
HIGHER EDUCATION LINKS - GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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1. Background

Tackling global challenges – such as extreme weather conditions, urbanisation, access to affordable health care, food and energy security and meeting the social and economic needs of a growing population – requires an integrated approach to bring together communities from different disciplines, sectors and countries in high-quality collaborations. The British Council aims to build UK-Argentina collaborations centred on specific local and national development challenges which have direct relevance to Argentina's social welfare and economic policy.

In this context, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) aim to enhance the ways in which they combine teaching, training and research in order to create and transfer knowledge and skills to tackling societal challenges. In addition, universities should focus on providing students with the skills, competencies, and learning outcomes needed to gain access to better jobs and improve their chances for social mobility.

Accordingly, HEIs need to adapt the content and structure of their programmes as well as the forms in which they operate to truly support local socio-economic development. In order to achieve this, institutions should prioritise the improvement and constant updating of staff's skills (teachers, academics, researchers, administrative, curriculum designers, etc.). Having access to international expertise can support this strategy and trigger international partnerships for future collaboration.

The British Council Higher Education Links Programme (also known as 'Higher Education Links', 'The Programme' or 'HELINKS') is designed to establish institutional links beyond the individual level, in order to open up opportunities for more long-lasting, local and national academic collaborations, while also engaging with government, private and third sector.

2. Overview: Funding Opportunity

Higher Education Links provides small-scale seed funding for high-quality collaborations between UK Institutions and Argentine HEIs to coordinate a series of workshop sessions to be carried out in Argentina with the aim of developing a joint proposal that geared towards helping HEIs expand their role as platforms for local and/or national development with a global focus.

The Programme is designed to be flexible and responsive to Argentina country needs, allowing applicants to establish collaborations on specific areas linked to local and national priorities and economic or social development demands, and to bring in relevant public, private and third sector partners into the scope.

The grant amount awarded will be up to ARS 180,000 to develop a proposal of a collaborative project in Argentina.

For best fit to the local context and developmental needs, please refer to [Appendix 1](#) specific guidance before preparing your proposal. Proposals which do not take these guidelines into account will unfortunately not be considered for funding.

3. Programme Scope

Grants under the Programme allow Argentine HEIs to collaborate internationally and gain access to UK expertise, in order to strengthen their role in society not only as academic units but also as local and regional development drivers for economic and societal benefit.

All UK - Argentina projects funded by this programme will:

- **Further links, or significantly develop existing ones, between Argentine HEIs and UK Institutions with the potential for longer-term sustainable collaborations.** A key aim of the collaboration will be to support HEIs, as well as to stimulate longer-term links between the UK and Argentina to promote local/national development.
- **Establish new research connections or develop existing ones.** Grants are intended to either support new links, or to develop existing ones in order to generate longer-term cooperation.
- **Contribute to the capacity building of workshop participants.** The proposal must include a description of how the workshop will contribute to the personal and professional development of the participants. Applicants should indicate how they envisage this occurring, specifying which particular development area they will focus on.
- **Support the development of bilateral projects aimed at achieving a specific development goal in Argentina.** Through this collaboration it is expected that Argentine HEIs will benefit from UK expertise in a selected priority area, and use the collaboration as a platform to integrate their institutional goals into the local/national social and economic development agenda. Higher Education Links grants are intended to support areas relevant to economic development and social welfare in Argentina. Please see [Appendix 1](#) for a definition of the priority areas selected for this call.
- **Promote the inclusion of HEIs in a wider regional development agenda.** We encourage applicants to use project proposals as an opportunity to engage with the governmental, commercial and not-for-profit sectors or any other relevant actors involved in social or economic development initiatives, including universities, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), technology transfer offices and other not-for-profit organisations.

4. Relevance to Economic Development and Social Welfare

For the purpose of the Programme, we define development relevance as collaborations that have the potential to contribute to the economic development and social welfare of low income and vulnerable populations in Argentina. In order to be considered for funding under this programme, **all proposals must clearly articulate a plausible pathway to positive impact on these populations within a short to medium-term timeframe (1-5 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion cannot receive Higher Education Links funding.**

In order to show development relevance within the context of their proposed project, applicants are encouraged to include reference to any local or national consultation, links to government policies, and government institutions.

