



Department for
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NEWTON UFATIFI FUND PROGRAMME

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Second Joint Call for Proposals (2017)

The Newton Fund is part of the UK's official development assistance and it aims to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries. The Newton Fund programme was launched in April 2014 and now involves partnerships with 16 countries. Although, it began as a £75m per year investment for 5 years, it will now extend to 2021 and expand to £150m per year by 2021, leading to a total UK Government investment of £735 million. The fund is a mutual partnership fund with matched resources provided from the UK and partner countries. It is managed by UK's Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) and delivered through 15 UK delivery partners working closely with partner country funders. Newton Fund activities are in three broad areas:

- ❖ **People:** increasing capacity for science and innovation in partner countries
- ❖ **Research:** research collaborations on development topics
- ❖ **Translation:** creating collaborative solutions to development challenges and strengthening innovation systems

In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kenya and the UK to launch the UK-Kenya Newton fund partnership was signed on 19th July 2016 at the Ministry of Education's offices in Nairobi by Dr Fred Matiang'i, the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Education and Mr Nic Hailey, British High Commissioner to Kenya. Through this Kenya became the 16th Newton partner globally and only the third in Africa after South Africa and Egypt. This was the inception of "Newton-Utafiti fund" and the National Research Fund is one of the Delivery partners in this programme. The National Research Fund (NRF) was therefore established under PART VII of the ST&I Act, (No. 28 of 2013) to mobilize resources and facilitate research to acquired knowledge and innovations in all fields of Science and Technology. The fund focuses on promotion of Science, Technology and Innovation through capacity building of both human and institutions by various programmes including co-funding activities with other Funding

Agencies. These initiatives will contribute greatly to Kenya's National Development Agenda of elevating the country to a knowledge based economy.

Therefore, the British Council and the National Research Fund have launched the second joint Call for applications (April 2017) which is now open. Further details for the categories give below can be accessed through the links provided.

1. Institutional Links

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/current-opportunities/newton-institutional-links-april-2017>

The Institutional Links programme is designed to establish links beyond the level of the individual researcher and innovation practitioner, opening up opportunities for sustainable, solution-oriented research and innovation collaborations between academic groups as well as with the private and third sector.

Grants provide funding for collaborations between the UK and Kenya to:

- ❖ Develop new research and innovation or existing collaborations at group, departmental, and institutional level
- ❖ Encourage these collaborations to work with non-academic organisations and individuals to support the exchange of research and innovation expertise and the translation of research knowledge into tangible benefits.

2. Researcher Links - Workshop Grants

Bilateral Workshop Grants

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/current-opportunities/workshop-grants-newton-april-2017>

These workshops are designed to bring together cohorts of early career researchers from the UK, and Kenya to take part in a workshop focusing on building links for future collaboration and enhancing the researchers' career opportunities.

Workshops will be held in Kenya.

3. Trilateral Workshop Grants

Workshops are designed to bring together cohorts of early career researchers from the UK, and Kenya and South Africa, to take part in workshops focusing on building links for future collaboration and enhancing the researchers' career opportunities.

Workshops will be held in SA and/or Kenya.

All applications must be submitted online by the 13th June 2017 deadline.

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Newton Utafiti was launched in Kenya in 2016. The second Call is being delivered by the British Council and the National Research Fund.

