

Newton Fund Headlines

The [Newton Fund](#) aims to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries and contribute to poverty alleviation. It is managed by the UK's Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and delivered through 15 UK delivery partners in collaboration with 16 partner countries. It is part of the UK's [official development assistance \(ODA\)](#) commitment.

Originally launched in 2014, the UK budget for the Newton Fund was increased and extended in the 2015 UK Spending Review. By 2021 around £735 million will have been invested, with partner countries providing match funds.

The Newton Fund covers three broad activities:

- **People:** increasing capacity in science and innovation, individually and institutionally in partner countries.
- **Research:** research collaborations on development topics.
- **Translation:** creating collaborative solutions to development challenges and strengthening innovation systems.

Activities must be developed with at least one of the partnering countries. These countries are all on the [OECD DAC](#) (the Development Assistant Committee of the OECD):

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| • Brazil | • Indonesia | • South Africa |
| • Chile * | • Kazakhstan | • Thailand |
| • China | • Kenya | • Turkey |
| • Colombia | • Malaysia | • Vietnam |
| • Egypt | • Mexico | |
| • India | • Philippines | |

**Chile is likely to have graduated from the DAC-list of countries in 2017, and may not be eligible for Newton funding going forward*

Any activity that a delivery partner supports through the Newton Fund must demonstrate the following:

- Eligibility for [official development assistance \(ODA\)](#)
- That they utilise an open and transparent process
- That the project addresses a strong need and has a clear benefit in-country
- That the activity would not take place without the Newton Fund
- Matched funding and/or matched effort from the partnering country
- Scientific excellence and value for money

Delivery Partners

There are opportunities for the Humanities disciplines across the 15 delivery partners:

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| • Academy of Medical Sciences | • Biotechnology and Biosciences Research Council (BBSRC) |
| • British Academy | • Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) |
| • British Council | • Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) |
| • Innovate UK | • Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) |
| • Met Office | • Medical Research Council (MRC) |
| • Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) | • Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) |

- [Royal Society](#)
- [Research Councils UK \(RCUK\)](#)
- [Science & Technology Facilities Council \(STFC\)](#)

Key Funding Schemes

Thematic response mode calls are issued by all the delivery partners jointly with their relevant in-country delivery partner to cover research and translation activities. A range of key recurring schemes promote mobility and individual/institutional capacity development:

Royal Society

[Newton International Fellowships](#): For non-UK researchers who are at an early stage of their research career and wish to conduct research in the UK.

[Newton Advanced Fellowships](#): For international researchers who wish to develop the research strengths and capabilities of their research group through training, collaboration and reciprocal visits with a partner in the UK.

[Newton Mobility Grants](#): Funding for international researchers towards travel, subsistence and research expenses for either a one-off short visit to explore opportunities for building lasting networks or for bilateral visits to strengthen emerging collaborations

British Council

[Researcher Links](#): (under an overarching Researcher Mobility programme run alongside the Academies)-workshops and travel grants for research visits, with a focus on early career researchers.

[Institutional Links](#): Grants for establishing links between higher education, research institutions and businesses with the aim of translating research to drive economic development and social welfare in partner countries.

Latest Opportunities

[Newton Fund funding opportunity page](#) links to all current Newton funding opportunities from all delivery partners. Imminent deadlines:

DEADLINE	TIME	DETAILS OF CALL
15 March 2017		MULTI-COUNTRY - Newton Mobility Grants (Royal Society)
16 March 2017		CHINA - Air Quality (AQ) and climate services (CSSP China)
22 March 2017		MULTI-COUNTRY - Newton International Fellowships (Royal Society)
23 March 2017		MULTI-COUNTRY - Newton Advanced Fellowships (Royal Society)

12 April 2017	4pm BST	NEW! INDIA - <u>Global Research Programme; addressing the health needs of women and children in disadvantaged populations globally</u>
26 April 2017	4pm BST	NEW! INDIA - <u>India-UK Water Quality Research Programme</u>
3 May 2017	12pm BST	BRAZIL - <u>Urban innovation in Brazil</u>