The applicants will coordinate a workshop to be carried out in Argentina with the aim of developing a joint proposal that will help HEIs in Argentina to expand their role as platforms for local and/or national development with a global focus.

5. Eligibility

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria in order to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

- Each proposal must include participation of one UK Institution **and** one or more HEI(s) in Argentina. In the case where more than one HEI in Argentina might be involved in the proposal, the application should be submitted by an individual based at the Argentine HEI that is leading the proposal ('Argentine Lead Institution'). Applications must be made by an individual based at the Argentina Lead Institution.
- Applicants in Argentina must be individuals based at:
 - A not-for-profit HEI with a record as a local/national development promoter agent, including

universities and research centres.

- The participating UK Institution must be one of the following:
 - A not-for-profit Institution with a record as an international development promoter agent, including: universities, research centres, public offices and NGOs.
- The proposal must clearly articulate how the Argentine HEI will support social or economic development in a specific location and how the collaboration with the UK Institution will bring value to this activity.
- Both the Argentine Lead Institution and the UK Institution must have the capacity to administer the grant.

Only one application per Argentine applicant (i.e, one application per individual based at an Argentine HEI) can be eligible to receive funding. However, UK applicants may participate in more than one Higher Education Links funded project. They would need to demonstrate in their proposal that they and their working groups have sufficient capacity to undertake the activities.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all proposals on receipt. Please see [Appendix 3](#) for a full list of eligibility criteria. Proposals which are not led by recognised not-for-profit Institutions will be rejected during these checks. If you are unsure about your organisation's eligibility, please contact the British Council Argentina office.

6. Workshop

- **Location:** Workshop sessions will take place at the Argentine Lead Institution's main location. However, if there is a compelling reason for the workshop sessions to take place in a different venue, this should be detailed in the proposal.
- **Duration:** The minimum duration of workshop sessions is three days and the maximum duration is five days.
- **Timing:** Workshops must take place between October 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
- **Language:** Workshops will be held in English. Consideration should be given to non-English language speakers and interpreting services should be budgeted for.

7. Final Project

In order to ensure a lasting impact of projects, it is expected that each UK-AR collaboration will submit a proposal or "Anteproyecto de Colaboración" where more specific activities will be designed in order to secure the continuation and sustainability of the collaboration.

- **Submission:** A final proposal resulting from workshop sessions must be submitted within 20 days after the workshops have taken place.
- **Digital Content:** Both the workshop outcomes and the final proposal must be disseminated using digital tools, including but not limited to an exclusive website for the bi-national collaboration.
- **Impact:** Final proposals should demonstrate a positive impact in terms of the role that HEIs in Argentina play on the local/national development agenda with a global focus.
- **Language:** Final proposals should be submitted in English to HELINKS.argentina@britishcouncil.org

8. Funding Available

Funding offered under Higher Education Links is intended as a contribution towards the costs of the workshops. Applicants are expected to add a financial and/or in-kind contribution towards the overall cost of the workshops by dedicating financial and/or other resources to their planning and delivery.

Higher Education Links grants are intended to support the direct travel and translation costs of establishing

and operating UK-Argentina collaborations for local and national development. This section details the costs that can and cannot be included in budget project proposals.

Selected proposals will be awarded for up to ARS 180,000 to cover the travel expenses of UK experts and/or a UK workshop coordinator from UK Institutions to participate in a series of workshop sessions to be run in Argentina according to the guidelines set out in [Appendix 1](#). Additionally, funds awarded may also be used to cover translation/interpreting costs for bi-national working sessions and for all documents related to Higher Education Links collaborations.

Please complete the budget summary on the application form. Consider that **a condition for accessing funds from the Higher Education Links Programme is that match funding is secured from applicants**. In-kind contribution can be considered match funding if it falls into one of the categories specified below.

Grants may be disbursed to the Argentine HEI, which may then transfer funds to the UK Institution for applicable expenses. Alternatively, funds may be disbursed to both Institutions, according to the approved budget proposal. In the case of Argentine HEIs, funds will be received in ARS. For UK Institutions, funds will be paid in GBP applying the official British Council bookkeeping at the time of payment. Where both Institutions receive funds, a separate agreement will be signed with each Institution. British Council reserves the right to award only institutions that can receive grants from diplomatic entities in Argentina.

