



**UK – Colombia Call for Proposals 2017**

**RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships Call 2017**

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## **Objectives and Scope**

The Research Councils UK (RCUK) and the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (Colciencias) are pleased to invite applications to the RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships Call 2017.

This initiative will provide funding for internationally competitive, transformative and high-quality collaborative research projects which address a broad range of areas related to post-conflict transitions in Colombia under three main themes: participation and inclusion, working towards reconciliation, and education for peacebuilding.

Proposals are welcome, within the themes listed below. For this call you must submit via the Je-S system to either AHRC or ESRC. Multidisciplinary participation is encouraged, but applicants must indicate whether the proposal falls primarily under the AHRC or ESRC's remit by submitting to the lead remit council via the JeS system. You should make the decision of which council to apply to based on the councils' remits. Please contact RCUK if you are unsure.

Consortia should consider how their proposal makes the best use of available expertise in the UK and Colombia, the added value of collaboration and how the proposal will meet the Official Development Assistance (ODA) requirements of this Newton Fund activity.

This call aims to bring together researchers from Colombia and the UK, as well as civil society practitioners and public sector stakeholders in order to allow the pursuit of shared research interests. Research proposals should be focused on research that will benefit the Colombian nation in general and at least one of the 170 municipalities targeted under the Development Programs with a Regional Focus (PDET) in particular. More information is available [here](#) (only in Spanish). Please see Annex 1 for a full list of these municipalities. Applicants must specify how their research will benefit at least one of these municipalities in the application.

Collaborative teams shall include at least one UK and one Colombian Research Organisation and at least one local actor. Local actors could include NGOs, civil society organisations, legal institutions, recognised centres, stakeholder groups etc. It is a requirement of Colciencias that applications involve a social intervention component. This means that in the proposal the applicants should define the role of the social group(s) that will participate in the research. It is expected that as well as knowledge exchange which will take place with local stakeholders, the applicants ensure direct participation of social groups both in the research proposal and the development of the research, to ensure true social appropriation of the results of the research. The project should aim to improve the quality of life of residents and build local capacity, so that knowledge is not lost after the project has ended.

This is in line with RCUK's requirement to demonstrate impact of research and ODA compliance. In the UK application, applicants should explain how their application meets the intervention requirement in their Pathways to Impact and ODA compliance statement. In the Colombian application applicants should explain how their application meets the intervention requirement in the 'Componente de Intervención' section. Please note that if you are planning to focus on specific indigenous or ethnic groups in Colombia you will need to follow the 'consulta previa' process, which is a Colombian legal requirement, in the event that your proposal is successful. More information can be found here (only in Spanish). If you are focusing on a more general population group this process is not required.

This call will be funded by RCUK on the UK side and by Colciencias on the Colombian side. Applications on the UK side should be made to RCUK through their Joint Electronic System (Je-S) and applications on the Colombian side should be made to Colciencias through their institutional portal Colciencias' institutional portal. For more information on the Colombian side of the call please see [Colciencias' call webpage](#). For more information on the funders please refer to Annex 2.

### **Background to the call**

A Newton Fund scoping workshop on Post-conflict transitions was held on 7-8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Bogotá, followed by a field visit to Medellín on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

A group of 14 AHRC and ESRC selected UK academics working in the area of post-conflict engaged in fruitful discussions with Colombian academics, representatives from federal and local governments, as well as civil society organisations. Cross-disciplinary discussions were possible thanks to the diverse disciplinary backgrounds represented from both the social sciences and the arts and humanities.

The development of this research call is underpinned by the outcomes of the workshop. Input from academics and practitioners demonstrated that there is a diversity of issues that warrant further investigation and innovative approaches, in order to gain a better understanding of the complexities surrounding post-conflict, and inform the transition period towards a sustainable peace.

### **Themes**

This call aims to address a variety of interconnected themes informing sustainable peace-building in Colombia. Funding will be available for outstanding innovative ideas coming from cross-disciplinary

research groups and networks across both the social sciences and the arts and humanities which have an impact on post-conflict transitions in Colombia. Research proposals should be focused on research that will benefit the Colombian nation in general, and the 51 municipalities identified under the PDET in particular.

The call is structured under three overarching themes. Projects will need to address one or more of the following themes, focusing on the specific conditions and context of the 51 municipalities, while demonstrating how their findings could have wider applicability. Please indicate the primary theme in the Case for Support form.

