

Sustainable Development Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

This document is being updated regularly in light of questions which are being asked. Please keep referring to it.

1. Do I need to have a PhD to apply?

The PI and any Co-Applicants must have at least three years postdoctoral (or equivalent) research experience.

2. Is there a minimum duration?

There is no minimum duration, however please be aware assessors will be reviewing applications on, amongst other criteria, the basis of the quality and value added of the proposed research agenda. A part of this will be the work you intend to achieve in the timescale you set out. Please see page 6 of the scheme notes for a full list of the selection principles for this programme.

3. Why can't I submit my application?

When your application is showing as 100% complete a "submit" button should appear which will allow you to submit your application. If your application is 100% complete and the submit button hasn't appeared, it is because you have added contributors who have not yet marked their role as complete. They will have to log into [Flexi-Grant](#) to do this. Once they have done this, you should be able to submit. If you are having problems submitting your application, and your contributors are showing as having completed their roles, please contact us on GCRF@britac.ac.uk, or call us on 020 7969 5220.

4. Where can I upload references and letters of support?

There is no specific section that will allow you to upload letters of support or references from referees. Such documents are not required under this funding call. For 'other participants', you are required to list them and justify their involvement. The only uploaded documents that are compulsory are the CVs of the PI and any Co-Is involved in the project.

5. Can I make multiple applications to the same programme?

An individual cannot be the PI on more than one bid for funding from this Programme. No individual may be a Co-Applicant on more than two projects (nor may a PI be additionally a Co-Applicant on more than one other project).

6. Do NGOs qualify as Co-Applicants?

Co-applicants should be established scholars at an eligible higher education or research institution. Other actors involved in the project, such as NGO employees, should fall under the "other participants" section of the application form.

7. When calculating the salary costs, should I factor in inflation?

Please take into account rates of inflation when budgeting for salaries and the time of academics involved in the research proposal. These should be costed in at the time of application and will not be indexed in subsequent years by the Academy.