Higher Education Links grants **can cover**:

- Travel (economy class) and subsistence costs in line with British Council policies and the criteria detailed in [Appendix 2](#).
- Visa fees, vaccinations, medical insurance for travel essential to the collaboration.
- Written translations and interpretation services.

Higher Education Links match funding from participating Institutions, including in-kind contributions, **can cover**:

- Operational Costs, including:
 - Workshop sessions integral to the collaboration (e.g. short-term room hire, projector, flip charts).
 - Planning and logistics, including local transportation.
 - Basic catering costs associated with events directly relating to the collaboration.
 - Consumables.
 - Bank charges for transfer of funds from the Argentine Lead Institution to the UK Institution to cover travel and subsistence costs (if applicable).
- Communication, publishing (including web page development by external providers, if appropriate) and other promotional activities directly related to the collaboration.
- The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity and will consider, on a case by case basis, requests for additional support for individuals involved in Higher Education Links activity, so long as sufficient justification is provided.

Higher Education Links projects **cannot cover**:

- Purchase or rental of equipment.
- Costs related to the construction and/or procurement of physical infrastructure.
- Mobile phone rental or purchase.
- Entertainment costs.

Please contact British Council Argentina if you have any queries regarding costs covered by the Higher Education Links Programme.

Funding, if approved, comes into force upon signing of a Grant Agreement by the British Council. Expenses incurred by the Institutions prior to the effective start date, including any costs incurred in the production of the proposal, cannot be covered by the grant.

To ensure value for money, the Higher Education Links budget should cover only costs that are essential, appropriate and relevant to the collaboration. The proposal should maximise cost share through direct and indirect institutional contributions, other funding sources and private sector support. Please include in your application form details of:

- Applicants' contributions, including both monetary and in-kind contributions.
- Funds applied for from other sources in support of the collaboration. Please clarify the status of the funding applications (i.e. successful; decision pending, and indicate when you will know the outcome of any pending applications).

Match funding must be equivalent to the amount of funding requested from the Higher Education Links grant, either cash or in kind. Please note that the origin of the matched funding cannot be the UK Government, including funds received from Funding Councils or Research Councils UK.

9. Payment of the Grant and Reporting

Grants for Higher Education Links workshops will be paid in two instalments: a 90% pre-financing payment will be paid within 30 days of signature of the "Grant Agreement", and 10% post-workshop payment or recovery of the balance upon approval by the British Council of a final report.

A Grant Agreement will be signed with the Institution to whom the grant is paid. This Institution will be responsible for management of the grant, including financial reporting. In cases where both Institutions receive a portion of the grant, a separate agreement will be signed with each. However, only one will be given responsibility for the management of the grant. The final terms will be communicated to successful applicants.

If the workshops have not been delivered as planned or if fewer participants attended than originally envisaged, resulting in a reduction in costs, the final payment may be withheld and, if necessary, a proportion of the grant recovered.

Applicants must submit follow up reports during the length of the collaboration, and a final report within 20 days after the workshops. Report templates will be sent to successful applicants as part of the Grant Agreement and will include financial and narrative sections.

Individual workshop participants will be asked to complete a baseline survey, and a post workshop feedback questionnaire. Successful applicants will be asked to send the link to the baseline survey to their participants and also to administer the post-workshop questionnaire.

10. Ethics and Integrity

It is essential that all legal and professional codes of practice be followed in conducting work supported under the Programme. Applicants must ensure the proposed activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and integrity. In the application form, they must clearly articulate how any potential ethical issue (for example, if there's work with under-age students, workshop coordinators should abide by the British Council Child Protection Policy <https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies/child-protection>) and health and safety issues (for example, if a field visit is included in the programme, work in a laboratory in dangerous conditions or if one of the visitors falls ill during the visit) have been considered and how they will be addressed, ensuring that all necessary ethical approval and health and safety risk assessments are in place before the project commences to minimise risks. Failure to do so will result in applications being rendered ineligible and any funding already committed through the Programme being rescinded. Please contact British Council Argentina for further guidance.

11. Diversity

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all our activities. This includes avoidance of bias due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. The British Council encourages applications from people from under-represented groups. Please include requests for such support in the budget submitted with your application.

Please contact us for further information on funding, and for more information on the British Council's approach, see our Equality Policy at: https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/equality_policy_1.doc .

