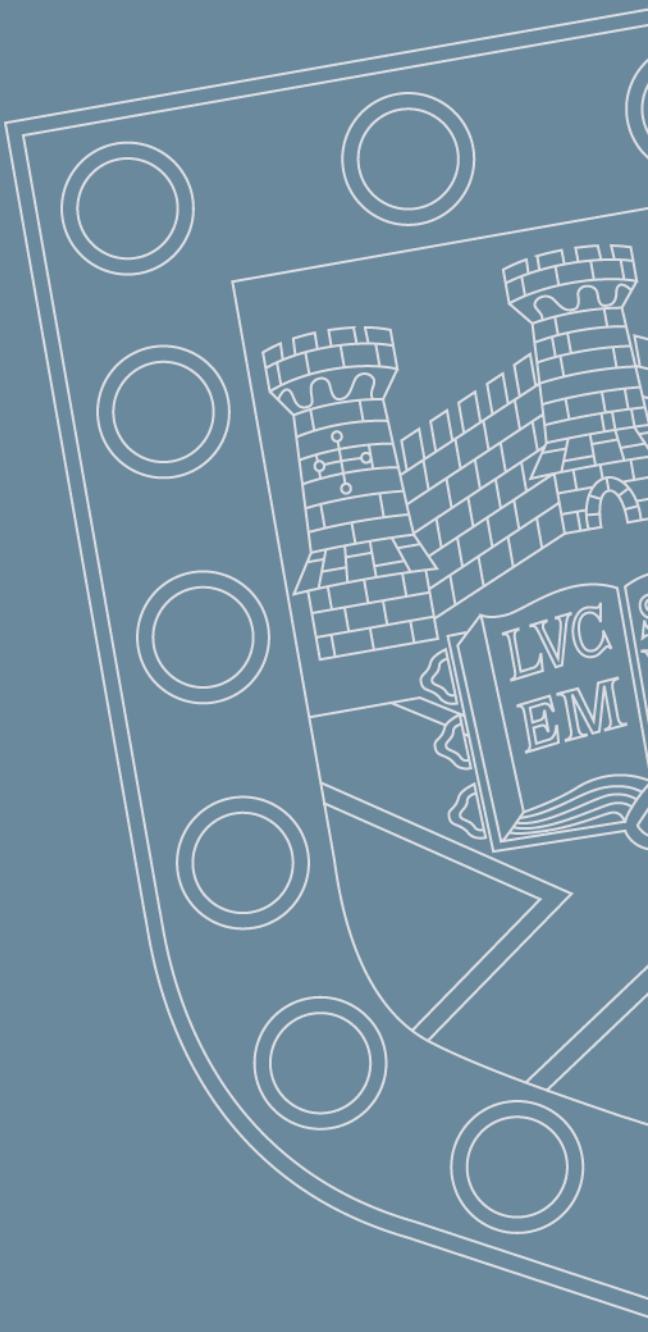


Global Challenges Research Fund

Business School Research and Impact
training day 19th of September 2018

Dr Sarah Tupper – GCRF Research Development
Manager



GCRF

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GCRF: General Overview

- £1.5bn is a five year funding stream (2016 – 2021)
- Focuses on research which addresses the problems faced by developing countries
- Three important criteria to GCRF Research:
 - UN Sustainable Development Goals
 - Official Development Assistance (ODA)
 - Developing country partnerships
 - Interdisciplinary activities
- Funds are allocated through a number of delivery partners including the Research Councils, the Academies and HEFCE
- Single funder, multi-funder and central GCRF calls



GCRF: Thematic Focus

Thematic area 1: Equitable Access to Sustainable Development:

- secure and resilient food systems supported by sustainable marine resources and agriculture
- sustainable health and well being
- inclusive and equitable quality education
- clean air, water and sanitation
- affordable, reliable, sustainable energy

Thematic area 2: Sustainable Economies and Societies:

- Sustainable livelihoods supported by strong foundations for inclusive economic growth and innovation
- Resilience and action on short-term environmental shocks and long-term environmental change
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Sustainable production and consumption of materials and other resources

Thematic area 3: Human Rights, Good Governance and Social Justice:

- Understand and respond effectively to forced displacement and multiple refugee crises
- Reduce conflict and promote peace, justice and humanitarian action
- Reduce poverty and inequality, including gender inequalities



Example GCRF Projects at Exeter

Historical and epidemiological transitions in urban Caribbean foodscapes: understanding the past to enhance future healthy eating PI: Dr Conny Guell, Funder: AHRC

Emergency flood planning and management using unmanned aerial systems
PI: Professor David Butler, Funder: EPSRC

Averting a “tragedy of the commons” in Maasai land: Exploring predictors of communal land degradation and developing pathways to change in Northern Tanzania PI: Dr Anna Rabinovich, Funder: British Academy

