

Going Global Partnerships - TVET Grant Call 2026

Questions and answers from our webinar 'Going Global TVET International Skills Partnerships 2026: Opportunities, eligibility, and writing a successful application'.

Eligibility Queries

Q: Are Further Education colleges the only organisations eligible to be the UK lead?

A: No, as per the Call Guidance, 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

Q: Can the Lead Applicant or Associate Partners be based outside the UK?

A: No, the Lead Applicant and any Associate Partners must be UK based.

Q: Can international and UK institutions apply jointly for these opportunities?

A: No, the British Council has worked closely with TVET authorities in the international partner country to select the partners named in the Call Guidance. Following selection and contracting, the UK and international partners will be introduced at an inception meeting.

Q: Can Private LTD companies based in the UK apply?

A: For-profit education providers can only apply as an Associate Partner, not as the Lead Institution. However, if successful, grant budget can only be used to cover travel related costs for this partner. For-profit education providers are not eligible for the 20% 'Expertise' cost. Please see our Call Guidance for further information.

Q: Would a UK based "International Foundation College" be eligible as the lead applicant, whilst the expertise would be from a university that provides quality assurance to the college?

A: Any UK based further education college that is listed on the [List of colleges in the UK](#) (Sources: Education and Skills Funding Agency, and Association of Colleges) is

eligible to apply as a Lead Applicant. Universities are eligible to apply as Associate Partners. The exact role of the university in the application will be for the applicants to decide.

Q: May Lead Institutions be Associate Partners in a separate application? Would this come under the 3-application limit?

A: A Lead Institution may act as an Associate Partner in a separate application without exceeding the limit on three applications. All institutions should ensure that they have capacity and resource to fulfil the obligations of any Grant Agreements or duties as Associate Partner.

Application Queries

Q: Must the applying institution be a long standing TVET educator?

A: No. We are interested in applications from institutions who may be new, but who, in their application, can demonstrate a strong capacity to deliver the project.

Q: Is there a limit on the number of Associate Partners per application?

A: Although there is no limit to the number of Associate Partners per application, consideration should be given to the value each partner will add to the partnership and the Lead Applicant's capacity to manage the range of partners. Applicants should think critically about the expertise and value added by an Associate Partner when completing an application.

Q: In the application form 'Section 2: Organisational Experience & Capacity', must the example project referenced have been completed or can it also be 'live'?

A: The project may be ongoing but should have reached a point where achievements can be evidenced.

Q: Is it mandatory to plan two-way travel for each of these opportunities?

A: Reciprocal visits are a key part of the partnership and are expected to take place where possible. In exceptional cases, British Council may advertise a grant call where only one-way travel is anticipated.

Q: There is now a 20% cap on international travel. Is this new? It might be challenging to support more than two staff on each visit.

A: There is a cap set at 20% of the total grant for international travel and subsistence costs. Note that the 20% cap on travel relates to international travel, i.e. flight costs and subsistence. Other costs such as venue hire, in-country transport, etc. can be paid for

outside of this cap. See our Call Guidance for full information on budget, eligible and ineligible costs.

Q: Is the 20% cap on 'Expertise' costs a new provision?

A: Grant applicants may wish to budget for non-institutional Staff costs (e.g. Consultants, Industry experts, advisors etc.). A cap of 20% of the total budget is set on these costs. This 20% cap is separate to the 30% cap on 'Staff' Costs, which may be allocated to human resource/ staff costs. See our Call Guidance for full information on budget, eligible and ineligible costs.

Q: Will successful Applicants work with the British Council in the hosting country?

A: Yes, British Council teams in the UK and international partner countries 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.

Q: For successful applicants, what is the expectation of the British Council and what are the expected KPIs?

A: At the start of the grant agreement, the British Council will facilitate an introduction between the UK partner(s), and the international partner(s). Partners will then work collaboratively to agree a detailed Action Plan for their partnership including the aim of the partnership, what they hope to achieve, and how. UK Lead Institutions are expected to have project management and financial responsibility for the grant, including the ability to distribute funders to the international partner(s) as required. British Council teams in the UK and international partner countries will provide ongoing advice and guidance throughout the partnership.

Specific Opportunity Queries

Q: Could you provide more clarity regarding the two Moroccan opportunities. The Call Guidance sets out four different areas of activity, though possibly related to each other. How should Applicants know the focus prior to application?

A: As outlined in the Call Guidance, the opportunities available in Morocco are related to the hosting of the 2030 FIFA World Cup. As such several related topics have been highlighted as the area of focus, none of which are being taken as a priority.

Q: Are any opportunities available in the health care and nursing sectors?

A: Unfortunately, there are currently no opportunities in these sectors. The range of sectors for the current opportunities is listed within the Call Guidance.

Please read the full Call Guidance for further information or contact skills@britishcouncil.org if you have further questions.