12. Submission Process

The submission deadline is **16:00 hours Argentina time on 13 July 2018**. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

Applicants **must** submit a completed application form. This can be downloaded at: www.britishcouncil.org.ar/programas/educacion/convocatoria-higher-education-links or www.britishcouncil.org/en/programmes/education/call-higher-education-links

Submissions will be sent by email to HELinks.Argentina@britishcouncil.org. There are strict word limits for each section which cannot be exceeded. In addition to the application form, applicants are required to send letters of support from the UK and Argentina Applicants' Institutions, on letter headed paper, signed by a Head of Department expressing their specific commitment to the proposed project. Please note that supporting letters must not be signed by the applicants. The letters of support will be accepted in English for UK Institutions and in Spanish for Argentine Institutions.

13. Selection Process

Selection begins with an eligibility check by British Council Argentina against the eligibility criteria given in these Guidelines (see [Appendix 3](#)).

Eligible proposals then follow a review of development relevance against Official Development Assistance (ODA) definitions as established by the OECD. All workshop proposals must clearly articulate a plausible pathway to positive impact on the lives of low-income populations and to a contribution to the economic development and social welfare of Argentina within a reasonable timeframe (1-5 years). If the proposal is deemed not to meet this essential criterion, it will not continue to the quality assessment review.

After the ODA check, applications undergo quality assessment and scoring by at least two evaluators according to criteria specified in [Appendix 4](#).

Proposals will be rated on a total score between 0 and 60. Those receiving a final score under 30 will not be considered for funding. However, achieving an average score equal to or above the threshold does not necessarily imply that the proposal will be funded.

Applicants whose application is rejected at the eligibility stage may have three days to appeal against the decision. The ID numbers for selected proposals will be published on the programme web page and **successful applicants will be notified after 31 August 2018 via e-mail**.

Once the application has been submitted, a unique application ID number will be generated for the successful applications. Applicants should note this number and use it in all communications with the British Council. Applicants who have not received this ID number should contact British Council Argentina.

14. Data protection

In the application form, the British Council will ask applicants' permission to:

- Use the information provided in the application as required for processing, making any consequential award, for award payment, monitoring, maintenance and review of the award. Information will be shared with national Programme partners for the purposes of selection and monitoring of the award.
- Make relevant information on the successful applications available to the public on the British Council website and in other publicity, and in reports and documents.
- Contact applicants in the future to inform them about future British Council opportunities.

Under UK Data Protection laws applicants have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on them, for which we may charge a fee, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. More information is available on the British Council data protection webpage (<https://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>). Alternatively, information can be requested from the local British Council office or the Data Protection Team.

15. Applicant screening

In order to comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant nor any of the applicant's employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings;
- as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime;
- as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body;
- as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or
- as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.
- If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Council with all information reasonably requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches.

16. Contact details

All queries or comments about this call should be addressed to the Higher Education Links email address: **HELinks.Argentina@britishcouncil.org**

APPENDIX 1: GENERAL GUIDANCE

Collaboration Purpose:

Deliver a bi-national proposal outlining a plan to increase the Argentine HEI's contribution as a strategic player on the local and national development agenda. This final proposal must be the product of a series of workshop sessions coordinated both by an Argentine HEI and a UK Institution. The workshop and resulting final proposals should benefit from the UK Institution's experience in regional development or the priority area selected. Collaborations will contribute to link the Argentine HEI to other relevant institutions, including other universities in the region. It is expected that the final proposal will positively impact social and/or economic development variables at a local/national level as well as the participant institutions at an organisational level.

Collaboration Priority Areas:

The participating Institutions can collaborate in at least one of the following priority areas:

