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& Development Office

# UK International Science and Education Opportunities

British Embassy Bangkok and British Council Thailand



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## Introducing the team

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British Council Thailand		Scope
Chayanant Boonmee	Science Manager	British Council's ISPF



# UK Science and Innovation ambitions



**Global leader** in science, with right ecosystem for growth and investment



Tackle **global challenges** and drive innovation



Shape the **future of critical technologies** and promote positive and **secure use**



Enhance and foster connections between UK **international networks**





# Key S&T offers for international partners

International Science  
Partnerships Fund (ISPF)

[Funded by Department of  
Science, Innovation and  
Technology]

Other departments research  
funding opportunities

[FCDO, NIHR under  
Department of Health and  
Social Care, other  
academies and bodies]

Thematic engagement  
aligning with UK-Thailand  
interests and priorities

# International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF)

*Research and  
innovation at the heart  
of our international  
relationships*





# ISPF objectives

Aligning with the UK's commitment to build strategic science partnerships, the Fund will

Deliver research and innovation that is only **realised by working internationally.**

**Tackle global challenges and develop future technologies**

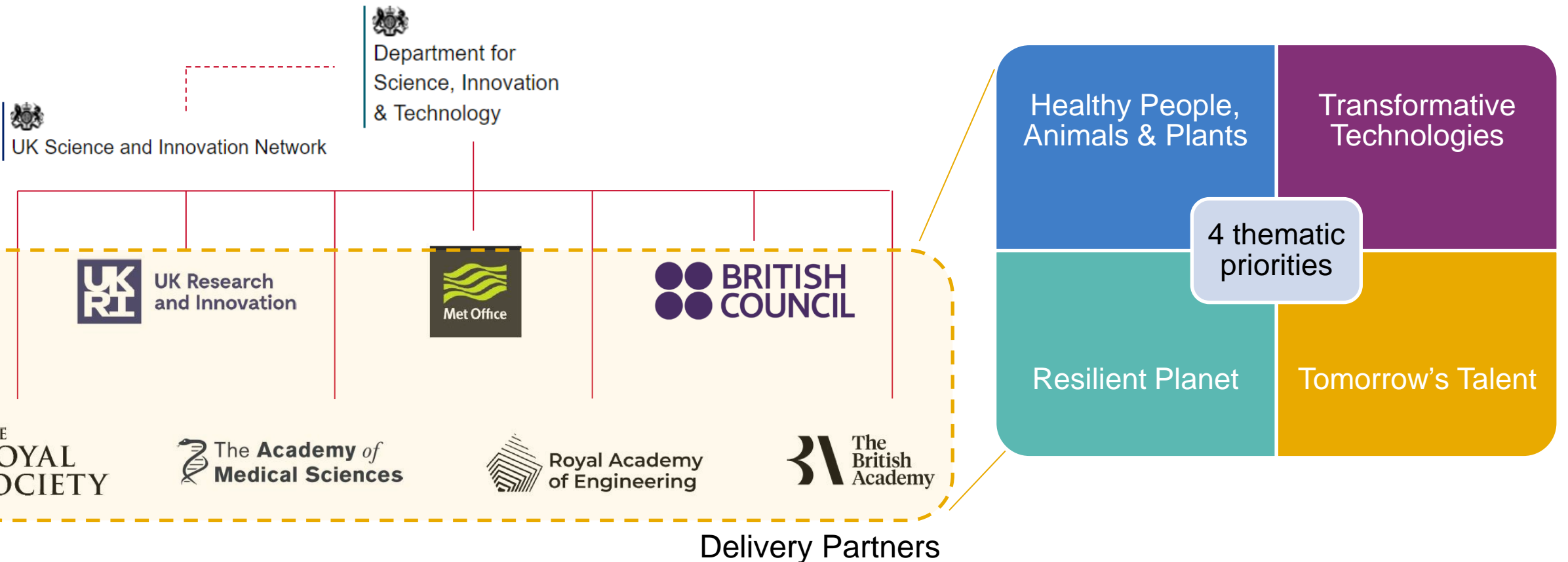
**Contributions towards SDGs** through international partnerships.

