

Going Global Partnerships

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# Research Environments

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(formerly Research Environment Links)

**Connects higher education partners globally**



Research Environments grants provide financial support for capacity-strengthening and collaboration activities to develop and sustain medium to long term relationships proposed by applicant institutions in partner countries and the UK.

All collaborations funded will establish new research environment links - or significantly develop existing links - between research groups, departments, or institutions with the potential for longer-term sustainability.

# Research Environments call design

Research Environments can be funded in any discipline or cross-discipline, and there are no limits in terms of the type of activities that can be delivered as long as they respond to the country priorities set by the country funding partner.

Proposals are designed by the Lead Applicant in the partner country with the support of a UK partner organisation.

-  **Size of grant:** Up to £50,000
-  **Duration of the grant:** Up to 12 months
-  **ODA requirement:** All applications must show a plausible plan to impact economic development or social welfare, within 3-15 years



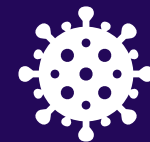
# Potential Research Environments activities



Design and delivery of collaborative **training programmes** for researchers, research, administrators, policy makers, researchers at Research and Development companies, research Intellectual Property (IP) managers. Training can be varied from how to establish international research collaboration, publish research papers in international academic journals, develop communication or public engagement skills for researchers, consider Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) practices in your institution or department, manage/translate research IP and pattern management to research commercialisation and build long term industry-research interactions. We would encourage applicants to use this opportunity to engage with the commercial, innovation and/or other higher education and research bodies where applicable.



Introducing **new research methods** within a particular thematic area to aid quality research output and contribute to development priorities in a partner country.



# Potential Research Environments activities continued



Activities to enhance the capacity of **technology transfer** offices in universities, organising field trips from/to the UK to increase the accumulated knowledge and share experiences. This may include capacity strengthening activities derived through the processing of an existing piece of research so long as this aligns to the partner country aims and Official Development Assistance guidelines.



Design and implementation of pilot initiatives seeking innovative solutions relevant to the partner country **research and innovation** capacity needs.

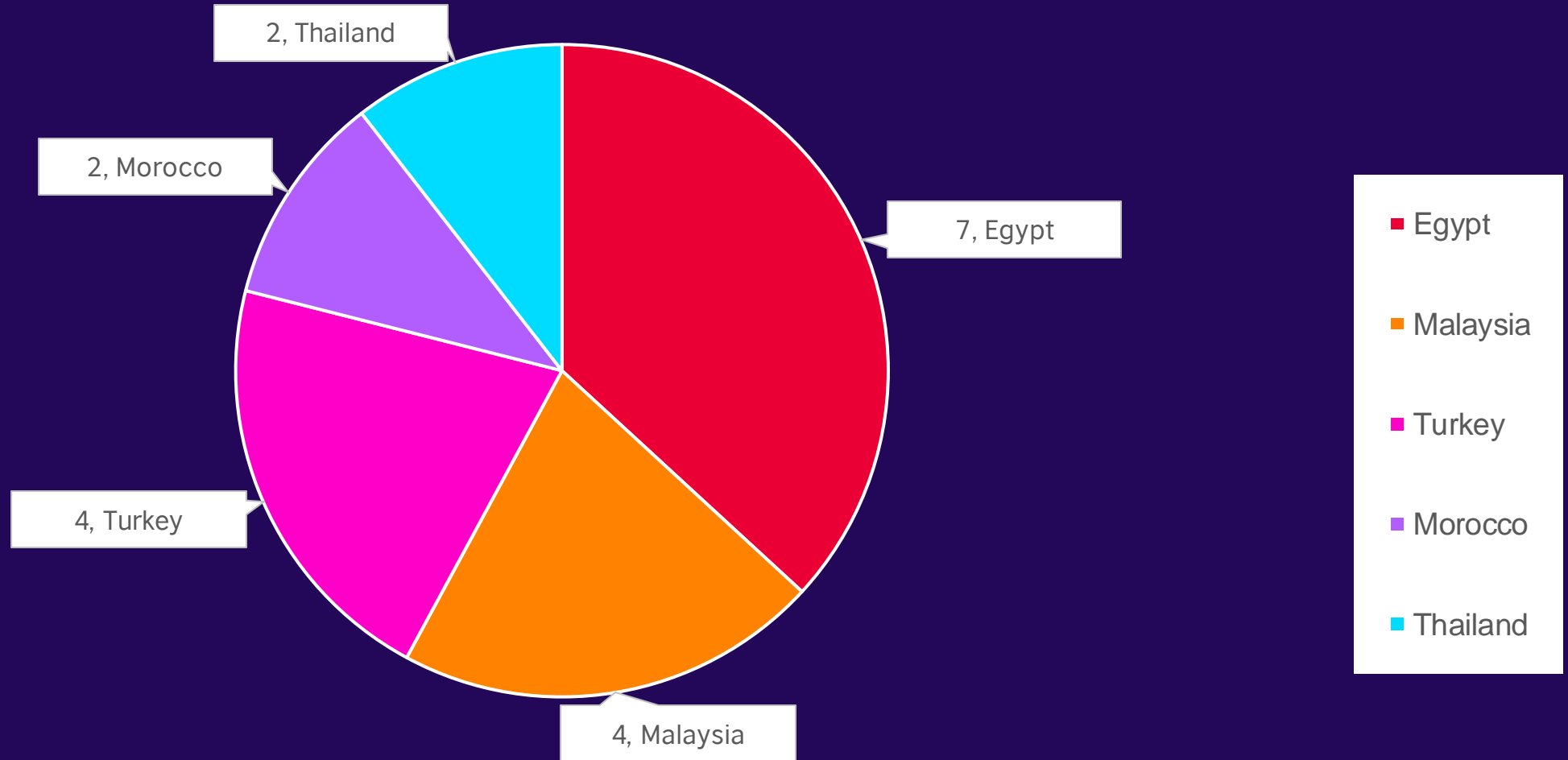


Activities enabling the sharing of knowledge and good practice in areas relevant to **professional development and engagement** capacity strengthening.



# Research Environment Links 2021

## Funded Projects



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# Research Environments grant call 2023-24



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# How to apply

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science/opportunities/research-environments>

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# Eligibility

## Applicants

Each proposal must have both

- a) one Lead Applicant from the partner country;  
and
- b) one Lead Applicant from the UK,
- c) submitting one joint application.

## Higher Education Institutions

A not-for-profit higher education institution with the capacity to undertake high-quality research, including their Technology Transfer Offices.

**A Catapult Centre (in the case of the UK Principal Applicant)**

A not-for-profit research organisation with the capacity to undertake high-quality research.

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# Points to Note

**Applications which do not meet the ODA criterion cannot receive funding.**

**Applicants should consult Annex 1 to review the priority themes and other specific requirements for each partner country participating in the call.**

**Refer to Application Guidance carefully for approved budget heads.**

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# Gender Equality

**Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on addressing global or local gender equality.**

**This should be about the project specifically – the outputs and outcomes; the make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project; and the processes followed throughout the research programme**

**If a question is not applicable, you will need to explain the reasons why. Any application which states that a Gender Equality Statement is not applicable overall, will be ineligible for funding.**

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# Points to address intersectionality between gender and EDI identities

Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project?

- The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on women and men, and people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed) and any other relevant EDI identities?

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# Submission Process

**The deadline for the submission of applications is 6 October 2023 23:59 UK time.**

**Applications must be submitted online - [ResearchEnvironments@britishcouncil.org](mailto:ResearchEnvironments@britishcouncil.org).**

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# Application form

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science/opportunities/research-environments>

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