Going Global Partnerships

Women into Work Skills Partnerships

Guidance Notes

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1. About Going Global Partnerships

Going Global Partnerships builds stronger, more inclusive, internationally connected higher education (HE) and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) systems.

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.

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 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.

See open and upcoming Going Global Partnerships opportunities on our portal.

2. Key Information about this Grant Call

2.1. Introduction

British Council International Skills Partnerships bring together organisations in the TVET sector from the UK and overseas to share their knowledge and expertise, and to collaborate on projects that focus on enhancing approaches to skills development internationally.

A key aspect of these collaborations is a focus on mutual sharing and learning. As well as strengthening TVET systems internationally, they bring a host of benefits to UK partners. These include unique professional development opportunities for staff, new knowledge and perspectives to enhance delivery, stronger recognition and international profile, and deeper relationships in key markets to support future collaboration and mobility opportunities.

Our International Skills Partnerships have the potential to contribute to long-term systemic change. By addressing shared challenges, such as climate change, meeting the demands of a rapidly changing world of work, approaches to equality, diversity and inclusion, and building lasting relationships to continue collaborations beyond the project lifecycle, they ensure sustainable impact into the future.

Since 2009, the British Council has delivered over 200 partnerships linking UK further education colleges to over 40 countries. These partnerships have brought together experienced organisations in the UK skills sector and one or more counterparts in other countries to develop and deliver an agreed project plan that supports national level policy priorities related to skills development and employability, such as embedding core skills development in curricula; improving employer engagement; quality assurance; development of joint curricula; and career guidance programmes.

Partnerships are supported financially by the British Council to deliver projects, typically funded for one year with a view to becoming self-sustaining thereafter.

2.2. Morocco: Women into Work Skills Partnerships x2

Value of grant	£35,000 x2
Contact for further information	cem.yavuz@britishcouncil.org
Partner(s)	Moroccan Training Institute for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (IFMEREE); Moroccan Institute of Aeronautics (IMA)
Sector(s)	• Renewable Energy • Aeronautics
Area of focus	• Workforce Capability and Capacity Building • Core Skills • English for Industry

Please note this grant opportunity is subject to the British Council receiving external funding. Applications are being invited now to enable timely programme delivery but grant awards and project implementation will only proceed once funding has been formally secured.

Our work in Morocco

The British Council has been present in Morocco since 1960 supporting international collaboration to develop better quality, more inclusive and globally connected education systems. Our TVET work in Morocco supports the government's goal of developing a skilled, inclusive, and future-ready workforce that contributes to economic competitiveness, sustainable growth, and employment opportunities for young people. Through the development of partnerships, we work with governments, the private sector and training providers to enhance the relevance, inclusivity, and quality of TVET systems.

Vocational Education and Training is at the core of Morocco's New Development Model set out by the government in 2021. It is a pivotal sector for the country's future, directly impacting its economic growth and positioning in workforce development for Francophone Africa. On top of this Morocco is set to co-host the 2030 FIFA World Cup. This event will put the country front and centre of the global stage and has led to major investment and industrialisation across infrastructure, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and security.

Previous British Council skills partnerships in Morocco have focussed on sustainable construction, sustainable energy and aeronautics. In aeronautics, a partnership with IMA worked to strengthen skills development and industry engagement. In sustainable construction, partnerships worked with OFPPT, IFMBTP, AMEE, IFMEREE and the Ministry of Equipment and Water to promote green building practices, energy efficiency, curriculum development, trainer capacity building and stronger links with employers.

Women into Work Skills Partnership Opportunity

Through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's (FCDO) Resilient Growth Fund, the British Council is pleased to announce **two opportunities** for UK-based skills organisations to collaborate with Moroccan TVET institutions and employers to support women in gaining sector-specific employability skills and advancing towards meaningful employment.

The Women into Work Skills Partnerships will aim to meet the following objectives/outcomes:

1. Co-design and deliver a short, intensive skills programme, between Moroccan colleges, employers and a UK-based skills organisation.

2. Deliver approximately 2 - 3 months of sector-specific employability, and core skills training, with a focus on transferrable skills including English for industry.

3. Provide participants with 2-week work-based learning/industry experience with a Moroccan employer.

4. Use female role models and mentors to build confidence and awareness of career opportunities and pathways.

5. Provide employers with an opportunity to engage directly with a pool of potential female employees.

6. Capture evidence and learning that can inform subsequent scale-up.

The training will focus on transferable and sector-specific employability skills, rather than duplicating technical training already available through the Moroccan TVET system. Examples could include digital skills, health and safety, professional behaviours, workplace communication, teamwork, problem-solving, career development and entrepreneurship.

