**GCRF-IndOx Collaboration Building Grants**

The [India-Oxford Initiative](https://www.india.ox.ac.uk/home) (IndOx) is a cross-divisional platform at Oxford, promoting research and academic collaborations and exchanges between institutions and researchers from the Indian subcontinent and those at the University of Oxford. IndOx has secured funding from the University’s Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Strategic Funds to support Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) relevant proposals for research and/ or academic collaboration building activities with the Indian subcontinent. In partnership with the University’s internal GCRF team, we invite proposals from academics/ researchers from any Division of the University. Our aim is to fund proposals that will lay the foundation for future collaborative ODA relevant research funding applications to internal and external funding bodies.

**What is available:** Funding of up to a maximum of £5,000 each are available to support collaboration building activities including research visits to the Indian subcontinent or to Oxford University or both, as may be required. **Due to the COVID 19 situation, we also encourage applications which do not involve travel, but proposing other activities which will lead to academic and research collaborations between Oxford and the Indian subcontinent.** As a guidance, a successful application will strictly be for ODA relevant purposes, will be collaborative in nature, will demonstrate value for money, and will focus on the impact and benefits to the Indian subcontinent.

**Who can apply**: This is an internal call for Oxford University researchers.Applicants should be academics/ researchers employed by the University (college affiliation alone is not sufficient). Applications involving travel can include request to bring a visiting fellow from the Indian sub-continent to Oxford or vice versa or both. Applicants can be from any discipline, and at any career stage (eligible to apply for funding as PI). The main applicant will be responsible for administering the funds, abiding by all applicable rules and regulations and University policies in place, making necessary arrangements with the respective Department, and meeting the reporting requirements.

**How to apply**: Duly filled in application forms (standard application form provided) can be submitted any time via email to the programme manager **(**premjith.cheruvath@ashmus.ox.ac.uk**),** along with a one page CV of the proposed visiting fellow/s, where applicable. Please note that if travel is involved, we will seek confirmation that the applicant has consulted with their respective Department in advance, and the proposed travel is in compliance with existing policies of the University/ Department.

**Deadline**: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, till the available funds are exhausted. **Please note that all activities proposed for applications in 2020 should be completed and paid for by 31st December 2020**. Any unused funds requested for 2020 cannot be carried forward to 2021. Subject to availability of funds, the scheme will run till April 2021, meant for completion (and paying for) of all proposed activities by 31 July 2021. No funds can be carried forward beyond this date.

**Funding decisions**: This is a rolling call, and we will aim to communicate funding decisions within three weeks of receipt of the application.

**Reporting**: Successful applicants are required to submit a report following the completion of the activities and provide brief interim updates when requested.

For any queries please contact the IndOx programme manager on premjith.cheruvath@ashmus.ox.ac.uk

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| **INSTRUCTIONS**  |
| Please complete all relevant fields. |
| **PROJECT DETAILS**  |
| Title of the proposed project |  |

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| **ACADEMIC applicants.** *The persons who will take overall leadership of the project. Please attach a separate sheet for additional people.* |
| **Lead applicant 1** |
| Surname |  | Name |  | Title |  |
| Post/Job title |  |
| Department/Faculty |  |
| Email address |  | Telephone |  |
|  | Early Career Researcher? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| **CONTRIBUTORS** *Please list here any academic or non-academic who will be part of the project. Please list any co-applicants here, clearly indicating their role. If the project includes Visiting Fellow/s (to Oxford or to the Indian subcontinent), please provide their details here, and include one-page CV of the proposed Fellow/s.* |
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| **BACKGROUND** *This section should give a brief background of the proposed work (no more than 250 words). It should: describe what the central focus will be; explain the suitability of the candidate (if the request includes a visiting fellowship); also explain the rationale behind taking a multi-/inter-disciplinary approach if appropriate.* |
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| **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES** *Please describe the aims and objectives (no more than 150 words).*  |
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| **Benefits to and impacts for Indian sub-continent -** Please outline the potential impact that this activity will contribute to, and how itaddresses the challenges of economic development and well-being faced by developing countries on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list**.** *(no more than 150 words)* |
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| **RESOURCES** *Please give a clear breakdown of the resources. Attach separate sheet for additional budget items.* |
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| Other  |  |  |
| **Total Requested** | **£** |
| **ENDORSEMENT BY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/FACULTY:** [ ]  Yes |
| ***Please tick to confirm that the Head of Department or Chairs of Faculty for the Lead applicant have endorsed the application.*** *In doing so they agree to provide the necessary facilities and confirm that the project would not entail a significant increase in use of any University services, and that any health and safety and ethical requirements would be covered.* |
| **OTHER INFORMATION** |
| Declaration of Interests *(If an)y:*Please select which of the below activities best describes your proposal. List all that applyCapacity and capability building [ ] Interdisciplinary and collaborative research activity [ ] Generating impact from research both within and beyond the sector [ ]  |
| All projects supported by this funding must adhere to the University’s Code of Practice and Procedure for Academic Integrity in Research, and comply with appropriate legal and regulatory requirements. If any form of licence is needed (e.g. Home Office, Intellectual Property, Radiation Protection) these must be in place before the project commences. Please check this box to confirm that you have read and agree to these terms. [ ]  |
| Where did you hear about this funding call? |  |