

UK Brazil Gender Equality Partnerships Call 2022

FAQs

Q: My department has a Silver Athena Swan award. I would like to know if we can apply via the department.

A: Yes, you may apply via your department, but you must have full support from your institution. This can be demonstrated with a letter of support stating that the institution supports this engagement.

Q: Must Brazilian institutions submit accountability to the UK Institution?

A: As we are going to be transferring the grant funds to the UK institution, they are enabled to share these funds with the Brazilian counterparts. It is important that among yourselves you design and present your manner of sharing and keeping track of finance. The UK institution has to have access to this data to be able to present a complete financial report.

Q: Could you explain how the joint application of academics from the UK and Brazilian institutions works?

A: If you are willing to participate in this call and are looking for partners, you can reach out to us and allow us to share your contact details with our network.

Q: Can we have 2 UK partners for continued success of the 2021 project with all stakeholders? Pivotal build on current partnerships.

A: Yes, you can. Partnerships projects funded under the 2021 edition of the call are eligible to apply provided they have at least one additional UK partner, and two Brazilian ones.

Q: As a Physics teacher of the Licentiate in Chemistry course, can I participate in the process?

A: Yes, you can. Please bear in mind that you will not be able to apply on your own. This is an institutional call

Q: I am based in the UK, and I am interested in setting up a new partnership. Must the Brazilian institutions not be involved in previously funded partnerships from the last call?

A: UK institutions are free to partner with whichever Brazilian institution they like. We encourage going beyond the pool of those which were part of the nine projects funded throughout the 2021 edition. Still, there is no restriction as to institutions that participated in 2021 regrouping and partnering with other HEIs for the current call. The idea is to expand these links.

Q: Must all applicants be graduation teachers?

A: Yes. We expect the leads in each institution to be academics and active members of the institution. It is not within the eligibility for students to apply.

Q: Women in social sciences are part of the scope of the project?

A: Since this is an institutional call and we are willing to provide widespread awareness and engagement towards gender equality, social sciences are welcome to participate as long as the leadership or co-leadership is composed of STEM academics.

Q: Is the bronze Athena Swan award accepted?

A: Yes, any level of Athena Swan award is accepted as long as your institution is a current award holder. The award must be valid throughout the project duration.

Q: In my institute, we teach technical level and also higher education. Are we able to participate?

A: The applicant institution must have some involvement in HE, and the project leads must be academics engaged in the HE level. If your institution's activities go beyond HE you are encouraged to engage them in the project as well.

Q: The call terms of reference mention that 'Lead UK institutions will only be eligible to receive a maximum of one grant throughout the present call.' Can you please confirm if there is a limit on the amount of applications we can submit to the scheme, or just the amount of awards available per Lead UK institution?

A: UK HEIs may apply as many times as they wish, as leads or partners as long as the members of the consortium submit just one application in that arrangement. That is, if institutions X, Y and Z establish a partnership for the current call, they cannot submit more than one proposal together. The institutions, individually, may submit other proposals alongside different groupings and different consortia.

There limit of one grant per UK institution is linked to said institution's role as the lead. Hence, if institution X applies three times as the lead UK HEI, it will only be able to receive grant funds for the project which receives the highest evaluation rates, as long as it is within the top three rank for new partnerships, or the best proposal for existing ones.

Q: Regarding new partnerships, we would like to clarify that partnerships including new UK and Brazilian partners that had already been part of the first call would be counted towards new partnerships for the second call?

A: Previous beneficiaries are eligible to establish partnerships with other institutions also participating in the 2021 edition of the call, creating new consortia.

Q: Can the funding be used for staff time?

A: According to the terms or reference and the budget outline, staff costs are limited to 20% of the grant funds, considering the expertise and consultancy elements of the call. UK and Brazilian institutions are encouraged to collaborate with in-kind contributions for staff time and other elements relevant to the project development.

Q: Can some of the grant funds be allocated to Brazilian institutions to undertake this time consuming and significant work?

A: Yes, as long as the funds are allocated to cover fundable items and that the amounts transferred to Brazil remain within the maximum percentage limits, for the applicable items. The sum of the costs allocated for Brazil and UK services cannot surpass that percentage.