

International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) Grant Additional Conditions

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Introduction

This project has been recommended for funding under the XXX programme. The UK component of this project is funded by the International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) and this grant is awarded by the XXX on behalf of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

These ISPF Grant Additional Conditions, together with the UKRI [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) and any further Grant Additional Conditions applying to this project, comprise the Grant Terms and Conditions on which UKRI awards this Grant to the Research Organisation. Please ensure these conditions are read in conjunction with any relevant scheme/programme guidance.

Grant Additional Conditions ISPF

Application of Grant Additional Conditions of Grant

In these Grant Additional Conditions of Grant, the words “We”, “Our” or “Us” refer to the relevant Council of UKRI awarding the Grant and “You” or “Your” refer to the Research Organisation in receipt of the Grant.

General

GAC ISPF 1: Starting Procedures

This Grant has a fixed start date of [insert date]. The start of the Grant may not be delayed beyond or precede this date. You must submit the Start Confirmation no later than [insert date].

Please note that due to the fixed start date, the normal start period rules, and start confirmation window, outlined in the UKRI Standard Terms and Condition RGC5 do not apply to this project.

GAC ISPF 2: Extensions

Notwithstanding RGC 6, grant extensions will only be considered under exceptional circumstances where such events could not be predicted or appropriately mitigated during the award stage, or where required in line with the Equality Act 2010, and will require Our agreement on a case-by-case basis.

We expect due consideration to have been given to the challenges and constraints associated with this award, including those associated with international collaboration or any other requirements shown on the offer letter.

GAC ISPF 3: Collaboration Agreement

In accordance with UKRI Standard Term and Condition RGC 12, a Collaboration Agreement between Research Organisations and/ or other project partners is required for this project.

A Collaboration Agreement must be in place within 6 months of the start date of the Grant, and if requested should be shared with Us.

It is the responsibility of the lead Research Organisation to put such an agreement in place. The terms of collaboration agreements must not conflict with the Our terms and conditions or any other policies.

GAC ISPF 4: Acknowledgements

In addition to the provisions in UKRI Standard Term and Condition RGC 12.4, all materials for this Grant (including any publicity materials, publications, reports, press releases, social media releases and websites) where appropriate should acknowledge that it is funded by Us and must refer to the ISPF.

Our communications team and UKRI International should be notified of any major announcements in advance by emailing press@ukri.org and ispf@ukri.org . The relevant Council Programme teams should also be notified.

GAC ISPF 5: Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

You must deliver on monitoring and reporting commitments as agreed upon commencement of this Grant, including reporting research outcomes via the specified online system and providing narrative progress updates. You are also required to assist Us with any reasonable additional reporting requirements as requested by DSIT.

You must assist any external evaluators contracted by Us and/or DSIT for the purposes of an evaluation of ISPF. Contracted evaluators will be given permission to contact You directly.

There is an expectation that You will make all reasonable efforts to support and contribute to any reporting requirements by Your collaborator's funding agencies.

GAC ISPF 6: Government Support

This Award is dependent on continuing government commitment for this initiative. In the event that this support is withdrawn, We reserve the right to terminate the Award at any time, having provided 3 months written notice.

Official Development Assistance (ODA) specific

(This section can be deleted if the grant is non-ODA.)

GAC ISPF 7: ODA Compliance

The ISPF is funded by a combination of the UK's ODA and non-ODA budgets. Grants under the [insert call name] call are part of the UK's ODA. The aim of ODA funding is to promote and specifically target the economic development and welfare of developing countries.

You must ensure the research that is undertaken as part of this Grant is compliant with ODA rules and regulations as set out by the OECD. Please check these rules and regulations from time to time during the lifetime of the Grant to ensure compliance. In the event that the research is deemed to no longer comply with ODA rules and regulations We reserve the right to terminate the Grant with immediate effect.

In addition to the requirements set out in UKRI Standard Terms and Conditions RGC 7.1, any proposed changes to the Award that could affect the ODA compliance of the research must be reported to Us at the earliest opportunity via the Change Request Facility. We will then consider whether such changes are permissible and inform You of Our decision.

You must ensure that the award complies with relevant legislation including the International Development Act 2002, the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014 and the Paris Agreement.

Further information on ODA guidance can be found at: [Official development assistance \(ODA\) | OECD](#)

Further information on UKRI's ODA eligibility criteria can be found at: [Applying for official development assistance \(ODA\) funding – UKRI](#)

GAC ISPF 8: ODA Transparency

The UK Government is committed to transparency and has a statutory requirement to report ODA spending, through the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) open data standard. In line with this, information about this award will be shared with Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT) and Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) who may publish information about awards to fulfil transparency requirements. This includes information being shared with third parties and being made available via the IATI registry and OECD DAC Creditor Reporting System (CRS).

GAC ISPF 9: Open Access Publications

Our Policy on Open Access applies to all recipients of ISPF grants: [UKRI Open Access Policy](#). Where research grants are held by a UK-based research organisation, the UKRI open access block grant can be used to support eligible costs. Where UKRI research grant funding is awarded to a non-UK based research organisation, it is permissible for open access costs to be charged to the research grant.

GAC ISPF 10: Equipment

(This section can be deleted if there is no equipment on the grant)

Equipment is defined as any item with a value exceeding £10,000 (for opportunities and competitions launched prior to 1st April 2025) and any item with a value exceeding £25,000 (for opportunities and competitions launched after 1st April 2025).

When procuring Equipment, You must obtain at least two written quotes to evidence value for money or have justification where this is inappropriate. Although submission of these quotations is not required at the application stage, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) reserves the right to request and review this evidence at any time.

ODA equipment must be installed in a DAC-listed country and donated to that country upon project completion. ODA equipment remains the property of DSIT until ownership is formally transferred in writing.

Non-Official Development Assistance (Non-ODA) Specific

(This section can be deleted if the grant is ODA)

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It is the expectation that non-ODA equipment must be installed within the UK In cases where installation in a non-ODA country is proposed, prior written approval must be obtained from UKRI International.

Document History and Version Control

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