Funding Assurance in International Research Programmes

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GCRF: RCUK Collective Call

- Details of GCRF funding assurance process is still being developed
- Outline assessment (9 Nov) based on the development challenge and how that will be addressed. CfS includes an overview of the capacity and capability of the team.
- For proposals invited to full stage (May 2018):
  - the research partner orgs will need to register with JeS and;
  - include a letter from PVC Research summarising the orgs support for the project and confirming they are able to meet the requirements for the call and;
  - will provide further information to the RCs when requested
Types of Organisations and Funding

• Lead Research Organisation: UK RO, UK IRO, UK PSRE (GCRF only) - funded at 80% FEC (direct & indirect costs)

• Research Partner Organisation (UK – 80% FEC, DAC list country – 100% eligible costs and up to 30% indirect costs, developed countries – 50% of eligible costs)

• Project Partners – third sector, charities – max one-year FTE across award per org, plus direct costs

• Subcontractors – procurement of goods and services – not intellectual input
International Research Partner Organisations

Should be HEI, public laboratory or other non-profit research intensive organisation

They need to be able to sign up to the T&Cs

RCUK funding can not go to individuals

GCRF outline guidance said RPOs must demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

- Research capacity & capability
- Governance & financial stability
- Public good & open access publications
International Research Partner Organisation Criteria

The draft process has four headings:

• Governance and Control – satisfactory processes and policies around fraud, bribery, corruption, data collection/management, research integrity and ethics requirements, etc. and be subject to an independent annual audit

• Financial Stability – appropriate bank account and finance management systems and procedures for making, receipting and recording payments

• Ability to Deliver – strong track record of leading or co-leading innovative research projects and maximising impact and wider benefit to the community, have sufficient capability to deliver research (10?), and publications in peer reviewed, open access journals; sufficient financial support and availability of essential infrastructure

• Sub-contract management - policy in place to sufficiently manage sub-contractors including provisions for ensuring their compliance with RCUK T&Cs
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• For proposals invited to full stage (May 2018):
  – the research partner orgs and named applicants and researchers will need to register with JeS and;
  – include a letter from PVC Research

• For proposals in the funding frame:
  – The research partner orgs will provide further information
  – The exact information tbc but see: http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs/
  – If an organisation already has an RCUK grant they may have already provided info and been assessed.
  – “eligibility” likely to last three years
Thank you

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