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Global Engagement Networks – Full Call Document

Closing date for full proposals: 14th February 2019, 16:00GMT

Summary

Following a highly competitive call for outline proposals, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) invites 50 outlines across the six GCRF strategic portfolios to develop full proposals. Up to £150,000 will be available to each Network, over a two year period. Depending on the quality of the final applications, we anticipate awarding 20-24 Networks.

This document expands on the existing call for outline proposals in order to support the development of full proposals.

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1. **Background**

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is a 5-year £1.5Bn fund and a key component in the delivery of the UK Aid Strategy: tackling global challenges in the national interest. The fund aims to ensure that UK research takes a leading role in addressing the problems faced by developing countries through:
- Challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research
- Strengthening capacity for research and innovation within both the UK and developing countries
- Providing an agile response to emergencies where there is an urgent research need.

The UKRI GCRF Collective Programme is a series of calls designed to enhance the coherence, strategic focus and overall impact across the six strategic GCRF Challenge portfolios:
- Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Education
- Food Systems
- Global Health
- Resilience to Environmental Shocks and Change
- Security Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement

The programme is being delivered by UK Research and Innovation and steered by the GCRF Challenge Leaders. For administrative purposes individual calls will be either be hosted by a UKRI Council or the UKRI International Development Shared Capability. Interdisciplinary research excellence is central to the GCRF and investigators from all disciplines are encouraged to apply for calls within the parameters of each call regardless of the host function.

As part of the collective programme, and following a highly competitive call for outline proposals, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) invites 50 outlines across the six GCRF strategic portfolios to develop full proposals. These networks are intended to:

- Bring together experts from multiple disciplines to enable innovative solutions to development challenges
- Facilitate interactions between researchers and non-academic stakeholders/users
- Increase the engagement of experts within countries that are on the OECD DAC list with the GCRF and associated opportunities
- Engage with the GCRF Challenge Leaders to feed into the future strategy for the GCRF portfolios

These networks are funded by the GCRF and therefore are required to address challenges primarily relevant to the health or prosperity of a country or countries on the OECD DAC List of ODA recipients, however this need not be limited to the country of residence of the Network Director. The list of ODA recipient countries is available at: http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-financestandards/DAC_List_ODA_Recipients2018to2020_flows_En.pdf).

Further guidance on ODA compliance for applications to GCRF can be found here: http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/international/gcrfodaguidance-pdf/

2. Scope

Networks funded by this call must focus on a challenge or challenges within one of the six strategic GCRF Challenge portfolios:

- Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Education
- Food Systems
- Global Health
- Resilience to Environmental Shocks and Change
- Security Protracted Conflict, Refugee Crises and Forced Displacement

We anticipate funding 2-6 networks in each of the above portfolios, depending on the quality of applications received.

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria below, particularly the eligibility of non-UK based academics to act as the lead applicant (Network Director), refers to this call only, **eligibility for this call does not confer eligibility for any future UKRI or GCRF calls**.

The Network Director must have completed a PhD or have equivalent experience and have a permanent position or fixed-term contract for the duration of the award at an eligible research organisation in a country on the OECD DAC list of ODA recipient countries. The Co-Director must also have completed a PhD or have equivalent experience and have a permanent position or fixed-term contract for the duration of the award at an eligible research organisation either in a (recipient) country on the OECD DAC list or in the UK. Eligible research organisations are education organisations, public laboratories, or other non-profit research intensive organisations. The criteria for organisational eligibility are outlined in the table below; the letter from the Vice-Chancellor (or someone of equivalent standing) from the Network Director's Institution should confirm that the Institution meets these criteria.

