinical trial, the total cost of the collaborative project will not usually exceed £1m.

For the initial stage of this joint call between UK and Indian funders, the administration of applications will be processed by the MRC only. Researchers with successful concept proposals will be invited in early June to submit a full proposal, which is to be submitted to both the MRC and DBT in September 2017. Further guidance will be provided.

In summary:

- UK applicants will submit proposals to the MRC – initial AND full stage.
- Indian PI's will submit to DBT – Full stage ONLY
- Funds will be released according to MRC Terms and Conditions to cover the UK and LIC components of the research project
- Funds will be released according to DBT Terms and Conditions to cover the Indian component of the research project

UK applicants must submit concept proposals on behalf of their research team, to: international@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk by **16:00 BST Wednesday 12th April 2017**.

Who can apply:

Only applications from trilateral research partnerships including a lead academic from the UK, India and a LIC (as defined by the first two columns of the [OECD DAC list](#)) are able to apply to this scheme.

If successful in securing funding, the principal investigator (PI) from India and the PI from the UK will act as the project coordinator for their country and the liaison point with DBT and MRC respectively. The LIC component will be funded through the MRC, at the full stage LIC costs must be included on the MRC Je-S form. It is the responsibility of the project coordinators from each country to ensure that all named co-investigators are eligible. Applications involving ineligible applicants, from the UK, India or an LIC, will

result in the whole application being withdrawn. As the LIC funding will come from the MRC, institutions in LIC's must be eligible according to RCUK criteria and can include higher education institutions and non-profit research institutions, please find further information on RCUK eligibility [here](#).

It is not permitted for the same person to be Principal Investigator **on any more than two proposals** submitted to this call. PI's should ensure that they have the time available to undertake both projects in the event that both projects were funded.

Any queries from UK researchers should be sent to:
international@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk

Any queries from Indian researchers should be sent to: vaishalip.dbt@nic.in

Indian applicants:

The Indian component of this research project will be funded by DBT. The standard DBT rules for eligibility will apply. DBT will fund eligible Indian academics at 100% of the full economic costing in terms of equipment, consumables, contingency, overheads and manpower salary costs employed under the project. PhD students will be funded as part of this call as per normal DBT guidelines.

UK applicants:

Funding will be awarded on the basis of full economic costs as described on the MRC website. As per standard MRC procedure, UK investigators costs can include indirect costs calculated via TRAC. PhD students will not be funded as part of this call. LIC PIs can claim 100% of their direct costs and up to 20% of those costs as indirect costs.

Co-investigators (Co-Is)

Co-investigators can be based in the UK or overseas as per usual MRC funding rules. Co-investigators based in low- and middle-income countries can claim 100% of their direct costs and up to 20% of those costs as indirect costs. Co-investigators can be based in high-income countries outside of the UK as per usual MRC funding rules. They can claim 100% of their direct costs but no indirect costs. However, as the scheme is intended to fund work in low- and middle-income countries, high-income country investigators are advised to keep their costs claimed to a minimum.

Costs

Applications should outline the full economic costs (fEC) of the project. As per standard policy, the MRC will pay 80% of UK costs and 100% of all LIC incurred costs. DBT will pay 100% Indian costs (fEC) including all direct and indirect project costs.

Travel Grants

One of the aims of this call is to bring together researchers from UK, Indian and LIC contexts to tackle the most pressing health issues for women and children in LMICs. Successful research teams are able to apply for a limit of £4,000 to support meetings for

proposal development. Please include a breakdown of estimated costs in your concept proposal form.

How to apply:

Applying for the Global Research Programme is a **two-stage process**. Successful concept proposals will be invited to submit a full research proposal to the MRC and DBT in September 2017. At this initial stage, you will need to submit a concept proposal offline to the MRC inbox: international@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk. Your proposal must include the following:

A1. Concept Proposal Form

A2. 2 page CVs (plus 1 page publication lists) for investigators

At this initial stage you do not need to submit any other documents.

Concept proposal deadline: **16:00 BST Wednesday 12th April 2017.**

The assessment panel will meet in late May 2017. You will receive notification of whether you are invited to submit a full proposal within a fortnight of that meeting. Regrettably, if you are not invited to submit a full application the funders are unable to provide you with feedback due to the high volume of applications received for this scheme.

A1. Concept Proposal Form

Your Concept Proposals should indicate how your proposal fits the call specification for this scheme. Please use the assessment criteria provided in the call specification as a guide. References should also be included as necessary.

Additional annexes are not permitted.

A2. CVs (including publication lists) of investigators

Please submit a maximum of **3 pages per investigator in each country**: 2 pages CV and 1 page publication list. Please compile all of the documents into one PDF file. Each publication list should immediately follow its corresponding CV.



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1. Research Project summary information

Full project title	
Country(ies) where the project will take place (India + LIC)	
Duration in months	
Total amount requested	
Principal research question to be addressed; Please identify a concise and clearly articulated ultimate aim of the project.	

2. Research Project Team

a) Details of Principal investigators and Co-investigators.

UK Applicants

Position	Name	Organisation	Department/Division	E-mail

Indian Applicants

Position	Name	Organisation	Department/Division	E-mail

LIC Applicants

Position	Name	Organisation	Department/Division	E-mail

3. Project description (1,500 words max)

Using the assessment criteria as a guide, please describe your proposed research project as succinctly as possible, clearly bringing out the importance and the need for the trilateral country participation. Please include references to situate your research within the wider literature (1/2 page).

4. Funding requested

Please provide a breakdown of the funding request per institution using the below table.

Organisation name	Total project costs (GBP)	Total cost requested from this scheme (GBP)*
e.g UK org		
e.g. Indian org		
e.g. LIC org		

* UK institution costs are calculated at 80% of the Full Economic Costs. Costs incurred outside of the UK are 'Exceptions' and can be claimed at 100%.

Please describe how the **travel grant** (maximum £4,000) will be used to undertake activities in support of the trilateral research collaboration to develop the project team and research questions. These funds will only be provided to those invited to submit a full proposal.

5. Proposal history

Has an application for funding for this project been submitted previously to DFID, MRC, DBT or another funding organisation? If so, please indicate the status of the previous application.