Enable countries to **collaborate in an agile way.**

Equip countries with **robust R&D ecosystems.**

**Strengthen connections** of R&D community around the world

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## Past calls

- International Interdisciplinary Research Projects
- International Writing Workshops
- Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (with PMU-C)
- Transforming Systems through Partnerships (with PMU-C)
- Networking Awards
- Frontiers Workshop Programme



# Upcoming ISPF calls

Calls	Proposed call timeline	Link
MRC UK-SEA One Health and Pandemic Preparedness	Mid Feb 24	TBA
BBSRC/NERC - Sustainable Aquaculture	Call <b>now open</b> (until May 24) – Require early submission of interest in Feb	<a href="https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/sustainable-and-resilient-aquaculture-systems-in-southeast-asia/">https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/sustainable-and-resilient-aquaculture-systems-in-southeast-asia/</a>
BA / RS ODA Challenge-Oriented Grants	Next Monday	See similar programme here: <a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-challenges-research-fund-challenge-led-grants/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-challenges-research-fund-challenge-led-grants/</a>
BA / RS International Fellowships	Call now open (until 13 Mar 24)	<a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/</a>
RAEng LIF Advance	Late 2024	TBA
British Council – International Research collaboration	Call <b>now open</b> (until Mar 24)	<a href="https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/news/opportunities/grants-international-research-collaborations">https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/news/opportunities/grants-international-research-collaborations</a>



# Other departments research funding opportunities

**NIHR** | National Institute for Health and Care Research

Global Health  
Research  
programmes

Large-scale research funding – ranging from groups and units, strategic thematic areas, career development to translation research

Calls to open again in 2024



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Evidence generation,  
and development-  
related programmes

Product development  
research for global health  
(**Now open** until Feb 24)

Reversing Environmental  
Degradation in Africa and  
Asia (*Tentative* for Jun 24)



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

Environment and  
agriculture-focus  
programmes

Global Centre on  
Biodiversity for Climate  
(*Tentative* for May 24)

# NIHR Global Health Research portfolio: how we fund

Researcher  
-led

Global Health Research **Applied Research**

Funding applied global health research to address the unmet health needs of LMICs

Global Health Research **Development Awards**

Supporting LMIC-based researchers to complete underpinning work to develop high quality global health research applications

Strategic,  
thematic

Global Health Research **Networks**

Institutional consortia developing sustainable, competitive research capacity in developing countries in a thematic area

Global Health Policy and Systems Research **HPSR**

Delivering global health research to improve health systems and generate health resilience for people and population needs

Research & Interventions for Global Health Transformation **RIGHT**

Interdisciplinary applied health research in key areas where a strategic investment can result in a transformative impact

Capacity  
Strengthening

NIHR Global Research **Professorships**

Supporting outstanding academics at professorial level to develop a team and deliver high quality research of global relevance

NIHR **Global Advanced Fellowships**

Supporting post-doctoral global health researchers to develop leadership capability and research expertise

## Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation (RIGHT) - Call 7

**Research funding** to develop interventions for the early detection and management of metabolic risk factors for CVD and stroke in primary and community care settings.

- Scope:
  - Cardiovascular diseases (CVD). Metabolic risk factors in scope include:
    - Hypertension
    - Overweight/obesity
    - Hyperglycemia
    - Hyperlipidaemia
- Awards: £1 - 5m per Project, for 3-5 years

Link: [Click here](#) [Call is now closed for 23/24]

# NIHR Global Research Professorship Round 7

**Career development award** to fund leaders to promote research translation.

Scope:

- Early translational (experimental medicine),
  - clinical and applied health research,
  - and social care research (not basic research)
- Awards: On average £1.7 – 1.8m per award, for 5 years

Link: [Click here](#) [Call will close on **6 Dec 2023**]