Ability to deliver	• provide evidence of a strong track record of maximising the wider impact and value of its research to the benefit of local economies and society; • have a cohort of researchers (normally a minimum of 10) with sufficient capacity to deliver research and a demonstrated track record. This should include a significant number of publications in journals and/or monographs with key academic publishers, and/or other outputs that have been subject to peer review. Journal quality should take into account benchmark measures appropriate to the regional context and research disciplines; • have a track record of staff, while employed at the organisation, leading or co-leading innovative research projects in the previous five years including, if applicable, directing postdoctoral researchers and/or research students; and • have sufficient financial support for research at the organisational level to ensure the availability of essential infrastructure and the long-term sustainability of research activity, as evidenced by research project income across all projects totalling at least £100k pa over the previous three years
Governance and Control	• be a higher education organisation, public laboratory, or non-profit research intensive organisation; • have a governing board with representation independent of the institution appointed to jointly oversee the management of the whole organisation; • have satisfactory processes for preventing, detecting, reporting and responding to allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption; • have satisfactory processes for the effective collection, management, analysis and dissemination of data; • have satisfactory processes in place that meet Research Integrity and Ethics requirements, including processes for dealing with allegations of misconduct; • be subject to an independent annual audit; and • have measures in place to prevent and mitigate conflict of interest which could affect employees or governing board members participation in decision-making.

Financial Stability	• be permitted by their country's government to receive funding from foreign sources; • have a bank account that is in its legal name; and that can be reconciled to the finance management system; • have a basic finance management system that can be used to reconcile the bank account, to record all cash and payments ensuring that all transactions can be individually identified and provides suitable storage for supporting documentation; and • have satisfactory procedures in place for making payments for per diem, travel advances or review of receipts and subsequent reimbursement of expenses for approved official travel.
Sub-contract Management	• Ensure there is a policy in place to sufficiently manage sub-contractors including provisions for ensuring their compliance with UKRI terms and conditions.

Network members can be from any country or institution type. They are **only** eligible to receive travel and subsistence costs for attending meetings or other events associated with the network. No fees, honoraria, salary, estates or indirect costs are eligible for network members.

3. <u>Costs</u>

All costs incurred in countries on the DAC list of recipients are eligible to receive 100% of the requested cost, any UK costs requested will be awarded at 80% of the requested cost in line with standard Research Council rules.

<u>Salaries and support costs</u>
All staff costs must be based on basic salaries (i.e. not day rates). It is recommended these costs are agreed with your Institution before submitting the application.

Network Director
The Director of the Network should be the named Principle Investigator on the proposal and may request funds to cover their salary costs for the time spent developing and directing the Network.

Co-Director
Requests can also be made for funds to support the salary for the time of ONE Co-Director, who will be named as the Co-Investigator, to assist the Network's Director in this role. This Co-Director can be based either at a research organisation in a country on the OECD DAC list or at a UK research organisation. For Co-Directors based in the UK, estates and indirect costs are eligible. The UK research organisation should provide the figures for these costs to the Network Director to input into Je-S.

Network Manager

Costs can be requested for an appropriately skilled Network Manager (full or part-time) to be responsible for activities such as the day-to-day Network management, event coordination, and website development for the Network. The salary of the Network Manager will be awarded at 100% of the requested cost if they are based at an eligible organisation in a country on the OECD DAC list or at 80% if based in the UK.

Funds can also be requested to support the infrastructure required for this role, for example charges for office space, electricity, lighting, printing, telephone and basic communication costs, standard office computing etc. Up to 30% of the Network manager salary can be requested to cover this. These costs should be part of the overall budget of £150,000. It should be made clear in the 'Justification of Resources' what these costs are required to cover.

Within the overall budget limit, costs can also be requested for additional administrative support to assist the Network Manager, if required. The time spent on directing and managing the Network should be reasonable and is not expected to form the majority of costs of the proposal.

