

GUIDELINES FOR THE SCIENCE AND INNOVATION CALLS AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO

1. Introduction to the Science and Innovation Network of the British Government

Science and innovation play an important role in promoting prosperity and growth through the Science and Innovation Network in the UK (Science and Innovation Network - SIN). The UK has the most productive research base among the G7 Group and other leading countries in research. With 3.2% of global spending on research and less than 1% of the world population the UK produces:

- 6.4% of scientific articles
- 11.6% of the citations and
- 15.8% of the most cited articles worldwide.

Research and knowledge are increasingly being transferred and developed through international cooperation. Such cooperation provides opportunities for:

- working with renowned researchers;
- generating exchanges between students and researchers; and
- accessing large scale facilities worldwide.

Cooperation promotes new ideas and new opportunities for innovation and growth. International cooperation in science and innovation is vital to meet the challenges brought by new global challenges such as:

- climate change;
- energy security; and
- pandemic disease.

Cooperation Funds for Science and Innovation

The main goal of the cooperation funds for Science and Innovation is to create strong links and strengthen those already existing links between researchers and institutions in the UK and Uruguay. It seeks to promote the economic development and welfare of Uruguay through collaboration in science, research and innovation, creating opportunities for greater academic collaboration with the United Kingdom and the strengthening of bilateral relations.

The funds will be implemented through the following programmes. Examples of eligible proposals for each category are included below, although other activities are not excluded.

Science and Innovation - Government agencies

- Analysis of existing (technical and political) science and innovation capabilities and strategies for their development;
- temporary stays in Uruguay for personnel of public government, higher education institutions and research centres in the UK working on policies and strategies for the development of Science and Innovation, or vice versa;
- Projects concerning departmental or national priority areas are listed below

Science and research - academic community

- Travel Grants: trips for Master Students, doctoral researchers in post-doctoral programmes, and researchers in general to the United Kingdom (use special form for individual trips);
- Visiting researchers from UK institutions (use special form for individual trips);
- Participation in conferences, seminars, workshops and events related to the academic community (use special form for individual trips);
- Complementing or expanding existing research projects;
- Preparation and implementation of post-graduate courses;
- Meetings and exchanges of research groups to share experiences and / or generate collaborative projects.

Research institutions - strengthening ties with the UK

- Generating or strengthening institutional ties through joint activities such as workshops, meetings, seminars to exchange and generate new proposals for collaboration.

Education and Science - innovative approaches to science teaching

- Exchange of successful experiences with British educational organizations in comprehensive educational proposals for the teaching of science;
- Training for teachers at different levels (primary, secondary and University) in educational tools for teaching science in the classroom.

Science divulgation - innovative proposals to create greater interest and understanding

- Training to create opportunities for popularising science in a creative, interactive, stimulating and clear way;
- Analysis of proposals to identify opportunities to improve and enrich science museums;
- Science communication projects, preferably with departmental or national projection.

Science and society - entrepreneurship and innovation

- Expanding scientific capacity - developing skills to achieve maximum impact of results with projection in the business sector;
- Providing opportunities for closer working between academia and entrepreneurship to build capacity for innovation and economic growth;
- Training for entrepreneurs related to technology or application of scientific results;
- Exchange of experiences between institutions that aim to support entrepreneurs (universities, pre incubators, incubators, accelerators, angel equity funds, etc.) and between entrepreneurs, through visits, meetings, workshops, seminars, summer camps, etc.
- Participation and attendance at seminars, conferences, workshops related to entrepreneurship and innovation in both countries.

Others

Proposals that involve science and / or innovation and do not correspond to the previous list:

Under the Cooperation Fund for Science and Innovation, the British Embassy in Montevideo has signed an agreement with ANII. Proposals may have a maximum value of £ 120,000 and the Fund aims to work with government organizations (both at a national, departmental and local level), universities, institutes or centres connected to research and innovation, international organisations, NGOs, and the private sector. If potential proposals pass the £ 120,000 limit, please send a summary to UKinUruguay@adinet.com.uy for consideration.