### **1. Achieving greater inclusion and participation**

One of the major societal issues for post-conflict transitions in Colombia will be how to ensure the inclusion and participation of vulnerable and marginalised groups in transition processes so that their interests and abilities are represented and that they can influence post-conflict development.

Applications under this theme are welcome and aspects to be considered could include but are not limited to:

- How national, regional and local governments can work together with the organised groups within society, communities and other relevant actors toward achieving inclusion, legitimacy, justice and the protection of human rights, empowering individuals and groups to participate in a democratic process in a post-conflict context?
- How to ensure national, regional and local governments are well equipped to address possible social contestations in the interests of peace and without undermining the needs and interests of individuals? The importance of locally generated knowledge and how awareness of diverse cultural, linguistic, faith-based and other societal practices within communities can assist with avoiding further conflict.
- How innovative community engaged and participatory processes, social innovation, the creative and performing arts and wider cultural learning can play a role in achieving greater inclusivity in post-conflict development.
- How to create strong, transparent and trusted governance and improve the efficiency of public services?
- How relationships between groups that may feel vulnerable and marginalised in certain contexts (e.g. women, children, disabled people, former combatants, victims/perpetrators) and the wider society can be reconstructed in order to ensure social inclusion, access to education, economic development, job creation and other forms of social participation?

### **2. Working towards reconciliation**

An important focus of post-conflict work in Colombia will be how to ensure reconciliation between previously conflicting elements of society. Applications under this theme are welcome and may wish to consider:

The role that culture, literature, faith, visual arts, symbols, media and social media have on mediating reconciliation and fostering intercultural exchange, intergroup dialogues and coexistence. How linguistic barriers in multilingual contexts may be overcome to facilitate cultural exchange and coexistence.

- How can groups that may feel vulnerable and marginalised in certain contexts (e.g. women, children, disabled people, former combatants, victims/perpetrators) become more involved in the reconciliation and collective reparation process and how can their voices be heard?
- How social attitudes towards heroes and anti-heroes, including the characterisation of victims and perpetrators, have changed over time, within and between the groups. Proposed research may assess the reasons why these changes have happened and how a better understanding of this could help inform policy towards reconciliation.
- The importance of cultural-heritage driven initiatives in the reconciliation process and how the recovery of the heritage, culture, and history of a conflict-affected area can help build cohesive communities. How the legacies of past conflict can be used to inform future reconciliation processes.

### **3. Education for peace building**

There will be a significant role to play for education actors to ensure the development of entrepreneurial capacities and skills; peacebuilding creativity and the ability to lead towards the resolution of conflict between Colombians.

- What is the role of education in the preservation of heritage and patrimony in post-conflict zones?
- How to develop and sustain an environment of entrepreneurship and peacebuilding creativity amongst children and young people affected by conflict?
- What can actors of the education system do to prevent children, young people and other vulnerable groups getting involved in illegal activities and to ensure a sustainable transition to peace?
- In the field of education, how can we move from the transfer of knowledge about conflict resolution to implementing solutions?
- Which scholarly environment would foster knowledge, emotional, cognitive and communication abilities for the Colombian citizen to act constructively in a democratic society?

This call does not intend to be overly prescriptive and is open to proposals addressing many aspects of post-conflict transitions. The sub themes should be seen as examples and not an exhaustive list. However applicants are required to indicate which of the three overarching themes their application is addressing.

### **The Newton Fund**

The UK contribution will be channelled from the Newton Fund. The Newton Fund is an initiative intended to strengthen research and innovation partnerships between the UK and emerging knowledge economies. It was launched by the Chancellor in April 2014, and will deliver £735 million of funding until 2021 with matched resource from partner countries.

The Fund forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment which is monitored by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). ODA funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee list. Newton Fund countries represent a sub-set of this list. For more information, please see the RCUK Newton Fund Guidance.

**The Newton Fund requires that the funding be awarded in a manner that fits with Official Development Assistance (ODA) guidelines. All applications under this call must therefore be compliant with these guidelines.**

### **Funding Available**

This call funds partnership working between UK and Colombia based researchers, and proposals **must clearly demonstrate** how they will contribute to the economic development and welfare of Colombia.

RCUK is contributing £2 million to this call and Colciencias is contributing up to \$4.000.000.000. We would expect applications between £200k-£400k on the UK side and a maximum of \$500.000.000 on the Colombian side (approximately £120,000). The size of the grant will vary depending on the needs of each research project and must be fully justified.

RCUK funding will be used to support the UK component of the partnership and funding from Colciencias will support the Colombian component.

While the number of researchers in each national team does not need to match exactly, it is expected that there will be a balance of UK and Colombian participants across the joint investigative team.

