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<p>Are there any preliminary criteria that applicants should consider when estimating their costs in the initial stage?</p>	<p>Application process, timeline and formatting</p>	<p>When outlining the indicative budget in your concept note, please ensure that you carefully consider all relevant budget subcategories, including: staff costs, travel costs, equipment costs, sub-contractors costs, and overhead costs. At this stage, detailed information is not required; however, it is important to note that only a 10% variance is allowed between the Concept Note budget and the Full Proposal budget, if an applicant is invited to prepare a full proposal. As a result, the Concept Note budget should be carefully planned and considered from the outset.</p>
<p>To proceed with submitting more than one application, could you please clarify how I can submit two applications using the same user and login credentials?</p>	<p>Application process, timeline and formatting</p>	<p>Kindly note that one account/individual should only create and submit a single application. Additional applications can be submitted for different projects but the same rule applies - one separate account/individual for each separate Concept Note application.</p>
<p>I would like to confirm whether a lead institution is permitted to submit more than one proposal under this call.</p>	<p>Application process, timeline and formatting</p>	<p>There is no restriction on the number of applications that can be made by one organisation, furthermore your organisation can apply on multiple proposals as lead or as co-applicant.</p>
<p>I noticed that the deadline for the expression of interest was February 3rd. Unfortunately, I discovered the opportunity too late. However, I would like to inquire if it would still be possible to submit a concept note for consideration despite the missed deadline.</p>	<p>Application process, timeline and formatting</p>	<p>You can submit a proposal for RGC3 until the Competition Window closes on 16 March 2025. You can find more information on the GCBC website that will guide you on how to apply for RGC3 through our electronic portal.</p>
<p>What language can we submit in?</p>	<p>Application process, timeline and formatting</p>	<p>All applications must be submitted in English.</p>

Can the cost of a research grant exceed 25% of existing annual revenue or budget?	Commercial Application and Budget	No, the value of any individual grant may not exceed 25% of the applicant's or Lead Consortia's Partner's average income/turnover for the past 3 years. The 25% target is to re-assure the GCBC that you will be able to safely manage the budget of the grant. The revenue needs to be linked to the legal entity applying for the grant- if this is the institute within the University, then the revenue needs to be for the Institute. Similarly, the revenue needs to be associated with the lead organisation.
There is a limit of 10% variation between Concept Note and Full Proposal. Does this relate to the Total overall request, the Annual request, or also, between line items?	Commercial Application and Budget	This only refers to the overall budget
What is the overhead or administration cost limit for each research grant?	Commercial Application and Budget	Overhead or administrative costs should not exceed 15%. This does not include MEL costs.
What, if any, expenses can be covered for a private-sector partner?	Commercial Application and Budget	Private companies must not generate profit from the project. Companies must be part of a consortia and are not able to be a lead applicant.
Can you confirm the exact amount of funding we will receive?	Commercial Application and Budget	Grants must not exceed a total value of £1m and be of a minimum value of £100k. We encourage proposals for projects of any size within this range and will seek to fund a portfolio of projects of different sizes and types.
How do I find more detail about the budget e.g. indirect cost, personal cost?	Commercial Application and Budget	The overhead rate for this grant is set at 15%. For guidelines on eligible and non-eligible costs, please refer to the FCDO PRoF guidelines and the NPAC list.
Are cost-sharing/in-kind contribution required from applicants?	Commercial Application and Budget	This is welcome but must be made clear in concept note.

If a global north organisation leads a consortium, would they give part of their budget to organisations in ODA countries?	Commercial Application and Budget	Yes, if the lead applicant is based in the global north, we would expect a reasonable proportion of the overall budget to be spent with organisations based in the global south.
Which currency should the submitted budget be in for the grant competition?	Commercial Application and Budget	Great British Pounds (GBP).
Can an institution submit multiple proposals or be a part of multiple teams as a collaborator?	Eligibility	Yes, if you have a clear and distinct project and it aligns with the aims of GCBC.
Would a UK multi-agency lead application be considered?	Eligibility	Yes - we are encouraging more projects from partners in South but are open to collaborations.
Is it possible to consider the Galapagos Islands as our study area?. It is part of Ecuador but it has its own government regimen and regulation	Eligibility	As the Galapagos Islands are administered as a province within Ecuador they will be considered eligible.
Is official presence in the country by the lead organization an edibility requirement?	Eligibility	The aim is to develop a partnership to ensure the required presence in country is covered. The lead does not have to have a physical presence in the benefitting country, but should have collaboration and regular visits.
We are a UK-based organisation with a presence in three Latin American countries. Can we present a proposal that covers two of these three countries?	Eligibility	Yes - as long as these countries are on the GCBC list of eligible countries.
Can public universities apply (thus universities sponsored by government)?	Eligibility	Yes
Can private companies apply for funding or participate in a consortium?	Eligibility	Private companies must not generate profit from the project. Companies must be part of a consortia and are not able to be a lead applicant.
Is match funding required to apply?	Eligibility	No

<p>Are government organisations eligible to apply?</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Parastatal or government funded activities can be consortium partners as long they are not receiving funding from other governments, but they cannot be Lead Applicants.</p>	
<p>Can research activities in non-eligible countries be included in a multi-country proposal if matched funding is available to cover those costs?</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>GCBC primarily focuses its funding on research conducted within eligible countries, as outlined in their official list. These proposals will take priority. Research in non-eligible countries can be included within a proposal as long as at least one ODA-eligible country is identified as having the primary or higher impact from the project. This ensures</p>	
<p>Can a project partner or subcontractor be a part of more than one proposal submission?</p>	<p>Grant Management</p>	<p>Yes, there is no limit to the number of applications that one organisation can submit</p>	
<p>What is the due diligence requirement for consortia leads?</p>	<p>MCAT</p>	<p>We expect lead organisations to be responsible for ensuring due diligence is conducted on organisations in the consortium</p>	
<p>Are there any papers published of the results of any of the examples you provided during the presentation?</p>	<p>Technical Application and Research themes</p>	<p>Yes - go to the GCBC website and refer to the world map with GCBC projects and their relevant sites.</p>	
<p>Are letters of support (organizations, local governmental institutions) mandatory at the Concept Note stage?</p>	<p>Technical Application and Research themes</p>	<p>Letters of support and other supporting documents are not required or possible at the Concept Note stage.</p>	
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