Network events

Costs for supporting and facilitating meetings and events will be awarded at 100% of the requested cost. These costs should be justified in the 'justification of resources' document. It is expected that costs for network events and activities will make up the majority of the requested funds. No infrastructure costs should be claimed in association with Network events. Costs for building or room hire outside of the participating institutions is an eligible cost, but should be justified. Network events should aim to:

• Include a broad range of disciplines and perspectives relevant to addressing the challenge(s) identified.
• Provide a forum to make new connections between researchers and institutions.
• Offer a series of structured activities that build bridges between disciplines and find novel and innovative ways to enable knowledge sharing and collaboration between academic researchers and other stakeholders.
• Engage, where possible, with policy-makers and other stakeholders outside of academia to disseminate the outputs of the network and generate impacts.

Ineligible costs

Capital or infrastructure expenditure is **not an eligible cost** for this call. Individual items of equipment above £10,000 are **not an eligible cost** for this call.
Fees and/or stipends associated with Masters and PhD studentships **are not eligible** under this call; however, Network-specific travel and subsistence associated with students may be included.
This call is not intended to support research. Research activities such as staff time for research, consumables or access to equipment is **not an eligible cost** for this call.

Management of Funds

All funds will flow to the Network Director's Institution (the lead organisation). Payment will be made quarterly, in arrears. The lead organisation will then be responsible to disseminating the funds over the lifetime of the award. The lead organisation will have

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responsibility for managing those funds, including providing audit information to UKRI at regular intervals. Continued funding will be dependent on reporting criteria being met.

Collaboration agreements are not required at the point of submission. For successful Networks collaboration agreements between the lead institution and the Co-Director's institution must be in place within 6 months of the start date for the award and before the flow of any funds.

Collaboration agreements should include details on:
- Transparent budgets and payment schedules to each partner
- Roles and responsibilities of each partner, communication and leadership structure
- Description of the contribution of each partner to the project
- Authorship and use of findings including intellectual property
- Data management plan for accessing and sharing data by partners
- How the project will resolve any problems
- Adherence to the grant Terms and Conditions

4. Due Diligence, Monitoring and Reporting

As part of UKRI funding assurance, non-UK research organisations may be requested to complete an UKRI Overseas Due Diligence Questionnaire. Please be aware that research organisations may be contacted by UKRI at any point during the review process. This is in order to expedite our assurance process. If UKRI does contact any non-UK research partner organisation named on an application, the Lead organisation will be informed.

Non-UK lead organisations will need to undergo UKRI due diligence checks if they have not been checked by UKRI in the last three years. Those organisations checked in the last three years may still have to undergo additional checks if UKRI decides they are needed.

For organisations hosting co-investigators due diligence checks are for UKRI's assurance purposes only and do not replace the due diligence requirements of the lead organisation. However, when obtaining information from non-UK research organisations UKRI will request permission to share the information provided with the lead organisation. The lead organisation can then use this information for their own due diligence processes should they wish.

GCRF will require that successful bids prepare a financial statement at 6-monthly intervals. The precise format of these reports will be confirmed with successful applicants.

Successful applicants will be required to report research outcomes on Researchfish in line with standard UKRI Terms and Conditions. In addition to the standard outcomes all award holders will need to complete sections under the 'GCRF Collective Fund' outcomes.

Successful Networks should engage with the Challenge Leader(s) relevant to their portfolio. This may include invitations to meetings and events, or an advisory role. The nature and extent of that engagement will depend on the range of networks funded in each portfolio, and will be discussed with successful Networks after an award has been made.

5. Completing the Full Application

Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S)

Full applications need to be submitted through the Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) system. Applicants will need a verified account, which enables them to be 'An Applicant on a Standard or Outline proposal'.

To create this level of account, all applicants from overseas organisations must ensure that their research organisation has been successfully added to the Je-S system. If your organisation is not already registered, you can add it here https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/CreateOrg.aspx. Please note that in the 'Organisation Name' box words such as 'University' should be entered in English. If a 'Potential Duplicates' page appears please check carefully to see if your organisation is already listed. The name of the organisation may simply have been listed in a slightly different way (e.g. some words shortened). If your organisation has been added already, please cancel self-registration and create an individual account as detailed below.