RCUK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by the relevant remit council (AHRC or ESRC) in accordance with their normal research funding guidelines and procedures. Colombian funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by Colciencias in accordance with its normal guidelines. Please liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that the proposal abides by the regulations of both funders.

## Eligibility

### UK eligible applicants

For support under this call, applicants must be eligible to apply for funding from their respective Research Councils and must abide by the RCUK and individual Research Councils' terms and conditions. Please refer to the below links to the relevant councils for your eligibility and guidance:

[Research Councils UK \(RCUK\)](#)

[Arts and Humanities Research Council \(AHRC\)](#)

[Economic and Social Research Council \(ESRC\)](#)

**Please note that the UK Principal Investigator must be eligible to apply to either the AHRC or ESRC. Multidisciplinary participation is encouraged but applicants must specify whether their application falls under the lead remit of the AHRC or ESRC.**

### Colombian eligible applicants

For support under this call, Principal Investigators must hold a PhD. Co-investigators must hold at least an *especialización* degree. The Principal Investigator must not be lead applicant on a project currently in progress following Colciencias' 2016 research call, nor have an application approved in the themes of the present call in the method of contingent recuperation 2017. For more information on the eligibility of Colombian applicants please see Colciencias call webpage [www.colciencias.gov.co](http://www.colciencias.gov.co)

## How to apply

### Online Networking Database

RCUK and Colciencias will be publishing information about potential applicants in an online networking database, on their respective call webpages. The database aims to put UK and Colombian applicants in touch with applicants in the other country, to encourage new collaborations. If you are interested in finding a partner for this call please send an email to [RCUKNewtonFundenquiries@rcuk.ac.uk](mailto:RCUKNewtonFundenquiries@rcuk.ac.uk) and provide the following information:

- Full name including title
- Institution
- Country
- Short description of research interests
- Short description of collaboration being sought for this call
- Short biography/link to webpage
- Contact email

This is not compulsory. You only need to send in this information if you are seeking a partner for this call. Please note that this information will be published on the call webpages and by submitting this information you are giving consent for this information to be published.

Please note RCUK and Colciencias will not select a partner for you. It is up to applicants to find a partner using the information provided in the database.

### Submitting your proposal

It is advised that you begin creating your project in the Je-S system as soon as possible. This will ensure that you have enough time for the proposal to go through your Research Office before final submission. The full stage application deadline is **16:00 GMT (11:00 COT) on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017** It will not be possible to submit applications after this deadline.

Researchers will be responsible for developing their own collaborations. Research proposals should be jointly developed but UK and Colombian applicants must apply separately for funding. On the UK side applicants should apply to the RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnership Call 2017, via the relevant remit council's [Je-S online application system](#). Applications on the UK side must be submitted in English by the UK Principal Investigator on behalf of the UK-Colombian research partnership. On the Colombian side, applicants should apply via Colciencias' institutional portal.

Please refer to the application guidance document for a full list of required documents and more information on how to apply.

### Key dates

<b>Call opens</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>Closing date for full stage proposals</b> (Changes cannot be made to documents on the Colombian side after this date. RCUK will only allow changes if applications are returned for amendment).	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>
Period of clarification of requirements (Colciencias will check that applications meet the requirements of the call)	1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Panel meeting</b>	<b>Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>
<b>Publication of preliminary list of awards</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b>
Publication of clarifications of preliminary list of awards (Colombian side only)	24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Response to clarifications of preliminary list of awards (Colombian side only)	30 <sup>th</sup> April-2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018
<b>Publication of final list of awards</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>
<b>Grants commence</b>	<b>By 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>

RCUK and Colciencias reserve the right to change these dates. For more information on the call processes on the Colombian side of the call please see Colciencias' call webpage.

### Grant Start Dates

Due to the tight timescales and funding restrictions of the Newton Fund, **UK grants must start by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018** and must have a maximum duration of 24 months.

Please refer to the RCUK terms and conditions for information on what the starting procedure entails; please inform the relevant support staff in your organisation of this requirement to ensure the project starts on time.

### **Decision making process**

Following submission, peer review will be undertaken by the funding agencies. RCUK and Colciencias will both select peer reviewers to consider the proposals. UK principal investigators will be sent the UK and Colombian peer reviews and asked to provide a PI response within 5 working days. It is their responsibility to ensure the Colombian PI also receives the reviews and can contribute to the response.

