

International Research Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

Wednesday, 11 March to Friday, 13 March 2026

Novotel Hotel on Siam Square, Bangkok, Thailand

The British Council Thailand is working in partnership with the Thailand Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI) to organise an International Research Grant Proposal Writing Workshop in Thailand. The workshop is being funded by the UK International Science Research Partnerships Fund (ISPF).

Objectives of the workshop

- To refresh and enhance the skills of researchers and provide opportunities for knowledge exchange while promoting a regional approach to research collaborations.
- To prepare researchers for large-scale or international grant calls and international partnership opportunities, both from the ISPF and other international research funding sources.
- To enhance opportunities for researchers to successfully secure large-scale funding or grants from the UK or other international funders.

Workshop programme

This will be a three-day workshop. The first day will consist of a pre-workshop seminar with speakers sharing their experiences in writing and working for a research grant project, finding international partners, and developing equitable and sustainable partnerships.

Participants will then be divided into four groups to attend an intensive workshop on International Research Grant Proposal Writing. The workshop is expected to run from 10.00 to 16.00.

The workshop will be delivered in English.

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Workshop content

- How to write a persuasive research grant proposal aligning with funder priorities
- Technical writing advice for UK or International research funding, e.g., budget plan, structure of the research grant proposal, and language
- How to develop a joint proposal with UK/international partners, including equitable partnership principles
- Understanding the compulsory requirements of a UK/international research grant, i.e., an Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible project, including a gender equality assessment focusing on equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)
- How to integrate gender and EDI considerations meaningfully into the research design
- Understanding how gender intersects with other identities and applying intersectionality in the research/proposal design
- Practical examples of how to write a strong gender equality statement for UK/International funders
- How to set measurable indicators
- Sharing case studies on successful UK and international proposals, including those with strong gender statements
- How to make partnerships sustainable beyond immediate research funding
- Digital or collaborative tools for proposal development when working with teams or international partners
- Stakeholder engagement strategy—how to involve relevant stakeholders in proposal development

Participants

- This professional development programme will be opened for researchers from Thailand, and the programme will be also extended to support researchers from Cambodia and Lao PDR. It is expected **100** participants from Thailand and 20 participants from Cambodia and Lao PDR to attend this workshop.
- Participants from Thailand will be nominated by universities from the two clusters: Global Frontier Research Universities and Technology / Innovation Universities and Research Institutes. **Two participants** will be nominated per an institution.

- Participants are expected to be leading researchers or established researchers¹ with some experience in applying for UK/international research funding
- Participants are expected to cascade the knowledge gained from the training to researchers, students, and relevant staff at their universities or institutions

Cost

The workshop is free of charge for participants. Lunch and refreshments will be available throughout the three days.

Travel, accommodation, and other costs are to be covered by the participants or their institutions.

How to apply

Universities and Research Institutes can nominate **two participants** from their institutions by completing [this online form](#) for submission to the British Council by **Wednesday 25, February 2026**.

Universities and Research Institutes should nominate an additional two participants to be included on the reserved list by completing [this online form \(for reserved list\)](#). If places become available, participants on the reserved list will be invited to attend the workshop on a first-come, first-served basis.

Communications will be sent from British Council to researchers to confirm their participation.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)

Our work is based on building meaningful, enduring, and respectful relationships across different cultures. We cannot do this without a strong commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion. Further details about the British Council's policy on equality, diversity, and inclusion are available at <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/our-values/equality-diversity-inclusion>

¹ For an indication of profiles for the two categories, we suggest applicants refer to the European Commission document 'Towards a European framework for research careers'
https://cdn5.euraxess.org/sites/default/files/policy_library/towards_a_european_framework_for_research_careers_final.pdf

We encourage our partner institutions to embed the principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion into their processes and activities. For the International Research Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, we strongly encourage partner institutions to nominate participants from diverse backgrounds to reflect diversity in gender, subject areas, career levels, and geographical reach.

Further information

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