

Belmont Forum and FACCE-JPI Joint Collaborative Research Action on Food Security and Land Use Change National Annex: United Kingdom

Partners: This call is supported by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), under the auspices of the UK's Global Food Security (GFS) Programme.

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget earmarked collectively by the participating UK Research Councils for this call will be: up to €1.75m (according to exchange rates at the time of funding, and at full economic cost [where €1.75m represents 80%]). It is anticipated that UK participation in approximately **4-6 Type 1** community building projects and **1-2 Type 2** medium- to long-term integrated projects will be funded, subject to quality of proposals.

Details of the call and the application process are provided via the website [TBA: www.belmontforum.org/iof]. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For UK enquiries, please see below.

Eligibility and national funding modalities: It is expected that UK applications to this call will be part of a transnational consortium as defined in the call document, and that BBSRC / ESRC / NERC will fund the UK partners of any successful transnational collaboration.

ESRCs policy of funding international Cols is not applicable for this Call.

Funding will be awarded on the basis of full economic cost, where BBSRC / ESRC / NERC contribution will be at 80% of the full economic cost.

Standard BBSRC, ESRC and NERC eligibility rules apply with the following constraints:

- The UK element of any transnational consortium should comprise researchers from each of BBSRC's, ESRC's and NERC's community's and / or researchers working at the interface of two or more of the these Councils' remits in a such a way that the work of the UK element addresses the biotechnology/biological-natural-social science implicit in GFS Programme's strategic plan (<http://www.foodsecurity.ac.uk/programme/index.html>; <http://www.foodsecurity.ac.uk/assets/pdfs/gfs-strategic-plan.pdf>);
- In line with the Belmont Forum aims of leveraging members' investments the UK will only support natural science that demonstrably builds upon current NERC investments, such that links to / synergies with current NERC investments of relevance to the Call are particularly welcomed. Only Principal or Co-Investigators on existing NERC grants or NERC centre researchers (subject to standard eligibility criteria) are eligible to apply as natural science Lead or Partner Principal Investigators to the Belmont Forum / FACCE-JPI call;
- UK social scientists are eligible to apply as Lead or Partner Principal Investigators (subject to standard ESRC rules);
- UK biotechnology / biological scientists must be eligible for BBSRC managed-mode and should show how involvement in this call will benefit / feed into a wider community of BBSRC-funded researchers.

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