Proposals will then be assessed by an expert peer review panel, selected jointly by RCUK and Colciencias. Proposals will be considered according to the objectives of this call. The funding recommendations of the joint panel will be subject to approval by RCUK and Colciencias. Final funding decisions will be communicated to applicants by April 2018. **The start date for successful awards is by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

Please note Colciencias reserves the right to ask for additional information or clarification about the project at any time, and to withdraw an offer of funding if successful applicants do not submit the required documents by the appropriate deadline. More information on this process will be provided to successful applicants.

### **Assessment criteria**

To be funded, proposals must be internationally competitive and at a standard equivalent to that normally expected to be supported by each funding organisation.

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Research quality:
  - Significance, innovativeness and importance of the thematic area to be explored/research questions. Contribution of the proposed research to new knowledge and added value of the research.
  - Appropriateness of methods for the research questions/objectives proposed.
- Fit to call:
  - Extent to which the proposal meets the aims of the call, especially how the proposal demonstrates the economic and social benefit to Colombia and specifically at least one of the 170 municipalities targeted under Development Programs with a Regional Focus PDET.<sup>1</sup> (Please see Annex 1 for a full list of municipalities).
- Intervention component :  
(Please see p.3 for more information on the intervention requirement)

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<sup>1</sup><http://especiales.presidencia.gov.co/Documents/20170422-boletines/boletin-7/asi-va-posconflicto.html#implementacion-socioeconomica>

- Relevance of the activities and methods proposed to the actors and situations targeted in the intervention.
- Coverage and reach of the intervention, especially in the identified municipalities.
- Effectiveness and sustainability of the proposed intervention.
- Communication- the planned means and formats of dissemination are appropriate and in keeping with the audience defined in the proposal.
- Appropriateness of partnership and research team:
  - The research team's expertise and experience to manage the proposed activities through international collaboration.
  - Strength and appropriateness of proposed partnership and collaboration; extent to which all partners are fully involved in the design, implementation and dissemination of the proposed research and outputs.
- Impact:
  - Appropriate dissemination and impact strategies, including the extent to which plans are in place to extend collaboration once the award has ended.
  - Extent to which the proposed results are providing new knowledge and technological and innovation development, training and/or social appropriation of knowledge.
  - Level of consistency between the proposed results and the nature and duration of the project.
- Value for money:
  - Extent to which the potential outcomes justify the costs requested. Feasibility and consistency of the objectives and expected results with the time and resources requested.
- Monitoring and evaluation:
  - The feasibility of management and monitoring plans, including staff time commitments and justification of resources.

## **Contacts**

Any enquiries related to this call should be directed to:

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### **Colciencias**

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## Change log

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Change</b>
Laura Bones	03/11/2017	2.0	Deadline for submission on Colombian side amended from 23 <sup>rd</sup> November to 30 <sup>th</sup> November. Removal of period of adjustments on Colombian side.
Laura Bones	28/09/2017	1.0	Initial Version.

## Annex 1

Please see below list of municipalities targeted under the Development Programs with a Regional Focus (PDET).

Sub-region	Number	Municipality
<b>Alto Patía y Norte del Cauca</b>	1	Argelia
	2	Balboa
	3	Buenos Aires
	4	Cajibío
	5	Caldono
	6	Caloto
	7	Corinto
	8	Cumbitara
	9	El Rosario
	10	El Tambo
	11	Florida
	12	Jambaló
	13	Leiva
	14	Los Andes
	15	Mercaderes
	16	Miranda
	17	Morales
	18	Patía
	19	Piendamó
	20	Policarpa
	21	Pradera
	22	Santander de Quilichao
	23	Suárez
	24	Toribio
<b>Arauca</b>	25	Araucuita
	26	Fortul
	27	Saravena
	28	Tame

<b>Bajo Cauca y nordeste antioqueño</b>	29	Amalfi
	30	Anorí
	31	Briceño
	32	Cáceres
	33	Caucasia
	34	El Bagre
	35	Ituango
	36	Nechí
	37	Remedios
	38	Segovia
	39	Tarazá
	40	Valdivia
	41	Zaragoza
<b>Catatumbo</b>	42	Convención
	43	El Carmen
	44	El Tarra
	45	Hacarí
	46	San Calixto
	47	Sardinata
	48	Teorama
	49	Tibú
<b>Chocó</b>	50	Acandí
	51	Bojaya
	52	Carmen del Darien
	53	Condoto
	54	El Litoral del San Juan
	55	Istmina
	56	Medio Atrato
	57	Medio San Juan
	58	Murindó
	59	Nóvita

