India and China AMR Funding Opportunities

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Pre-call announcement: UK-India AMR Initiative

Research Councils UK (RCUK), the strategic partnership of the UK’s seven Research Councils, and the Indian Department for Biotechnology (DBT) are pleased to announce they will shortly be launching a joint initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance funded by the Newton Fund.

This initiative will provide funding for highly collaborative and interdisciplinary research partnerships between UK and Indian researchers. In order to develop these collaborations, the funders will hold a residential interactive workshop (also known as a ‘sandpit’) over 3.5 days in India in early November 2017. A call for Expressions of Interest for UK based participants in this event will be launched in late July 2017. DBT will manage Indian participation in the event through a separate process.

There will over £6 million available through the Research Councils to support the UK elements of partnerships. The intention is to fund projects of up to 3 year duration, commencing mid 2018. The UK contribution will be matched by DBT who will support the Indian component of partnerships.

If you wish to be added to a mailing list to be sent notification when the call for Expressions of Interest in attending the event is live on our website, please email amr@esrc.ac.uk with ‘Add me to mailing list for AMR UK-India call’ in the subject line.

All details are subject to change following further discussion between the funders.

Further information:

The UK’s Economic and Social Research Council will manage UK involvement in this initiative on behalf of the UK Research Councils. DBT will manage Indian participant involvement. For further information contact:

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http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/research/xrcprogrammes/tackling-antimicrobial-resistance
Pre-call announcement: UK-China AMR Centre Partnerships Initiative

Research Councils UK (RCUK), the strategic partnership of the UK’s seven Research Councils and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) are pleased to announce they will shortly be launching the UK-China Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Centre Partnerships Initiative under the umbrella of the Newton Fund.

This initiative will provide funding for collaborative centre partnerships with the aim of:

- Supporting large-scale, interdisciplinary collaborative research in AMR and specifically antibacterial resistance
- Supporting the mobility and exchange of UK and Chinese researchers to enhance links between researchers in both countries.
- Enhancing existing partnerships and developing new partnerships between the UK and China in the area of AMR.
- Strengthening the strategic relationship between the UK and China.

In total, RCUK will make up to £8m available to support the UK nodes of 3-5 centre partnerships over a three year period. The UK contribution will be matched by NSFC who will support the Chinese component of the centre partnerships.

If you wish to be added to a mailing list to be sent notification when further details are released, please email international@headoffice@mrc.ac.uk with ‘Add me to mailing list for AMR UK-China call’ in the subject line.

The call for proposals will be launched early in 2018, with a deadline for applications in the autumn, and projects commencing in early 2019.

All details are subject to change following further discussion between the funders.
What is the Newton Fund?

- **£735m fund** over 7 years (from 2014-21) to support research and innovation partnerships between the UK and the 17 Newton Fund countries
- **Working in partnership** - All Newton Fund investment is matched by partner countries

![World map with countries labelled: Egypt, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Chile, South Africa, Kenya, India, China, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia]
Newton Fund Requirements

- All research funded must be compliant with Official Development Assistance (ODA) – i.e. must primarily benefit the Newton Fund partner country and their population.

- All funding activities should be carried out in partnership between UK and the Newton Fund partner country – match funding.

- Funding is provided from both the UK and Newton funding partners at a level appropriate for each country.

- There must be a competitive and transparent award process.

- All of the funding must be spent within tight time constraints.
UK-India AMR Collaboration

- Long successful history successful UK-India collaborations, including specifically in AMR
- Have a ‘RCUK – India AMR Strategic Group’
- £6.49m available new call; matched by India
- UK - led by ESRC; India - led by DBT
UK-India AMR Collaboration cont...

- Mapping to scope AMR challenge in India: CDDEP
- Fund research via a mechanism to build new teams to tackle challenge in innovative ways: ‘sandpit’
  - 3.5 day immersive workshop to build new collaborations;
  - w/c 6\(^\text{th}\) November, In India, location tbc.
- Call for UK Expressions of Interest in participating end July, closing date mid September.
- Separate process in India.
- Ultimately 3 year grants, starting summer 2018.

**All subject to further discussion/ refinement**
RCUK-NSFC AMR China Centre Partnerships

Builds upon the 2015 UK China AMR Partnership Initiative

This initiative will provide funding for collaborative ‘centre partnerships’ with the aim of:

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- Supporting the mobility and exchange of UK and Chinese researchers to enhance links between researchers in both countries.
- Enhancing existing partnerships and developing new partnerships between the UK and China in the area of AMR.
- Strengthening the strategic relationship between the UK and China.
RCUK-NSFC AMR China Centre Partnerships

- Budget: Up to £8m RCUK contribution to support the UK nodes to be matched by NSFC who will support the Chinese nodes

- Duration: Up to 3 year projects

- Timeline:
  - Call launch – early 2018
  - Call deadline – autumn 2018
  - Projects start – January 2019

**All subject to further discussion/ refinement**
Thank you

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