The full grant amount must be assigned to costs directly incurred by the activity or directly allocated to it. We **can** therefore support research staff costs that are directly attributable to the project; we **cannot**, however, cover indirect, overheads or estates costs, as this would require using aid funding to support UK research infrastructure - the university will be expected to cover these.

Specifically, grants **cannot cover:**

* Full economic costs (FECs).
* Institutional overheads, administration fees and other indirect costs.
* Costs of staff based in commercial or for-profit organisations.
* Costs of permanent staff in Associated Partner organisations.
* Purchase or rental of standard office equipment (except specialist equipment essential to the research). This includes:
* IT hardware – laptops, personal computers, tablets, smart phones, Mac workstations, computer parts and peripherals, etc. Any standard hardware which would routinely be used by researchers and academics will not be funded.
* Office software.
* Desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, printers, fax machines.
* Mobile phone rental or purchase.
* Roaming charges.
* Tuition Fees.
* Bench Fees (for example PhD, Masters or Undergraduate study).
* Costs related to writing up, promoting or disseminating previous research.
* Attendance at conferences or other events unless this is to present outputs and outcomes of the project.
* Patents costs.
* Costs relating to the construction, procurement or rental of physical infrastructure, (e.g. office buildings). It is expected that any rooms and facilities essential for the routine operation of collaboration are provided as an in-kind contribution by the participating institutions. These can be detailed as an in-kind contribution in the budget breakdown.
* Entertainment costs such as:
* Gifts.
* Alcohol.
* Restaurant bills or hospitality costs for personnel not directly participating in the project.
* Excessive restaurant costs.
* Excessive taxi fares.