Once the organisation has been self-registered, the applicant must create a Je-S account by selecting the 'Create An Account' link here: https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/CreateAccount.aspx and selecting the Account type for an applicant on a Standard or Outline proposal. Guidance on how to set up an account can be found in the handbook here. Once the account has been created, an email will be sent with a link to activate your account and complete the process.

If you already have a Je-S account at a different level (e.g. studentship or fellowship), you will need to log in and update your details to reflect the organisation through which you are making this application.

Please ensure that the self-registration and account creation processes are completed well in advance of the submission deadline.

The online Je-S form is where you enter administrative information about the investigators, a summary of costings and summary information about the proposed project and its potential impact. Please access the Je-S form well in advance of submitting your proposal so that you can see exactly what information is required for this section. Accessing Je-S: https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/Login.aspx

When submitting your application through Je-S, please follow these steps:

Log into your Je-S account

Select Documents (on the left side of the screen)

Select New Document (near top of the screen)

At the Select Council box choose - EPSRC

At the Select Document box choose –Standard Proposal

At Select Scheme box choose – UKRI

At the select Call/Type/Mode box choose - UKRI GCRF Global Engagement Networks - Invite only

The co-investigator (if applicable) should be registered on the Je-S system and added to the online application. There is a delay between registration and the investigator being available on the system to add to the application, so please ensure that registration is completed well in advance of the submission deadline. For this call, the co-investigator can 'self-register' their Research Organisation on Je-S if necessary.

All Overseas applicants and Independent Research Organisations (IROs), e.g. UK NHS Trusts, Hospitals, Boards, Primary Care Trust & GP Practices, are advised to check the electronic submission path of their application. There are two ways an application is submitted to UKRI through Je-S.

1. If your organisation is "Self-Registered", then the submission will be direct from applicant to UKRI GCRF.
2. If your organisation has an electronic pool structure, submission will not be direct and will first go to a member in your organisations submitter pool. If your organisation has a submitter pool, then a member of this pool will be required to complete the application submission process ensuring that the application reaches UKRI before the advertised deadline. UKRI would recommend that all lead applicants contact their submitter pool members to ensure that at least one of those listed will be available to complete the application submission process by the advertised closing time

Full guidance on the Je-S system can be found via the Je-S help text. This is available in every page of your Je-S form, simply click on the question mark against any section (or on the word 'Help' in the top right hand corner of each page).

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Documents Required
As a summary, your application should include the following documents. **Please note that these page lengths are the requirements for this call; where Je-S gives a specific length which differs from this, please adhere to the limits given in this table.**

Document	Maximum page length	Je-S attachment type
Single Standard proposal document	N/A	N/A
Case for Support	5 pages	Case for Support
Justification of Resources	2 pages	Justification of Resources
Pathways to Impact	2 pages	Pathways to Impact
ODA compliance statement	1 page	Non-UK Component
CVs for Network Director (Mandatory) and all Co-Directors and the Network Manager (optional)	2 pages per CV, including publications	CV
Letter of Support (optional)	2 pages per letter	Letter of support
Pro-Vice Chancellor Statement	2 pages per letter	Head of department Statement
Data Management Plan	2 pages	Data Management Plan

No additional attachments are permitted.

As a minimum, font size 11 in Arial must be used for the entire Case for Support and CVs.

Please note that on submission **all** non PDF documents are converted to PDF. The use of non-standard fonts may result in errors or font conversion, which could affect the overall length of the document. Additionally where non-standard fonts are present, and even if the converted PDF document may look unaffected in the Je-S System, when it is imported into the Research Councils Grants System some information may be removed. We therefore recommend that where a document contains any non-standard fonts (scientific notation, diagrams etc), the document should be uploaded as a pdf.

Applications not complying with the call requirements may be rejected.

<u>Document Summaries</u>

Je-S Proposal Form

Please note that typing into a text box is not detectable by the system and is regarded as system inactivity. Please remember to save text regularly.