# Upcoming funding opportunities

- **Development Awards**
  - Supporting LMIC-based researchers to complete underpinning work to develop high quality global health research applications
  - Opens February 2024
- **Global Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR)**
  - Supporting applied research to strengthen health policy and health systems for people in LMICs.
  - Opens February 2024
- **Global Advanced Fellowships**
  - Supporting post-doc researchers in LMICs and the UK to develop leadership capability and research expertise
  - Opens April 2024



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# Aim of the NIHR Global Advanced Fellowship award

1. Develop a pathway to research leadership for all postdoctoral global health researchers
1. Support postdoctoral researchers to conduct a research project in a strategic area of applied global health and receive a bespoke training and development programme relevant to their needs
1. Strengthen institutional capacity for research in LMICs



# Key information

Postgraduate fellowship:  
All career stages and all  
professions

Interested applicants  
should submit an  
expression of interest  
form via the NIHR  
website

Up to 10 NIHR Global  
Advanced Fellowships  
available in the first  
round, increasing in  
future rounds

Express an interest in  
becoming a funding  
committee member

Application window:  
16 April - 11 July 2024

No limit to the number  
of applications that can  
be submitted per  
institution. However, we  
do not expect to fund  
more than two awards  
per host institution per  
round





# Product development research for global health

- Scope: Research and development of new products to improve health outcomes for the poorest and most vulnerable in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- Target: 1) build health security for all, 2) support healthier and more resilient populations, 3) help end the preventable deaths of mothers, babies and children
- Current priorities
  - women and girls health
  - infectious diseases of poverty
  - emerging infectious diseases/diseases of epidemic potential
- Eligibility: Lead organisations must be non-profit organisations.
- Open call until **23 February 2024**

<https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/product-development-research-for-global-health>



# Reversing Environmental Degradation in Africa and Asia

- Scope: Research, innovation and action to help people and nature thrive together.
- Past call's themes:
  1. Local research and capability for research
  2. Resource and land use assessments
  3. Business models
  4. Financing mechanisms
  5. Inclusive governance systems.
- Geographical focus: Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia or Southeast Asia.
- Eligibility: Lead organisations must be non-profit organisations.
- Next call open: Around June 2024.

<https://www.redaa.org>



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# Global Centre on Biodiversity for Climate

- Scope: How the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity can help address climate change and improve livelihoods of the poor.
- Geographical focus: ODA-eligible countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, and South East Asia and the Pacific.
- Eligibility: Lead applicants must not be for-profit-organisations.
- Next call open: Around May 2024.

<https://www.gcbbc.org.uk/>



## For more information

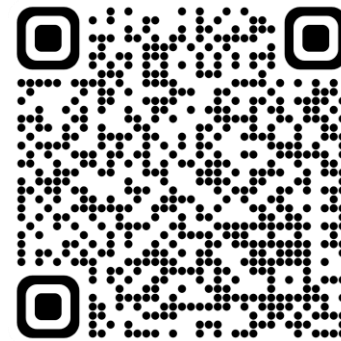
- Subscribe to ISPF mailing list: Email 'Newsletter' to [ISPFenquiries@odamanagement.org](mailto:ISPFenquiries@odamanagement.org)
- DSIT social media channels, Hashtag: #ISPF
- ISPF Delivery Partners Website
- **Funding finder:**



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## For more information

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<https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/uk-science-innovation-network-in-thailand>



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# WHAT IS CHEVENING?

Chevening offers future leaders from across the world the opportunity to study for a master's degree at a leading UK university on a fully funded scholarship.

It is the UK government's flagship international scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and partner organisations.

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# WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Chevening seeks out scholars from around the world with outstanding potential to become future leaders in their field.

Successful candidates come from a diverse range of countries and backgrounds. What they all share is the passion, the vision, and the skills required to influence positive change in their home countries.

**It doesn't matter where you come from, it's where you're going that counts.**



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# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Be a citizen of one of 160+ Chevening-eligible countries or territories.



Hold an undergraduate degree.



Have at least two years of work experience.



Demonstrate outstanding future leadership potential.

