Call for applications: The British Academy: Evidence-informed policymaking grants

URL: https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/evidence-informed-policymaking-grants/

Funding amount and duration of funding: Up to £150,000 for 12 months in duration

Funder deadline: 19 February 2025

UCT Internal Deadlines
- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete intention-to-submit form by **08 January 2025**
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
  - Complete the Intention to submit form and contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **22 January 2025**
  - eRA Internal Approvals forms should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **05 Febraury 2025**

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About the Funding Opportunity

Purpose:

This funding opportunity, offered by the British Academy, supports research collaborations that advance evidence-informed policymaking in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, **South Africa,** Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam, and/or Least Developed Countries. The initiative aims to foster international partnerships, build the evidence base for policymaking, and promote sustainable, impactful research practices.

Objectives:

- Develop collaborations between researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the UK and eligible countries.
- Enhance the use of research evidence throughout the policymaking cycle—from ideation and framing to implementation and evaluation.
- Address structural, political, and social barriers to effective evidence use in policymaking.
- Explore the political economy of evidence and its impact on policy inclusivity and outcomes.
- Support the development of sustainable practices that embed evidence-based decision-making in policymaking.

Focus Areas:

- Understanding the conditions necessary for fostering effective evidence use in policymaking.
- Examining how contextual and political factors shape policy content and inclusivity.
- Assessing the positive and negative effects of evidence use on policy outcomes.

You can view further details about the scheme here

Funding Details:

- Awards of up to £150,000 for 12-month projects.
- At least 20 awards are expected to be granted.
- Projects must be Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible.

Eligibility Criteria

This programme will support grants in the following areas to develop the evidence base further. Applications may consider interventions across one or more mechanisms of change, including:

- Awareness and attitudes.
- Mutual understanding and agreement.

- Communication of and access to evidence.
- Interaction between policymakers and researchers.
- Skills development.
- Structures and processes related to evidence-informed policymaking.

Eligible research activities include:

- Research on how evidence use theory, and research has been implemented in practice.
- Research or activities related to knowledge systems strengthening and/or organisational change to support evidence use in practice.

Fields of Work:

The Academy is seeking to support awards in the following fields:

- Environment, Sustainability & Nature.
- Transformative Technologies.
- Health & Wellbeing.
- Cities & Urbanisation.
- Global Order, Geopolitics, and International Affairs.

Principal Investigator (PI) Requirements

- Each project must be led by a named Lead.
- The PI must be a researcher in a discipline within the social sciences or the humanities.
- The PI is responsible for directing the research, managing the project, and meeting the reporting requirements.
- The PI must hold an established role at an eligible university or research institute in the UK, Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, **South Africa,** Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam, and/or Least Developed Countries.
- The PI's position must last at least the duration of the grant funded by the Academy.
- Independent researchers are not eligible for this round.

Co-applicant Requirements:

- If the PI is based in the UK:
  - The team must include at least one researcher based in Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, South Africa, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam, and/or Least Developed Countries.
- If the PI is based in one of the eligible countries:
  - The team must include at least one researcher based in the UK.

Submission process

- This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the funder portal [Flexi-Grant Grant Management System](#) (GMS) system, as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system, prior to submission to funder.

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	**Immediately**
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least **4 weeks** before the funder deadline	**22 Jan 2025**
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least **2 weeks** before the funder deadline	**05 Feb 2025**
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least **1 week** before the funder deadline	**12 Feb 2025**

PI submit the application on the funder portal <mark>at least 5 working days before</mark> the closing date. (pre-submission).	**12 Feb 2025**
Funder deadline: Final submission actioned by RC&I via the funder's portal.	**19 Feb 2025**