- **Student Employability & Competitiveness:** These collaborations are expected to include a workshop where the Institutions will share best practices to build a final project aimed at improving student employability and developing competencies responding to local and regional industry needs. If applicable, the final proposed project will focus on very specific skills (i.e. skills that are relevant to the local economy) and/or a potential revision of the Institutions' curricula that could reflect the needs of local industry. We expect UK expertise to focus on transferable skills in specific sectors that are relevant to socio-economic regional development and on training opportunities that are not easily available in Argentina.
- **Research & development:** It is expected that Argentine HEIs will host a workshop with UK Institutions that have a track record in R&D, innovation management and/or knowledge transfer activities to develop a final project which will potentially trigger the local Institution's R&D agenda for the benefit of local and regional socio-economic development. This collaboration should help to align the R&D agenda to the local government's priorities for socio-economic development. The focus is on the development of skills and capacity to find common ground for agendas and develop the link between the Institution and regional priorities, with holistic impact on the regional innovation ecosystem, and not only in a specific research area.
- **Social Innovation & Inclusion:** There are two potential angles for this type of proposal. Firstly, proposals for social innovation projects should articulate a workshop that will focus on sharing best practices and develop a final project for improvements in the local/national arena (i.e. working with indigenous populations, women, children, local entrepreneurs, homeless people, clean energies, water sanitisation, food security, among others). These social strategies may include the use of arts for social development/change and any other artistic and creative innovation. Secondly, proposals for inclusion in higher education will have to demonstrate their potential to foster the inclusion of disadvantaged students in the Higher Education system in the region and ease the accessibility to higher education through diverse strategies, such as distance education and blended courses, among others. This may also include the creation of mobility schemes or joint modules/programmes between institutions.

The content of the workshop and its resulting final proposal must include innovative and replicable local development initiatives within in a global context.

APPENDIX 2: WORKSHOPS

Project Guidelines:

Workshop

- Workshop Coordinators
 - Two workshop coordinators must be assigned to plan and implement workshop sessions. One coordinator must be based at the UK Institution and one at the Argentine Lead Institution.
 - Under this call for proposals, workshop coordinators will be responsible for all organisational aspects of the workshop logistics (including travel arrangements for participants and booking of the workshop venue).
- Experts
 - Workshop coordinators are also responsible for identifying at least two UK experts on the priority area selected to be involved in workshop sessions. If appropriate, the UK workshop coordinator may be one of the experts.
 - Expert participation must include (but is not limited to) transferring expertise from international cases and providing the necessary knowledge to a successful final proposal delivery.
- Sessions
 - The workshop programme will follow a practical approach. It is recommended that each of the participants should contribute to construction of the final proposal.
 - Suggested structure of a workshop programme:

1. Introductory session (Mandatory)	8. Local government session
2. Argentine host session (Mandatory)	9. Final proposal design full-day session (Mandatory)
3. First UK expert session (Mandatory)	10. Administrative / academic body session
4. Second UK expert session (Mandatory)	11. Student session (Mandatory)
5. Third UK expert session	12. Proposal outline presentation session
6. Networking session	13. Funding strategy session (Mandatory)
7. Local industry session	14. Evaluation and reporting session (Mandatory)

- Target Audience

Workshop sessions will target the following audience: (attendance figures are a minimum requirement)

- Higher education academics (30 attendees)
- Higher education students (90 attendees)
- Higher Education Institution authorities (5 attendees)
- Government authorities (3 attendees)
- Other relevant decision-making authorities (5 attendees)

Final Project

- Content

1. Objectives and goals to be pursued.
2. Institutions and individuals involved in the implementation process.
3. An overview of the activities and strategies to be performed.
4. Human and economic resources required.
5. A time frame for implementation of proposed solution.
6. Evaluation and methods to assure quality and suitability for the solution according to objectives and desired impact.

To broaden the impact of the projects, applicants are required to invite to the workshops other Argentina-based institutions which could include:

- Other research or higher education establishments.
- Technology transfer offices.
- Local or national public offices.
- Not-for-profit organisations (including non-governmental organisations NGOs).
- For-profit/commercial organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Project Deliverables:

Selected collaborations must provide the following documents as evidence of the project progression. Templates will be sent to successful applicants as part of the Grant Agreement.

Deliverable	Submission deadline
Agenda and open call to participants	10 days before workshop
Final agenda	5 days before workshop
Baseline surveys	1 day before workshop
Post workshop survey	5 days after workshop
Digital content review	20 days after workshop
Final report (Including proposal)	20 days after workshop

What the Grant Covers

Please note that the unit costs given below constitute the maximum amounts that can be requested in each category and that all budget requests will be assessed for feasibility and appropriateness. While the maximum contribution cannot be exceeded, applicants can request less, in which case the amount requested cannot be increased at a later stage.

