



**UKIERI UK-US-India  
Trilateral Research in Partnership  
Guidelines for Call for Proposals 2012**

**Deadline for submission of proposal: 13 April 2012**

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## Background

The UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) started in April 2006 with the aim of enhancing educational links between India and the UK. In the last five years, UKIERI has played a pivotal role in establishing a step change in the educational relations between the two countries.

In recognition of the substantial achievements and building on the success of this initiative, the programme has been extended for another five years from 2011 to 2016.

The extension was announced by the UK Prime Minister Mr. David Cameron and Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in July 2010.

## Aim

The overall aim of this strand of the UKIERI programme is to support the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between higher education institutions in the UK, US and India.

The TRIP funds support this by:

- Providing opportunities to expand existing co-operation as well as develop new relationships between UK, US and Indian higher education institutions.
- Building the basis for future sustainable partnerships between collaborating institutions.
- Strengthening the cadre of PhD students and post-docs in all three countries in developing international team work, problem solving and innovation in research
- Increasing mobility of PhD students and post-docs between India, the UK and the US

## Academic Fields

TRIP funding proposals are welcome across subjects from the Humanities, Social Sciences as well as Science and Technology fields.

Multidisciplinary research approaches are encouraged.

## Funding Guidance

TRIP funds are available to support project proposals up to 2 years in duration, and the grants will provide up to a maximum of **£50,000** during that time period.

TRIP funding is designed to support the collaborative and developmental costs of a multidisciplinary research or academic collaborative project.

All proposals will need to include details of additional contributions from the three institutions involved and from other sources if applicable

TRIP funding is intended to be awarded to certified Higher Education institutions – to academic staff in the UK, US and India of a proven and relevant quality.

Proposals can be submitted either by the UK, US or Indian institution and funds will be distributed in GBP sterling in the UK, or US dollars in the US or Indian Rupee in India.

Each proposal must be supported by UK, US and Indian institutions and endorsed by the respective heads of department or equivalent manager with appropriate level of delegated authority.

## **Funding regulations**

TRIP funding **can cover**:

- International economy return air travel, accommodation and local subsistence costs
- Travel to and from the airport
- Local in-country travel costs
- Visas and vaccinations for visitors (if necessary for travel)
- Meetings, training events, seminars, conferences integral to the partnership (including room hire, accommodation, travel and subsistence for participants where appropriate)
- Stakeholder dissemination workshops (including room hire, accommodation, travel and subsistence for participants where appropriate)
- Publications and associated printing costs, web pages development by in-house/external providers (if appropriate)
- Appropriate fieldwork costs and in addition costs for research /data collection staff in country
- Consumables up to £3,000 per project.
- Medical Insurance (only where not covered by other insurance)

TRIP funding will **not cover**:

- Staff time /replacement costs for permanent members of staff in any partner higher education institutions
- Consultancy fees
- PhD studies, under or postgraduate course fees
- Bench fees
- Purchase or rental of equipment such as IT hardware or software, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, fax machines
- Mobile phone rental or purchase
- Entertainment costs

## **Evaluation Process:**

**The aim is to communicate the results by the end of June 2012**

### PHASE 1: INITIAL RECEIPTING AND SCREENING

Following an administrative check, the UKIERI secretariat will inform the submitting applicant by email whether a successful application has been received and whether the application has been shortlisted for evaluation or not. (Within 2 weeks after closing)

### PHASE 2: EVALUATION BY ASSESSEMENT PANEL

All shortlisted proposals will go forward to an assessment panel. The assessment panel will evaluate and grade the projects by agreed assessment criteria. The panel will include representatives from the UK, the US and India. (Within 1 month)

### PHASE 3: FINAL ENDORSEMENT BY UKIERI BOARD

An evaluation of the graded of the proposals, including the proposed budget will be carried out in accordance with the overarching principles of the UKIERI programme (Within 1 month)

### PHASE 4: NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Communicate the results of the evaluation process to the successful and unsuccessful applicants. (Within 1 month)

### Evaluation Criteria

The evaluating panel will consider the following aspects of the proposals:

#### Scope of work

- Extent to which the proposal contributes towards mutuality and longer term sustainable partnerships between UK, US and Indian institutions
- Opportunity for continued partnership beyond the funding period, including obtaining matching funding in cash or in-kind from industrial, federal or philanthropic partners
- Mobility at the PhD and post-doc student level around this project
- Innovation in research – especially around multidisciplinary approaches
- Evidence of high-level institutional involvement and support

#### Project Management

- Clarity on about intellectual property arrangements
- Outline a cohesive strategy for dissemination of results
- Demonstrate a clear approach to monitoring and reporting
- Have recognized potential areas of risk and planning assumptions

### Submitting your application

The deadline for online submission of proposals for the Trilateral Research in Partnership is: **13 April 2012 by 1700 hours IST.**

The online application will be submitted by only one of the partner institutions.

Hard copies of the submitted proposal should be sent to the UKIERI Secretariat in New Delhi.

The deadline for the receipt of the signed and authorised hard-copy at the address given below is **18 May 2012.**

Hard copy applications should be sent to:

Trilateral Research in Partnership Awards 2012  
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New Delhi 110001  
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