	60	Riosucio
	61	Sipí
	62	Unguía
	63	Vigía del Fuerte
<b>Cuenca del Caguán y Piedemonte Caqueteño</b>	64	Albania
	65	Algeciras
	66	Belén de los Andaquies
	67	Cartagena del Chairá
	68	Curillo
	69	El Doncello
	70	El Paujil
	71	Florencia
	72	La Montañita
	73	Milán
	74	Morelia
	75	Puerto Rico
	76	San José del Fragua
	77	San Vicente del Caguán
	78	Solano
	79	Solita
	80	Valparaíso
<b>Macarena – Guaviare</b>	81	Calamar
	82	El Retorno
	83	La Macarena
	84	Mapiripán
	85	Mesetas
	86	Miraflores
	87	Puerto Concordia
	88	Puerto Lleras
	89	Puerto Rico
	90	San José del Guaviare
	91	Uribe
	92	Vistahermosa

<b>Montes de María</b>	93	Chalán
	94	Coloso
	95	Córdoba
	96	El Carmen de Bolívar
	97	El Guamo
	98	Los Palmitos
	99	María La Baja
	100	Morroa
	101	Ovejas
	102	Palmito
	103	San Jacinto
	104	San Juan Nepomuceno
	105	San Onofre
	106	Tolú Viejo
<b>Pacífico Medio</b>	107	Zambrano
	108	Buenaventura
	109	Guapi
	110	López
<b>Pacífico y Frontera Nariñense</b>	111	Timbiquí
	112	Barbacoas
	113	El Charco
	114	Francisco Pizarro
	115	La Tola
	116	Magüi
	117	Mosquera
	118	Olaya Herrera
	119	Ricaurte
	120	Roberto Payán
	121	San Andres de Tumaco
	122	Santa Bárbara
<b>Putumayo</b>	123	Leguízamo
	124	Mocoa
	125	Orito

	126	Puerto Asís
	127	Puerto Caicedo
	128	Puerto Guzmán
	129	San Miguel
	130	Valle del Guamuez
	131	Villagarzón
<b>Sierra Nevada – Perijá – Zona Bananera</b>	132	Agustín Codazzi
	133	Aracataca
	134	Becerril
	135	Ciénaga
	136	Dibulla
	137	Fonseca
	138	Fundación
	139	La Jagua de Ibirico
	140	La Paz
	141	Manaure
	142	Pueblo Bello
	143	San Diego
	144	San Juan del Cesar
	145	Santa Marta
	146	Valledupar
<b>Sur de Bolívar</b>	147	Arenal
	148	Cantagallo
	149	Morales
	150	San Pablo
	151	Santa Rosa del Sur
	152	Simití
	153	Yondó
<b>Sur de Córdoba</b>	154	Montelíbano
	155	Puerto Libertador
	156	San José de Ure
	157	Tierralta
	158	Valencia

<b>Sur del Tolima</b>	159	Ataco
	160	Chaparral
	161	Planadas
	162	Rioblanco
<b>Urabá Antioqueño</b>	163	Apartadó
	164	Carepa
	165	Chigorodó
	166	Dabeiba
	167	Mutatá
	168	Necoclí
	169	San Pedro de Uraba
	170	Turbo

## Annex 2

### Background of the Funders

#### RCUK

Research Councils UK are the main UK delivery partner for the Newton Fund and are working strategically with partner countries to develop a series of research activities to address challenges defined by the overarching ambitions of the Fund.

Research Councils UK (RCUK) are responsible for investing public money in research in the UK to advance knowledge and generate new ideas which lead to a productive economy, healthy society and contribute to a sustainable world. Each year the Research Councils invest around £3bn in research covering the full spectrum of academic disciplines from the medical and biological sciences to astronomy, physics, chemistry and engineering, social sciences, environmental sciences and the arts and the humanities. RCUK supports over 50,000 researchers including 19,000 doctoral students, around 14,000 research staff, and 2,000 research fellows in UK universities and in their own Research Institutes.

There are seven Research Councils which make up RCUK. For more information about RCUK, please visit [our website](#)

#### Colciencias

The Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (Colciencias), as the governing body of the National System of Science, Technology and Innovation (SNCTel), is in charge of formulating the public policy of CTel, and addressing, articulating and encouraging innovation and scientific and technological developments in Colombia. In the same way, Colciencias promotes the creation of scientific knowledge, technological development and innovation, which allow the consolidation of a scientific community in the different areas of knowledge and the promotion of the transference of knowledge in ways that will contribute to the economic and social development of Colombia.