- International Travel

This is a contribution towards travel costs to Argentina for international participants (UK Workshop Experts and Workshop Coordinators) and travel insurance. It is calculated using a unit cost for each workshop participant. International economy class fares should be booked by the workshop coordinators as far in advance as possible to minimise costs.

Workshop Coordinators and Workshop Experts should contract adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any issues which may occur

while the participants are in-country.

- **Subsistence**

This covers the costs of accommodation, and daily expenses such as meals and local transport. Subsistence is calculated using the British Council Travel policy.

Accommodation: Single room: Up to ARS 2,000 per night plus applicable taxes

Other daily expenses (meals, local transport, etc.): Up to ARS 650 per day

Maximum Total Grant Allowance:	Up to ARS 180,000
International travel per person:	Up to ARS 35,000
Domestic travel per person:	Up to ARS 10,000
Subsistence and accommodation costs per person:	Up to ARS 21,000
Translation/Interpretation services:	Up to ARS 100,000

APPENDIX 3: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Eligibility criteria checklist	
1. The application has been submitted by the applicant by the published deadline.	
2. The applicant has submitted letters of support both from the Argentine Lead Institution and the UK Institution and each is signed by an authority of such institution.	
3. The application form is completed in full and complies with the full instructions given (including the structure of the workshops)	
4. The application form has been completed in English.	
5. Only one application per collaboration has been submitted.	
6. The workshop will take place between October 01, 2018 and March 31, 2019.	
7. The institution where the applicant is based is a recognised not-for-profit Higher Education Institution in Argentina (i.e. public or private universities, or a research centre).	
8. The UK Institution is a recognised not-for-profit Institution (can include universities, research centres, public offices and NGOs).	
9. Applicants must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants will confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by signing and submitting the application form.	
10. The number of workshop participants is in line with the quotas as described in this document.	
11. Applicants confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by signing and submitting the application form.	
12. The workshops will take place in Argentina.	
13. The workshop programme lasts between three and five days.	
14. At least two British visitors are included in the application.	
15. The CVs of both UK and Argentine workshop coordinators have been submitted.	

APPENDIX 4: QUALITY REVIEW SCORING SYSTEM

Assessment of the quality of the proposals and their relevance to development will be performed by selected expert panel members. Proposals with an average score of less than 30 points will be considered non-fundable. Equally, only proposals that have clearly articulated relevance to economic development and social welfare of Argentina will be considered for funding.

Section 1: Relevance to Economic Development and Social Welfare	Range
<p>The proposal clearly articulates a plausible pathway along which the collaboration may contribute to the economic development and social welfare of Argentina and lead to positive impact on the lives of people on a low income within a reasonable timeframe (1–5 years) and within the priority areas outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Please see guidance for applicants for further details.</p>	YES/NO

Section 2: Bi-National Collaboration Quality and Relevance	Score	Range
		0–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The collaboration proposal relevance to a specific local/national development goal is clearly demonstrated. • A global focus is demonstrated in the proposal. • The collaboration proposal is consistent with one of the priority areas. • The collaborating institutions are of appropriate recognition as economic or social development promoter agents. • The workshop coordinators have sufficient relevant experience to lead the proposed workshop and achieve the stated objectives. • The UK experts have relevant expertise in the priority area(s) selected. 		<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>

Section 3: Workshop Proposal	Score	Range
		0–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The description of the workshop includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs. There is clear evidence that the proposed workshop supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links. Both the benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK Institution and Argentine Lead Institutions are clearly described. There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions. The workshop target audience is relevant to the proposed programme and the target attendance figures meet the minimum requirements. The proposed agenda of the workshop is structured with interactive sessions with the potential to lead to an innovative and achievable final proposal. The proposal includes a clear description of how digital communication tools will be used to disseminate workshop outcomes to potential stakeholders. 	<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>	

Section 4: Sustainability and Capacity Building	Score	Range
		0–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for individual workshop participants as well as for other potential beneficiaries is clearly described. The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the workshop coordinators' institutions intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term. The proposal enables the UK Institution and Argentine HEIs to engage with the wider economic or social development regional actors. The collaboration contributes to the integration of HEIs institutional goals into the regional social and economic development agenda. 	<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>	
Total score for quality assessment (Section 2 + Section 3 + Section 4)	Score	Range
		0–60