COP26

UK Alumni Climate Change

Grant Call for Project Proposals

**Context:**

The 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) takes place in Glasgow on 1 – 12 November 2021. Hosted by the UK, this international climate change summit will bring together over 30,000 delegates, including heads of states, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change.

The British Council is working with partners worldwide to support the success and legacy of COP26 by creating opportunities for cooperation, dialogue and action in arts, education and science that address the shared challenges of climate change. There will be an innovative and creative programme of activity and engagement which includes bringing together UK Alumni from Turkey to share learning, engage in advocacy and build networks.

The British Council in Turkey initiated this “UK Alumni Climate Change Grant Call” to select projects that will raise young people’s (between the ages of 18-35) awareness on climate change and environmental issues in Turkey. The call is for innovative projects to be delivered by the UK alumni from Turkey, that also showcase expertise and innovation in the UK in this area.

The grants to be provided will be in the range of minimum 1,000 GBP and maximum 6,000 GBP per project.

This initiative is aligned with the outcomes foreseen under the Youth Engagement strand of the British Council’s COP26 programme, namely:

* Young people have an increased awareness about climate challenges,
* Young people’s concerns are heard and acknowledged by community, national and international leaders

**Selection Criteria for Applications:**

* Being a UK alumni holding a Turkish passport and living in Turkey at the time of applying and for the duration of this project.

UK alumni for this project are defined as individuals who have;

* + studied at a UK university in the UK for a minimum of one term or semester, or
	+ awarded a full UK degree level qualification (or higher) by a recognised or listed UK Higher Education Institution, in or outside the UK, or
	+ spent a minimum of one year in an English Language course in the UK.
* Demonstrating with this project:

	+ impact (number of young people reached and how their increased awareness will create impact)
	+ innovation (how young people are reached and engaged)
	+ sustainability (until at least COP26 in November 2021)
	+ integration of British Council’s Equality, Diversity and Inclusion principles (where possible) (please see this [link](https://www.britishcouncil.org.tr/equal) for more information on British Council’s EDI policy)

Preference will be given to applications that offer opportunities to showcase expertise and innovation in the UK in relation to environmental and climate change issues. This might be in the form of establishing partnerships with UK organisations and/or promoting climate change related courses in UK universities.

**Timeline:**

By submitting their application, UK Alumni agrees on the following timeline:

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| **Action** | **Deadline** |
| Announcing the call | 18 Dec 2020 |
| Clarification questions received | 4 Jan 2021 |
| Clarification questions answered | 6 Jan 2021 |
| Deadline for application submissions | 11 Jan 2021, 17:00 Turkey time |
| Evaluation of the applications  | 12 Jan 2021 |
| Announcement of successful applications | 13 Jan 2021 |
| Finalising contractual tasks  | 22 Jan 2021 |
| Payment of the 1st instalment of grants (70%)  | 8 Feb 2021 |
| M&E meetings with the grantees  | 15 February, 8 March, 15 March, 22 March and 29 March 2021  |
| Activities delivered by the grantees | by 28 Mar 2021 |
| Approval for the final instalment of grants (30%)  | 31 Mar 2021 |
| Online dissemination event for policy makers, universities, other relevant stakeholders as well as young people who have taken part in the activities for sharing experience, good practices and youth voices as a result of the projects delivered. | by 30 Apr 2021 |

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Part 1: Applicant’s Information**

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| **Name of UK Alumni:** |  |
| **UK education info (institute, study period, study field):** |  |
| **Name of partner organisation/university:** | *[If any, please share the details of your project partner organisation either from Turkey or the UK].* |
| **Please provide your short biography highlighting areas relevant to this call:** |  |
| **Please provide a brief description of your organisation:** | *[Please fill in if you are applying on behalf of your organisation].* |
| **Contact email and mobile phone:** |  |
| **City:** |  |
| **Amount of grant/seed funding applied for\* (min.1,000 and max. 6,000 GBP):** |  |

\*Please note that if your bid is successful, the grant will be processed in two instalments. The first instalment of 70% will be processed upon approval and contract signature with the British Council Turkey. The final instalment of 30% will be processed upon completion of all monitoring and evaluation requirements.

# Part 2: Project Information

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|  **Please tick the box to confirm if your project is existing or new:** |
| Existing: [ ]  New: [ ]  |
| We would like 500 words to hear about what you will be doing to raise awareness of young people (between 18 and 35) in Turkey about climate change and environmental issues, and how this will create an impact through their actions. Please make sure your response addresses below questions: * **What will your project involve?** (*Please describe your main outputs and actions for this project. If this project will be complementing an already existing one, please give a brief information about that project)*
* **Who will be involved?** (*What specific group of young people will your project target?)*
* **What will be the impact?** *(What will be the number of young people reached? How will you measure the impact of the increased awareness of young people targeted by your project?)*
* **What will be the innovation in your project?**
* **How will your project showcase UK expertise in this field?** *(Please briefly explain how UK’s expertise and experience in environment and climate change issues will be promoted vis-à-vis young people in Turkey)*
* **Where possible, how will you integrate British Council’s EDI principles in your project?**

**What next?** *(How will your project be sustainable until at least COP26 in November 2021?)* |
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**Part 3: Budget Breakdown**

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| **Please include a breakdown of your proposed budget (this could include costs for the partner organisation to support project mentoring, speakers from the UK and/or Turkey, etc) and expected timescale/milestones. (Maximum 200 words)** |
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Your projects may be promoted through the British Council and [FCDO](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office) mission in Turkey’s website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels or publication and British Council platforms.

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**All clarification questions and Application Forms should be sent to this address:** **StudyUK.Turkey@britishcouncil.org**