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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**UK INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP FUND (ISPF) RESEARCH  
COLLABORATION GRANT**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Office Division Chiefs  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) announces the opening of the UK International Science Partnership Fund (ISPF) Research Collaboration Grant. The program aims to support UK researchers and innovators to collaborate with peers worldwide on significant thematic areas.

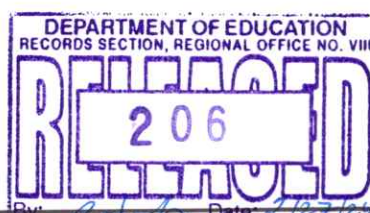
2. ISPF Research Collaboration Grants provide small-scale seed funding for collaborations between the UK and the participating ISPF countries/territories in each call to:

- Initiate research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments, and institutions in partner countries and the UK;
- Develop existing collaborations at group, departmental, or institutional level;
- Encourage these collaborations to work with non-academic organizations and individuals to support the exchange of research and innovation expertise and the translation of research knowledge to tangible benefits; and
- Establish local hubs for joint UK-country/territory activity in a particular area, enabling engagement from the wider research and innovation community.

2. Relative thereto, teachers and non-teaching personnel are encouraged to submit research and innovation initiatives potential for collaboration with UK partners.

3. For more details and inquiries, please see attached DOST Memorandum.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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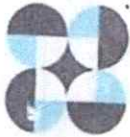
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# DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heads of Sectoral Planning Councils, Collegial Bodies, Research and Development Institutes (RDIs), Scientific and Technical Service Institutes, and Regional Office Directors

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**SUBJECT:** UK ISPF - Research Collaboration Grant

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We would like to inform you that our British counterparts recently opened the UK International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) Research Collaboration Grant. The ISPF is designed to enable potential and foster prosperity. It puts research and innovation at the heart of our international relationships, supporting UK researchers and innovators to work with peers around the world on the major themes of our time. It is managed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. Delivered by a consortium of the UK's leading research and innovation bodies including the British Academy, British Council, Met Office, National Physical Laboratory, Royal Academy of Engineering, Royal Society, UK Research and Innovation, UK Atomic Energy Authority, and Universities UK International.

ISPF Research Collaboration Grants provide small-scale seed funding for collaborations between the UK and the participating ISPF countries/territories in each call to address at least one below:

- Initiate new research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments, and institutions in partner countries and the UK
- Develop existing collaborations at group, departmental, and institutional level
- Encourage these collaborations to work with non-academic organizations and individuals to support the exchange of research and innovation expertise and the translation of research knowledge into tangible benefits
- Establish local hubs for joint UK-country/territory activity in a particular area, enabling engagement from the wider research and innovation community.

The ISPF has four (4) themes namely, (i) Resilient Planet, (ii) Transformative Technologies, (iii) Healthy People, Animals and Plants, as well as (iv) Tomorrow's Talent. For the Philippines, the thematic priority areas include clean energy, risk reduction from extreme weather and climate, agri-tech and health (food systems and supply chain), as well as environmental resilience. It is also highly recommended to place priority on the commercialization and entrepreneurship aspects of the applications. This approach shall facilitate the development of innovative solutions that tackle global challenges and promote economic growth and sustainability.

Grants under the ISPF Fund Research Collaboration program will fund bilateral research and innovation collaborations under the ISPF themes, with priorities set with partner

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countries and territories at call design. The call will fund Global Challenges Research Grants to support and facilitate research that tackles global challenges.

### Eligibility

Proposals must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

- Each proposal must have one Project Leader from the UK and one Project Leader from the specified Partner Country/Territory.
- Both Project Leaders must be Leading Researchers or Established Researchers
- UK Project Leaders must be permanent employees of one of the following (this means that Emeritus and Honorary Professors may not apply as lead):
  - A not-for-profit higher education institution with the capacity to undertake high-quality research, unless specified otherwise in Appendix 1.
  - A UK higher education institution (all UK higher education institutions are eligible).
  - A not-for-profit research organization with the capacity to undertake high-quality research. The list of eligible UK institutions is attached with the grant call documents on the website. A Catapult Centre<sup>2</sup> (in the case of the UK Project Leader).
- Both Project Leaders' institutions (the 'Lead Institutions') must have the capacity to administer the grant.
- Individual departments within a single institution can make multiple applications per call provided that the proposed activities are clearly different.
- Project Leaders may only submit one Research Collaboration application per call.
- Organisations affiliated to higher education institutions in the UK or any other country and based in the partner country or territory, (e.g., an international campus) are not eligible for ISPF Fund awarded grants.

**The deadline for submission of a completed application including all supporting documentation is noon UK time, 12 March.** Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding. The deadline applies to all parts of your application, including the uploading of fully completed supporting documentation. Any applications that are not submitted in full by the deadline, with all required supporting documents, will be considered ineligible.

Applicants for all calls must submit a completed online application form at the following link: [https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/research\\_collaborations\\_global](https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/research_collaborations_global) which includes the uploading of supporting information.

If applicants are unable to use the online application for reasons of accessibility, please contact the British Council at [uk-ispf@britishcouncil.org](mailto:uk-ispf@britishcouncil.org). For more information, please find the attached guidelines or visit the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/ISPFResearchCollaboration>.

Thank you.