Applicants should demonstrate knowledge and expertise in the renewable energy sector, aeronautics sector, or both. Applicants are encouraged to share their experience in supporting similar projects, or their capacity to implement this project, as part of their application.

The British Council teams in the UK and in Morocco will provide ongoing advice and guidance throughout the partnership to help facilitate communication and deliver maximum benefit. We will also share relevant British Council tools and materials to support the project activities.

Timeline and Potential Activities

Project activities are expected to begin in January 2027 and last 12 months. Below is an indicative project timeline with potential activities. The exact timeline and activities will be decided on between partners once the project commences.

Month 1 - 2: Implementation planning, employer engagement and skills gap analysis

UK and Moroccan partners to confirm: the target occupation and level of focus, roles and responsibilities, existing TVET provision, and an initial employer engagement plan. Moroccan partner to recruit a cohort of learners through its student, alumni, employment, and partner networks.

Based on the above, partners undertake a focused analysis with local employers to identify sector skills requirements, gaps experienced by the target cohort, and needs not adequately addressed by existing provision. Findings inform the design of a demand-led intervention.

Month 3: Short-course design and development

UK and Moroccan partners jointly design a practical, industry-specific short course based on the findings. Content may combine technical and sector-specific skills with core skills such as: workplace communication, teamwork, problem-solving, digital skills, professional behaviours, health and safety, career development, or entrepreneurship.

Partners develop learning materials, delivery methods, and assessment approaches, while strengthening the Moroccan institution's capacity to adapt and deliver the course. A GESI/EDI approach should be embedded in course design, taking account of learners' starting points, accessibility and the local training context.

Months 4 - 6: Training delivery

The Moroccan college partner delivers the short course, with technical input and support from the UK partner.

Months 7 - 8: Industry placements

Learners complete placements equivalent to 2 full-time weeks with local employers.

Months 9 - 12: Progression support

Moroccan partners provide support towards employment, progression in existing employment, self-employment or further learning, including CV development, interview preparation and mentoring, with technical input and guidance from the UK partner.

It is anticipated that the project may include an international visit between UK and Moroccan partners to support with course development and training delivery.

Grant and partnership arrangements

Each selected partnership will receive a £35,000 grant to support the full intervention, from initial planning and skills gap analysis through course design, training delivery, industry placements and progression support. **It is expected that this grant will be distributed evenly between UK and Moroccan partners to recognise the responsibilities each will hold**:

- **UK partner:** Contributes technical and pedagogical expertise, supports course design, and shares approaches to employer engagement and progression support.
- **Moroccan partner:** Leads employer engagement, learner recruitment, course delivery, and work-placements, ensuring the intervention is locally relevant and can be embedded in ongoing provision. Additionally leads on the implementation of monitoring and evaluation tools to collect relevant data.
- **Both partners:** Share responsibility for delivery quality, agreed outcomes, financial accountability and capturing learning and progressions. Partners will jointly develop appropriate monitoring and evaluation tools based on a results framework for the wider Resilient Growth Fund project which will be supplied by the British Council. Both partners would contribute to periodic narrative reporting and a joint final report, with the British Council retaining overall responsibility for reporting to FCDO.

3. Eligibility criteria for Institutions

Applications must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for funding under this call:

3.1. Lead Institution

Each proposal must have one Lead Institution from the UK. The UK Lead Institution must be one of the following:

- Further education college that is listed on the List of colleges in the UK (Sources: Education and Skills Funding Agency, and Association of Colleges)
- Independent training provider from the UK Register of Learning Providers
- Membership organisation with a role in the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET)/Further Education (FE) system
- Sector skills organisation
- Awarding body

3.2. Associate Partner(s)

The partnership can include Associate Partners which can be one of the following:

- Employer organisations and industry bodies
- Other education organisations/charities/foundations/membership bodies
- Any other public or private organisations with a role in TVET/Further Education system
- Not-for-profit organisations, including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- Government organisations
- Civil society organisations (CSOs) and social enterprise organisations
- Universities

For-profit non-education organisations are only eligible to receive funds to cover travel-associated costs, whether they act as a lead institution or an associate partner. The proposal must clearly define their contribution to achieving call objectives.

If you are in doubt about the eligibility of your organisation, contact skills@britishcouncil.org.

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.

4. Funding

The Women into Work Skills Partnership grants are expected to support 2 opportunities of £35,000 in value, for a 12-month period starting from January 2027.

For successful partnerships, funds will be disbursed directly to the Contracting Institutions after signing of the Grant Agreement. The Contracting Institutions are the Lead Institution in the UK and the Lead institution in Morocco. The Contracting Institutions are responsible for all budget management.

The contracting institutions will be responsible for submitting a financial report upon completion of the project.

