Wallacea Region call – application process

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The programme

- A collaborative research programme between Indonesia and the UK
- The aim is to explore biodiversity of the Wallacea region and through this understand tensions in land use and the adaptation of biodiversity in response to environmental change
- Through the Newton Fund NERC has secured £3.6m for the UK contribution to the programme and Ristekdikti will fund equivalent research effort of the Indonesian researchers
The programme

- 3 year research programme
- Support 4 to 5 joint projects of up to £700k UK (80% FEC) and IDR 200,000,000/year/project to IDR 675,000,000/year/project, depending on the subject
- NERC is managing the proposal submission on behalf of the Ristekdikti and NERC partnership
Newton Fund

• The Newton Fund aims to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and social welfare of partner countries

• The aim is a genuinely collaborative partnership, where everyone is involved, and global knowledge and innovation gain significant benefit

• Part of UK’s official development assistance (ODA) budget
Expectations and outputs

• Advantageous to work with/connect to end-users at design and throughout the project
• Outputs to be used by government, local authorities, civil agencies, businesses and local communities to make decisions about management and mitigation
• Deliverables include:
  – High impact journal papers
  – Presentations at international conferences
  – Information and tools for policymakers, land and forestry managers in Indonesia to manage, restore, rehabilitate or improve the resilience of the region’s biodiversity to anthropogenic and environmental change
Proposal requirements

• **Strongly encouraged to read the call document and get in touch well ahead of the deadline with any Qs**
• Joint collaborative projects involving UK and Indonesian teams of researchers
• Lead nominated PI contact person in each country
• Applicants encouraged to confirm eligibility with funders before submission – ineligible applicants rejected
• No studentships
• No capital requests (UK items £10k and over)
• Grants awarded – 3 years starting November 14 2018 for UK and Feb/March 2019 in Indonesia
• UK grants ending 31 December 2021 latest
Application process – Notification of Intent (NOI)

- **Notification of Intent to submit** – deadline 16.00 GMT/23.00 JKT 15 March 2017
- Online form – will be on the programme page of the NERC website.
- Information required:
  - UK PI, Indonesian PI
  - Co-Is and Project Partners
  - Project details – title and summary
  - Nominated reviewers
- Eligibility checking and planning proposal assessment process
- Lead PIs should not change from NOI to full proposal stage
Application process – full proposal

- **Full proposal closing date is 1 May 2018, 16.00 BST/22.00 JKT**
- UK applicant must submit the application through Research Council’s Joint Electronic System - Je-S
- Indonesian applicants should submit an identical application to the Ristekdikti online system
- All attachments should confirm to the submission rules detailed in the AO, including specific font type and minimum size of 11pt and formatting requirements
- Full details of requirements in section 5 of the call document
Application process – full proposal

• Application should consist of:
  – Je-S proforma
  – Case for support: 1) Track record, 2) Description of Proposed Research and 3) Management Plan
  – UK costs – Common Justification of Resources for UK costs
  – Indonesian costs – added as ‘non-UK component’
  – Pathways to Impact
  – Outline Data Management Plan
  – Letters of Support
  – ODA statement
  – CVs each named PI, Co-I, research staff post and Visiting Researcher
Application process – full proposals

• Indonesian collaborators listed in Je-S as Project Partner
• Approximate value listed in-kind support section of the proposal
• Additional attachments:
  • Letters of Support – As collaborator is listed as Project Partner in the Je-S form should submit ‘dummy letter’ of support
  • CVs for each of named collaborators
  • Individual budget form for Indonesia submitted as a ‘Non-UK component’
Assessment process

- NoI eligibility checked
- Full proposals internationally peer-reviewed
- PI response reviews received
- Single moderating panel consisting of members of Indonesian and UK science community and independent experts
- Assessment criteria: research excellence and fit to scheme
- Final funding decision made by the funders taking into account recommendations from moderating panel
- A balanced portfolio of projects across the programme that addresses the overarching aims of the programme
- Feedback will be provided to all applicants following the full assessment of proposals
Timetable

• 6 – 8 February 2018: Networking workshop
• w/c 5 February 2018: Call for proposals issued
• 15 March 2018: Notification of intent closing date
• 1 May 2018: Closing date for applications
• May – July 2018: Peer review assessment
• August 2018: PI response to reviews
• w/c 3 September 2018: Moderating panel meeting
• September 2018: Funding decision made
• 14 November 2018 (latest): UK components of projects commence
• Feb/March 2019: Indonesian components of projects commence
Thank you