If you wish to change the Network Director, Co-Director or their Research Institutions from your outline proposal, **you must have permission from GCRF** in advance of submission. The Network Director should be listed as the Principal Investigator, with the Co-Director (if applicable) listed as a Co-Investigator.

Each proposed Network should be named the "GCRF X Network", where "X" describes the area of focus in up to five words. This name should be comprehensible to the intelligent lay person and not contain acronyms, jargon or technical terms. Network names should not include names of people or organisations. UKRI will approve the names of each funded Network and any associated branding.

Exceptions – UK costs
- Network events in the UK will be funded at 100%. They should be entered as 'Other Directly Incurred costs' and flagged as exceptions (to be paid at 100%).

Entering overseas costs
- All overseas costs must be entered into the standard proposal document as Other Directly Incurred costs and flagged as exceptions.
- Non-UK P-Is and Co-Is must enter their time allocation under 'Directly Allocated' but should enter the salary rate as zero. All costs associated with non-UK investigators - whether salary, fieldwork, equipment, indirect costs or travel and subsistence - will need to be entered under 'Other Directly Incurred Costs' in the Resources section of the form and the 'Exceptions' box will need to be ticked for each item.
- All overseas costs must be entered into the Other Directly Incurred costs using the following format: In the description box you should enter - 'Organisation: Country: Cost Category: Cost Description. The cost categories for this call are as follows:

  - Staff
  - Other Directly Incurred Costs
  - Indirect Costs
  - Travel and Subsistence

E.g.
University of Nairobi: Kenya: Staff: 1 x Network Manager

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University of Nairobi: Kenya: Travel and Subsistence: 4 x flights
University of Nairobi: Kenya: Other Directly Incurred Costs: 5 x Workshops including catering and accommodation

Research ethics

All GCRF projects must be underpinned by a strong research ethic based on mutual respect and understanding for different cultural, ethnic, social and economic beliefs and practices. Solutions to any development challenge(s) must be rooted in, and acceptable to, the institutions, communities and societies where they will operate.

Applicants should use the Ethical Information section to demonstrate to reviewers that they have fully considered any ethical issues concerning the material they intend to use, the nature and choice, current public perceptions and attitudes towards the subject matter or research area. Describing potential issues gives confidence to reviewers that the applicants have thought carefully about the project. If ethical approval is not considered necessary, a statement should still be included justifying this decision. Each section of the ethical information must be completed. Applicants must clearly state how any potential ethical and health and safety issues have been considered and will be addressed ensuring that all necessary ethical approval is in place before the project commences and all risks are minimised.

Application summaries

As part of the government's commitment to ODA transparency and in line with DfID ODA reporting requirements, UKRI is responsible for publishing information about UKRI ODA grants including project titles and summaries via the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and via DfID's national statistics. The purpose of publishing information via the IATI registry is to make information about ODA easily accessible to governments, stakeholders and other relevant groups in beneficiary countries. All UKRI funded projects from this programme will be published in this way. In addition the summary and impact summary sections will be made available on the Gateway to research database and research council websites. Please therefore write your project summary and impact summary in such a way that they are meaningful and accessible to non-specialist audiences, following publication. We would be grateful if you would ensure that the summaries are written in plain English and avoid the use of jargon and acronyms and avoid including confidential information. Please also make clear in your summary how your project is ODA compliant, for example by identifying the development challenge(s) being addressed, the aims of the project and the beneficiary countries.

Case for Support

The case for support should be a maximum of **5 sides of A4** and comprise the following sections:

Vision and Objectives

The overall vision and objectives of the network, setting out the proposal's relevance to the call. This should include an overview of the major sustainable development challenge(s) being addressed, the strategy to address these challenges, and the expected outcomes of the network. If your proposed network addresses a number of challenge areas, you should identify the primary challenge area which you are addressing, and set out how you will contribute to the other challenge area(s). This might include deepening our understanding of how they relate to each other, potential trade-offs, and cross-cutting or underlying issues that affect all of them. You should

demonstrate the ways in which your proposed network will enable new perspectives not constrained by disciplinary silos. You should also address how your network will add value to existing work on the challenge being addressed.

