

NEWTON FUND INSTITUTIONAL LINKS 2017

The International and Private Research Grant Secretariat of RMC-IRMI, UiTM is pleased to announce the opening of the Newton-Ungku Omar Fund – Institutional Links (NUOF IL) 2017. The Government of Malaysia entrusts the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MiGHT) to implement the grant programme in collaboration with the British Council in the United Kingdom (UK).

What are the primary aims of NUOF IL?

The NUOF IL grant allows the UK and Malaysian partners to collaborate internationally, and gain access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge and expertise that shall enable them to translate research and innovation outputs into tangible economic and societal benefits to the low-income and vulnerable populations* in Malaysia. A plausible pathway showing how the proposed research collaboration may lead to positive impact on these populations within a reasonable timeframe (3-15 years) must be articulated clearly.

*Please refer items 3 and 4 in the attached 'ODA Guidance' document.

What it is intended for?

The funding should be used to establish new research and innovation links, or significantly develop existing links, between research groups (e.g. a CoE in UiTM and a CoE in an UK university), departments or institutions (e.g. SIRIM in Malaysia and National Institute for Medical Research in the UK) with the potential for longer-term sustainability.

This grant permits establishment of a new CoE in UiTM in a particular research area. The CoE can act as a resource hub for the wider research community and a focal point for research-related and academic activities including seminars, technical training and workshops.

Who are eligible to apply?

Two (2) Principal Applicants from two Lead Institutions – One from the UK and one from UiTM. Applicants must be R4 – Leading Researchers.**

**Please refer p. 11 in the attached 'European Framework for Research Careers' document for its definition.

All UK universities recognised by the UK are eligible to apply for the NUOF IL grant.

Principal Applicants are encouraged to include in their proposals Associated Partners affiliated with:

1. Other research or higher education institutions***
2. Technology transfer offices
3. Not-for-profit organisations including NGOs
4. For-profit / commercial organisations including SMEs (*entitled for travel-associated costs only*)

***Please refer the attached 'Eligible UK Research Organizations' to identify potential non-for-profit UK collaborator.

All application related materials for this call can be located at this link:

[Dropbox link to NUOF IL 2017 application materials](#)

What are the funding quantum, appropriation and categories?

Grant size: £50,000 – £150,000 (~ RM276,745 – RM830,235 @ April 10, 2017)

The total funding covers the following costs:*

Human Resource (temporary RA and permanent staff of Lead Institutions)
Research-related (consumables, software, equipment, library and other fees)
Operational (travel and subsistence, visa fees, medical insurance, event coats)
Communication (publication fees, video conferencing, webpage development)

Mechanism: Funds will be disbursed to the UK Principal Applicant's host institution, and the UK applicant will then disburse the funds to the Principal Applicant at UiTM via Bendahari UiTM.

*Please check out sections 6.1 and 6.2 in the attached "NUOF IL Guidelines" and fill out the attached 'Detailed Budget Sheet' accordingly.

Research and Innovation Challenge Areas

Natural sciences • Social sciences • Arts and humanities

Economic Growth | *Equitable growth, financial sector development, private sector development*
Health | *HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, neglected tropical diseases, child mortality, maternal health*
Infrastructure | *Civil engineering, information and communication technologies, big data for social and economic development*
Agriculture | *Irrigation, crop yields*
Food and Nutrition | *Food security*
Climate and Environment | *Climate change, green technology, sustainable development, ecosystem services, resource scarcity*
Governance, Society and Conflict | *Transparency, accountability, effective institutions, land and natural resource rights, poverty alleviation, social development, structural inequalities, violence and security, peace building, civil society*
Development-relevant Data Collection, Quality and Access | *Administrative data and macroeconomic statistics*
Humanitarian Disasters and Emergencies | *Disaster risk reduction*
Research and Innovation in Education for Development
Sustainable Energy
Water and Sanitation
Demographic Change and Migration
Rural and Urban Development
Resilient and Connected Communities

Further information and Offline Application Form (for reference):

Please visit the BC link below for information essential to your application of the NUOF IL:
<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/current-opportunities/newton-institutional-links-april-2017>

Attached please find a 'NUOF IL Offline Application Form' for your reference.

Application procedure:

Applications (online only) **must be submitted by 4PM GMT**(UK time) on **June 13, 2017** (Tuesday).

All applications may be submitted by any one of the Principal Applicants (UK or UiTM) through the online application format this [link](#).

Letter of Support:

Please note that both the Principal Applicants (from the UK and UiTM) will need to obtain a Letter of Support from their respective Heads of Department.

For this purpose, the **Letter of Support for Principal Applicants from UiTM** can be possibly raised by either

i. the **Assistance Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UiTM**. Please forward a copy of the fully or partially completed 'NUOF IL Offline Application Form' that has the applicants' and project details to Pn. Nurhaizum (03 – 5544 2877; sekretariatncoe@salam.uitm.edu.my) at RMC-IRMI, UiTM Shah Alam **on or before June5, 2017** (Monday) for further action,

OR

ii. your respective faculty Dean or campus Rector. If you should pick this option, please complete the **Research Proposal Submission Record Form** (found in the Dropbox link above) and email it to sekretariatncoe@salam.uitm.edu.my by end of June 13, 2017 for RMC-IRMI's record.