There are some limits on funding allocations:

- For-profit Associate Partners 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 (i.e. directly employed by the Lead Institutions) costs for personnel working directly on the grant funded project limited to 30% of the grant to be awarded.
- Expertise costs: Limited to 20% of grant to be awarded.
- International travel costs: Limited to 20% of the grant.

Matching funds, which may include contributions in kind, are encouraged but not a requirement.

There may be additional funding of up to £35,000 available to the successful partnerships for new follow-on activities. If this is possible, the partnership will be asked to submit new documentation applying for this additional activity. This new activity will need to build on the partnership's work completed during the first grant cycle.

5. 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’ (https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/UKRI-050321-PolicyGuidelinesGovernanceOfGoodResearchConduct.pdf) , the Inter Academy Partnership report ‘Doing Global Science: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in the Global Research Enterprise’ (http://www.interacademycouncil.net/24026/29429.aspx) or contact us for further guidance.

6. 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

7. Impact on the 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, 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.

Please contact us via email, skills@britishcouncil.org, if you have any queries about the environmental impact section.

8. 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) and with overseas partner(s) institution(s), and our funding partner(s) in order to assist with management of the application process. We may share selected non personal data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the TVET ISP Grants.

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 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.

9. Application Process and Documentation

All applications should be completed and submitted on the Good Grants Platform. It is possible to download a blank version of the application form to develop your answers before it is submitted.

The deadline for applications is **12:00 GMT on 11 December 2026**. 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 the specified deadline will be considered **ineligible.**

Ensure you have included all of the documentation listed in Section 13. Pre-Submission Checklist, 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 resubmission process should your application be deemed ineligible.

If you require any access adjustments or have any additional support or learning needs in order to submit the application, please contact us prior to the deadline on skills@britishcouncil.org.

10. Gender and EDI Impact

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, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis and dependent on the funding available.

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

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 Impact section of the application form.

Applicants should consider the key gender equality issues that are relevant to the proposed project and how it will contribute to addressing these. They should consider what measures will be put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for women, girls, and minority genders, including project design and team composition as well as activities and outcomes.

British Council reserves 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.

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 project.

The statement is part of the equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) assessment screening in this call. All applications are checked for an adequate Gender Equality Statement at the eligibility stage.

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, please 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.

11. Budget

While no budget plan is required to be submitted during the application process, please note the following restrictions on funding allocations. A list of eligible and ineligible costs can be found in Annex 1 – Eligible and ineligible costs**.**

11.1. Human Resource/Staff Costs

- There is a cap set at 30% of the total grant for staff costs.
- This includes all Contracting and Partnering Institution staff working on the project:
    - Permanent staff are employed by the hosting institution, with a contract that will outlast the project grant and reporting period. These are permanent academic (full time staff members) employed by the institution.
    - Project staff are employed on or temporarily assigned to the project, often on fixed term, part time or short contracts, usually with more of their time dedicated to the work related with this project

11.2. Expertise Costs

- Sometimes Grant applicants wish to budget for non-institutional Staff costs (e.g. Consultants, Industry experts, advisors etc.).

- There is a cap set at 20% of the total grant for expertise costs.

11.3. International Travel and Subsistence

- There is a cap set at 20% of the total grant for international travel and subsistence costs.
- See Annex 1 for guidance on eligible costs.

For other potential costs associated with the Grant, see Annex 1 – Eligible and ineligible costs.

12. Selection Process

- All applications received by the deadline will be logged and receive an automatic acknowledgement. If you have not received any acknowledgement of receipt of application, please contact us with details.
- Applications will be reviewed for 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 assessment criteria specified in Section 14. Assessment Criteria.**
- Top ranked applications will be selected and will be notified about their selection for contracting and disbursement of grants.
- Unsuccessful applications will be notified at a later stage**. You can ask for feedback to your application by writing to skills@britishcouncil.org.**

13. Pre-Submission Checklist

Please ensure your application includes the following:

- This application form and supporting documents have been completed in English.
- The Lead Institution has included a supporting letter, on headed paper, signed by the Head of Department or other person with appropriate delegated authority, giving specific commitment to the project. Supporting letters must be in English and not be signed by Lead Applicant(s). As stated in these guidelines, email versions of letters are acceptable.
- 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.

- CV of Lead Applicant.
- When relevant, Associated Partner letters have been uploaded.

14. Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Weight %
Organisational experience & capacity • The applicant has clear ambitions around international collaboration for their institution, specifically around the benefit of institutional partnerships. These are supported by strategy and operational structure. • The applicant has demonstrable expertise in the UK TVET sector, which will be used in the project delivery. • The applicant has a network of partners, employers and others who can add value to the project. • The applicant has successfully delivered international partnerships (in the past 5 years) or demonstrates capacity to delivery international partnerships. • The applicant shows consideration for sustainability within the partnership. • The applicant has given due consideration to equity in the partnership.	40%
Project approach • The applicant's response addresses all areas of focus in the Call Guidance including sectoral expertise and the country landscape. • The proposed project incorporates specific objectives, which are relevant to the Call Guidance and clear effective activities to achieve these objectives. • Benefit to the UK and overseas institutions is well considered. • The proposed approach is realistic and achievable within timelines and budget.	50%
Finance and Budgets • The applicant has experience and capacity to manage a project budget across multiple partners and dispersing funds internationally or demonstrates a strong approach. • Budget and leadership roles in the proposed partnership will be allocated to reflect an equitable partnership between UK and overseas institutions.	10%

Gender and EDI Impact • The project approach includes measures to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for women, girls, and minority genders, including project design and team composition as well as activities and outcomes. • The project may include additional Equality, Diversity and Inclusion aspects (e.g. age, disability, race/ethnicity, religion/belief, sexual orientation and socio-economic background).	Assessed as part of initial screening gateway
Environmental Impact, Ethics and Economic Development Relevance • Proposed activities will contribute to the economic development and social welfare of the overseas country. • The application gives due consideration to the impact of the proposed project on the climate and environment and steps to mitigate negative impact. • The application considers how the project will operate to strong ethical standards and responsible conduct. • The proposed project plans against possible issues around ethics and health and safety.	Assessed as part of initial screening gateway

Scoring

0 - Unacceptable

The response is non-compliant with the requirements set out in the tender document and/or no response has been provided.

3 - Poor

The response does not demonstrate that the bidder meets the requirement in one or more areas. This, therefore, is a poor response with significant ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement due to the failure by the bidder to show that it meets one or more areas of the requirement.

5 - Adequate

Overall, the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the requirement, but not all of the areas of evidence requested have been provided. This, therefore, is an adequate response, but with some limited ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement due to the bidder's failure to provide all the evidence requested.

7 - Good

Overall, the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the requirement and provides all the areas of evidence requested but contains some trivial omissions in relation to the level of detail requested in terms of either the response or the evidence. This, therefore, is a good response that meets all aspects of the requirement with only a trivial level ambiguity due the bidder's failure to provide all information at the level of detail requested.

10 - Excellent
Overall, the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the requirement and provides all the areas of evidence requested in the level of detail requested. This, therefore, is a detailed excellent response that meets all aspects of the requirement leaving no ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement.

15. Target outcomes of the British Council's skills work

In assessing your project approach within your application, consideration will be given as to the extent to which the proposed project is likely to deliver against the target outcomes of the British Council's skills work:

- The establishment of an active network of local and global employers, employer representative organisations and other skills stakeholders.
- Improvement of knowledge and understanding of effective approaches to skills development.
- Young people are better prepared for the world of work.
- Understanding and recognition of the benefits of working internationally and how to do this effectively is increased.
- New approaches to skills development are implemented at institution/ organisation level.
- Policy changes and/or new approaches to skills development are implemented at national and/or system level.
- Higher quality skills that meet industry needs are developed.

16. Key Milestones Dates

Milestone	Timelines
Deadline for applications	11 December 2026
Results announcement	16 December 2026
Contracts signed	18 December 2026
Period of grant payments	18 December 2026 – 31 December 2027

All dates may be subject to change if the call receives significantly more applications than expected.

Please note this grant opportunity is subject to the British Council receiving external funding. Applications are being invited now to enable timely programme delivery but grant awards, including the contracting process, and project implementation will only proceed once funding has been formally secured.

17. 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 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 organisati ons 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) as b eing 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.

17. 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 standard Grant Agreement for signatures. 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.

18. British Council contractual requirements

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

The Grant Agreement Holder for the partnership will be the Contracting Institution. The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the overseas 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 negotiation or amendment.

It is essential that all individuals travelling (including the Recipient, the Project Partner and all Sub-Grantees involved in the Project) should have adequate travel and medical insurance for their participation in reciprocal visits. This insurance is an eligible cost under travel as set out in the grant agreement (Schedule 5).

In the event that you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, you

should submit a clarification request to skills@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 / amendments to the Grant Agreement requested following the application deadline.

19. 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 (quarantine costs not exceeding GBP800 per person for 14 days), medical and travel 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 (See Annex 2).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 can not be converted to any Gift Cards, non-monetary assets, Crypto currencies.

Annex 2 – reasonable costs per country

Country	Accommodation	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental Expense Allowance
Morocco	In the range of 100 GBP to 230 GBP depending on location	204.00 MAD	318.50 MAD	10 GBP per night