Capability of the Team

Plans for the overall management of the network including how funds will be used to achieve the programme's objectives. Details of the Co-Director and at least five other named network members. The rationale for the selection of the Network Director, and Co-Director. Track record of the initial network membership, including their proposed contribution to the programme and evidence they have the necessary diverse set of skills to deliver the vision and objectives.

Programme of Activities

An outline of the planned events, who the key stakeholders will be, and what outcomes might be generated from them. Networks should also be aiming to set up a legacy of impact, for example, by working with non-academic stakeholders (practitioners, industry, governments etc.), and this section should detail how they will be engaged in the Network events and what the expected impacts of the events will be. This section should also include details of how the Network plans to disseminate the outcomes of its activities.

Details must be given in this section of what consideration has been given to under-represented groups, genders or others with protected characteristics; this includes the membership of the network, as well as the planning of events and outcomes. You should describe your strategies for maximising inclusion. You should also consider your monitoring and reporting processes to allow for differentiation by gender and other protected characteristics (for example, data on meeting participants, which should be voluntary). Applicants should also consider any possible negative impacts of the proposed project on inequalities of different genders, and how the project proposes to monitor and remove these.

You must also detail your safeguarding policy in this section. UKRI condemns all forms of harm and abuse, including bullying and harassment. We take a zero-tolerance approach to harm and abuse to any individual employed through or associated with our programmes in all contexts. We expect institutions to promote the highest standards in organisational culture, and have in place the systems and procedures required to prevent and tackle all incidents of harm and abuse. Applications must detail how they will identify and manage safeguarding risks and what policies and procedures will be in place to enable reporting and investigation of allegations if they arise. This may include, for example, a code of conduct to which network members should sign up.

Partnerships and Collaboration

The strategy to enhance and build meaningful and lasting partnerships with researchers and other partners (business, third sector organisations, governments) in developing countries, including how the programme will facilitate and promote collaborative and cross-disciplinary ways of working and assemble the disciplinary expertise necessary to tackle the development challenge/s in question. Networks should be open, and this section should articulate a clear plan for encouraging and building wider membership. Part of the capacity and capability growth should be enabling groups and individuals to respond to future funding opportunities, such as other GCRF calls.

In your case for support you may also wish to include additional information specific to your proposal which will help the panel assess your application. If there are any substantial updates or changes from the initial outline you should note these and give the reasons for them.

CV
CVs (**two pages per applicant, including publications**) should be provided for the Network Director. If applicable, you may also include CVs of the same length for the Co-Director and Network Manager.

Letter of support
Statements of support are required from the institution of the Co-Director, where applicable (if the Co-Director is at the same institution, this should be covered in the Pro-Vice Chancellor's statement, below). Each letter should confirm the organisation's support of and commitment to the proposal, as well as a statement confirming that they believe they meet the minimum eligibility criteria as outlined above.

Letters are also required from the 5 individuals identified as the initial members of the network, indicating their support for the proposal. Only 5 letters of support from network members should be uploaded, even if further members have been identified.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Statement
Please attach a letter from a Pro-Vice chancellor, or someone of equivalent standing and authority, from the Network Director's institution. The letter should be no more than **2 pages**, and should

- include a statement confirming that they believe that the institution meets the minimum eligibility and assurance criteria as outlined above, and agree to provide information to UK Research and Innovation when requested.
- It is not a requirement of this call that financial or in-kind support is provided; however, if any is to be provided, it should be confirmed here.
- In the letter they should also provide a contact email address for any due diligence enquiries.

Justification of Resources
All resources requested (directly incurred, directly allocated and exceptions, including PI/Network Director and co-Director time) must be fully justified.

For items that would ordinarily be found in a department, for example non-specialist computers, a justification must be included both for why they are required for the project and why they cannot be provided from the Research Organisation's own resources (including funding from indirect costs from grants).