All proposals must qualify as Official Development Assistance (ODA). ODA is a term created by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to measure assistance. ODA should be undertaken by governments and its main objective to promote economic development and welfare for developing countries. For more information about how the UK Government supports Science and Innovation, you can access the 2014 Autumn Statement.

2. How to Apply: General Guidelines for Proposals

General information

- The Cooperation Fund for Science and Innovation of the British Embassy in Montevideo seeks practical, high-impact interventions that clearly demonstrate their contribution to the development of science and innovation in Uruguay.
- The Fund also aims to initiate and strengthen bilateral ties in the area of science and innovation.

It is expected that all proposals establish some kind of link with the United Kingdom, either with an organisation, individuals, companies or institutions / British academic representatives in the United Kingdom, Uruguay or Uruguay visiting from the UK. It is ideally (but not necessarily) aimed to a project in science and innovation that extends beyond the period of implementation of the proposal.

The British Embassy in Montevideo can offer guidance in finding partners in the UK. For guidance, please send an abstract of the proposal: UKinUruguay@adinet.com.uy

- Important note: all projects financed with these funds must be executed before March 31, 2016.

Application Process

Proposals must be submitted before **September 14 at 14:00 pm**.

All proposals must be submitted by email with the subject line: "Llamado C&I – name of the responsible for the project – modality they are applying" to the following address:

ukinuruguay@adinet.com.uy and the following documents attached:

- A letter that certifies the relation between the individual responsible for the project and the Uruguayan organisation he or she represents. The document must be titled “Carta_name of the individual responsible for the project”.
- The proposal form completed in English language and titled “Proposal_name of the responsible for the project”.
- An Activity Based Budget written in English titled “ABB_name of the individual responsible for the project”.
- A short CV of the individual responsible for the project (3 pages max.)
- The proposal form and the Activity Based Budget template can be found in the following links:
 - Proposal form for individual trips.
 - Proposal form for projects up to £80.000
 - Proposal form for projects over £80.000
 - Activity Based Budget
- If the purchase of an object or special equipment is included in the Activity Based Budget, it must be proven that its buying is essential to the project and it could not be done without it. If proven, the purchase of such equipment will be considered.
- Administrative expenses cannot exceed 10% of the total budget.
- In the case of those projects who have other sources of funding, please specify the source’s material or economic contribution given to the project.
- Proposals must meet these formal requirements in order to be eligible:
 - Delivery of the presentation letter of the organisation
 - Correct meeting of all the deadlines for the presentation of the proposals and all activities booked.
 - The project’s compliance under ODA criteria.
 - A demonstrated link with the UK, through a British organisation or a specific person that can vouch for a partnership with a British organisation.
- The priority fields expressed by ANII for this particular call are:
 - Animal Engineering
 - Animal Hygiene
 - Animal Nutrition
 - Animal Production
 - Animal Health
 - Science and Food Technology
 - Plastics
 - Metallurgy
 - Fine and Analytic Chemistry
 - Biopolymers
 - Biofuels
 - Nutraceuticals
 - Biopharmaceuticals
 - Industrial bioprocesses
 - Effluent treatment
 - Environment

- ICT
- Cultural Industries
- Tourism
- Design
- Education

Note: the list is not exclusive. In case of wanting to present a project which is not included in the above list, please contact: ukinuruguay@adinet.com.uy

Evaluation

After going through the review of compliance with the formal requirements, the proposals that have met all the requirements will be sent to a technical evaluation panel selected by the British Embassy.

Subsequently, the Embassy will form a selection committee that includes members of the Board of the Fund (Science and Innovation Board), as well as members of the British Embassy and ANII. The final decision on funding proposals will be made according to the strategic guidelines of the fund.

Obligations for beneficiaries

- Those responsible for the selected proposals will sign a contract with ANII.
- At all times you must maintain documentation to support expenditure.

Please read all instructions and make sure your proposal is designed and presented as per these guidelines. Proposals that do not comply with the rules will be rejected.

* The Cooperation Fund for Science and Innovation will be making other calls, please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/cooperation-funds-for-science-and-innovation>

Important dates

14/09/2015

Deadline for proposals (14:00 hs)

19/10/2015

Estimated date for the beginning of activities

31/03/2016

Deadline for the execution of funds