See the full list of eligibility criteria at [chevening.org/scholarships](https://chevening.org/scholarships)

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# WHAT DOES A CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

- ✓ Fully covered\* tuition fees
- ✓ A living allowance at a set rate (for one individual)
- ✓ An economy return flight to the UK
- ✓ Additional grants to cover essential expenditure

\* There is a global Chevening fee cap of £22,000 for MBA programmes that requires you to cover any additional cost.

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# WHAT ELSE CAN YOU GAIN FROM A CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP?

Chevening Scholars in recent years have enjoyed:

- ✓ A vast programme of exclusive networking events, talks, trips across the UK, and volunteering opportunities.
- ✓ Internship opportunities, such as at the BBC World Service.
- ✓ Access to a global network of 55,000+ fellow changemakers for life.



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# THE CHEVENING ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Since 1983, The Chevening Alumni community has grown into a 55,000+ strong global network of changemakers, including 20 current or former world leaders.

Our alumni are leaders and innovators, working across a range of fields. This includes helping to tackle climate change, championing gender equality, working in journalism, politics, business, law, and many other fields.

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# NOTABLE ALUMNI FROM THAILAND



**Karuna Buakamsri**  
Journalist  
University of Surrey (1996)



**Dr Seree Nonthasoot**  
Member of the UN Committee on  
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
University of Oxford (2000)



**Grisada Boonrach**  
Former Minister of Agricultural  
and Cooperatives  
University of Birmingham (2001)  
*Fellowship programme*



**Dr Mingkwan (Wichaidit)  
Suphannaphong**  
Director of the Bangsue Central  
Vaccination Centre  
LSE (2004)



**Ada Chirapaisarnku**  
CEO & Founder of Taijai.com  
the first and largest fundraising website  
for social impact projects  
UCL (2010)



**Noppatjak 'Aim' Attanon**  
Editor-in-Chief at TODAY  
City University (2015)

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# APPLICATION TIMELINE

- 12 September 2023** Applications open
- 7 November 2023** Applications close
- November 2023** Initial application sift
- January/February 2024** Applicants are shortlisted for interview
- February to April 2024** Interview period
- June/July 2024** Announcement of interview results
- September/October 2024** Successful applicants arrive in the UK!

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# APPLY TO CHEVENING

- 🎓 **150+** eligible UK universities
- ❤️ **Over 95%** scholar satisfaction rate
- 📅 **60+** exclusive events each year
- 🏆 **40** years of developing future leaders
- ✓ **1** life-changing Chevening experience

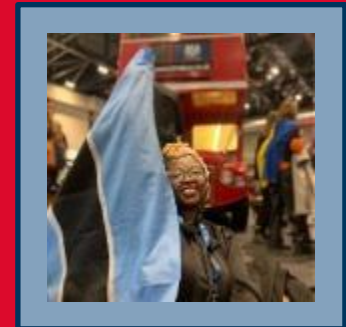
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Chevening's prestigious reputation offers a transformative experience



Ndulamo Malumbela  
Chevening Scholar

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# Apply for UK Research Funding Opportunities



# Tips to apply for funding





# Funding agencies and programmes

UK and Thailand has different research and funding landscape, and requirements.

- **Objectives and priority areas**
- **Application processes**
- **Reviewing and scoring mechanism**
- **Supporting documents required**
- **Other terms and conditions**



# Get your proposals right

It is important that your proposal realistically responds and reflects what the programme is looking for.

- **Consider audience of your proposal**
- **Official Development Assistance (ODA)**
- **Being realistic**
- **Learn from others**



# Know your institution

Different institutions (both UK and Thais) have different processes to apply for external funding.

- Explore internal review board
- It is not always about submitting as soon as possible.
- Identify the process to request for approval, and work backward on your own timeline.
- Alumni network



## Find your partner

Researchers typically do not work alone – Make sure the right partner counts.

- Build your network early – Consider business and networking platforms, joining workshops and conference (and make sure the networking counts)
- Representation and disciplines in your proposal
- Make sure your partners are equally eligible to apply
- Discuss legal implications early.