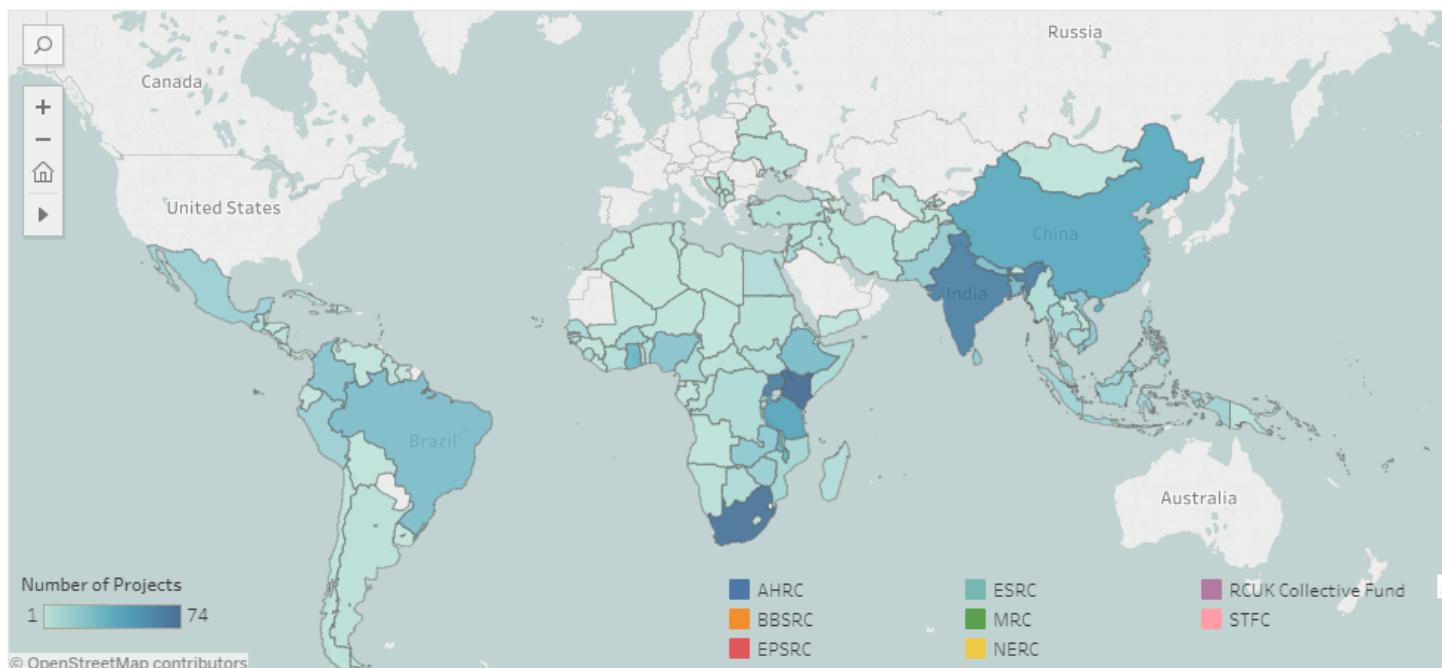


GCRF Projects

<https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/funded-projects/>

Countries of Focus and Challenge Areas on RCUK GCRF Awarded Projects

Select Challenge Area: (All)



Research Organisation	Full Name	Project Title	Grant Reference
American University of Beirut	Walid Ammar	Performance-based contracting for hospitals: a mixed methods analysis of impacts on patient outcomes, equity and efficiency in a middle income country	MR/N015916/1
Aston University	Professor Roslyn Bill	Cascade processes for integrated bio-refining of agricultural waste in India and Vietnam	BB/P022685/1
Bangor University	Catherine Robinson	GCRF: South Asia Self Harm research capability building initiative (SASHI)	MR/P028144/1
	Helen Baker-Henningham	The "Irie Classrooms Toolbox": a cluster randomised trial of a universal violence prevention programme in Jamaican preschools	MR/M007553/1

GCRF Funding Opportunities

- Follow-on funding for impact and engagement scheme – international development – AHRC Deadline 27th September
- STFC GCRF 21st century challenge networks – STFC Deadline 2nd October
- Global Challenges Research Fund – global mental health – MRC Deadline
- Global engagement networks – UKRI EoI deadline 11th October STFC Deadline 2nd October
- Tackling global development challenges through mathematical sciences – EPSRC EoI Deadline 8th November
- Global Challenges Research Fund – networking grants - Academy of Medical Sciences (anticipated deadlines March and August 2019)
- Internal Funding Opportunities:
 - GCRF Facilitation Fund – deadline 30th of October 2018
 - GCRF IAA – deadline tbc/30th of October



GCRF and your research

- Think about how your research might align with GCRF through:
 - Partnerships
 - GCRF Challenge areas
 - Any developing country benefits



GCRF: What makes a good application

- GCRF is a new and very different way of funding research
 - Impact at centre stage with clear and robust pathways
 - ODA compliance
 - Research is still expected to be cutting-edge and innovative
 - Countries must be on the DAC list to be eligible
 - Partnerships must be equitable
 - Applications must have a good sense of the challenge and scale
 - Build capacity for research with in-country partners



Other UK Funding for Development Research

- Department for International Development (DfID)
- Newton Fund (£735m UK contribution; partner countries providing matched resources within the fund)
- Ross Fund (£1bn focused on health)
- Fleming Fund (£195 million focused on antimicrobial resistance)
- EU – societal/global challenges pillar

And international e.g.

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, US
- US Agency for international development, US
- Christensen Fund Global Programme, US



GCRF at Exeter

- £7m ODA funding; 11 GCRF UKRI projects; 70 ODA projects
- GCRF Strategy Group:
 - Meet every 4 months. Next meeting Dec/Jan
 - Oversight of GCRF Portfolio and activities
- Research and Partnership Support - Research Services and IIB
 - Sarah Tupper s.e.tupper@Exeter.ac.uk GCRF Research Development Manager
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