A clear justification must be provided for the amount of indirect costs requested for non-UK organisations and a breakdown given for how it will be spent.

Non UK Component
The ODA compliance statement should be a **maximum of one page** and explicitly demonstrate how the proposal meets key ODA requirements. It must answer the following three questions in order:

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1. Which country/countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this proposal?
2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries?
3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?

Pathways to Impact
The Pathways to impact should be a **maximum of two pages.** It should demonstrate the ways in which the network will impact society outside of the academic community. Applicants should identify the relevant stakeholders of the proposed network, and the appropriate stage for their involvement.

The Pathways to Impact should outline the ways in which the network will engage with policy-makers, practitioners, or other end-users. It should, as far as possible, explain how this engagement is appropriate for the particular group identified, and what the benefits of the engagement will be. The planning and management of any associated events or materials should be detailed here, including timing, personnel and any budget implications.

It should clarify the ways in which the network will support the development of lasting partnerships beyond the award. The might include applying for larger grant funding, impacting on policy discussions, public engagement, or creating longer-term links with other non-academic stakeholders.

It should also include plans for monitoring and evaluation of the potential beneficial impacts of the network.

Data Management Plan
UKRI recognises that plans for storing and sharing data will vary according to the type of data collected. Data sharing should be driven by scientific benefit and should also be cost effective. Data should be shared using established standards and existing resources where this is possible.

Applicants should include details of:
- **Data areas and data types** – the volume, type and content of data that will be generated
- **Standards and metadata** – the standards and methodologies that will be adopted for data collection and management and why these have been selected
- **Relationship to other data available in public repositories**
- **Secondary use** – further intended and/or foreseeable research uses for the completed dataset(s)
- **Methods for data sharing** – planned mechanisms for making these data available, e.g. through deposition in existing public databases or on request, including access mechanisms where appropriate
- **Proprietary data** – any restrictions on data sharing due to the need to protect proprietary or patentable data
- **Timeframes** – timescales for public release of data
- **Format of the final dataset**

6. Assessment Procedure

Proposals will be assessed by an external, generalist expert panel against the criteria below. As part of this process the panel reserves the right to recommend adjustments to proposals before funding is awarded.

A. Relevance and fit to call: Does the network target a sustainable development challenge, how relevant to the GCRF Challenge portfolios is the challenge, to what extent would the network add value to existing investments, how well will the network enable new perspectives not constrained by disciplinary silos
B. Capability of the team: To what extend does the Director, and where included the Co-director, have the appropriate skills/experience/environment
C. Programme of activities, organisation and management: How appropriate are the planned activities and how likely are they to deliver the aims of the call? Are there clear objectives and realistic plans to deliver these, including plans for monitoring, evaluation and legacy? To what extent does the network demonstrate good value for money?
D. Likelihood of impact: How likely is the network have significant impact, how appropriate are the identified pathways to impact, is there appropriate engagement with policy/practice/user stakeholders
E. Capacity building, partnership and inclusion: To what extent will the network forge new links and dialogues, create strong and enduring, equitable partnerships, how appropriate are mechanisms for promoting equality and inclusion in the network

The funding decisions will give consideration to the balance and diversity of applications relevant to each strategic portfolio, and across all six portfolios. Between 1 and 3 networks will be funded in each strategic portfolio, depending on the quality of applications received.

7. <u>Key dates</u>

Outline proposal outcomes announced	November 2018
Call for full proposals opens (invite only)	28th November 2018
Call for full proposals closes	14th February 2019
Full proposal panel	March 2019
Full proposal outcomes announced	April 2019
Successful awards start	May-July 2019

8. <u>Contacts</u>

All queries about this call should be submitted to gcrf@rcuk.ac.uk

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Please note UKRI staff cannot offer any technical support for the Je-S system. For all **Je-S system enquiries** please contact the Je-S helpdesk:
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