



UK Science and Research Funding Opportunities – THAILAND

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Instructions

This document provides a summary of funding opportunities for UK researchers to collaborate with international partners, which Thailand is one of the eligible partners. UK funding opportunities are delivered across multiple departments and organisations, and the list below (**Table 1**) is not an exhaustive list. Applicants are advised to **read the guidance note** of each call in full details, which may require Co-PI from the UK and one other country, before submitting the application. For further queries, please contact relevant UK funders / delivery partners.

Please visit this page for overall **UK Official Development Assistance Funding overview**: https://ukcdr.org.uk/uk-oda-funding-overview/

Summary of upcoming events:

- Frontiers Symposium on Circular Economy

Summary of funding available:

• Health: 15 programmes

• Climate: 3 programmes

• Social Sciences: 2 programmes

Technology: 1 programme on Space

Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes: 11 programmes

Please note this this document is **not** updated on a regular basis. You are encouraged to follow and subscribe to relevant e-newsletters for up-to-date notification (**Table 2**).

Upcoming event: Frontiers Symposium - *The Business*

Case for Circular Economy

Date: 4 – 6 August 2025

Venue: Bangkok

Application deadline: Rolling basis – but ideally apply

as soon as possible as seats are very limited

In partnership between the UK's Royal Academy of Engineering, and Thailand's Programme Management Unit for Competitiveness (PMU-C), The event will bring together leading researchers, innovators and practitioners to explore new ideas around circular economy, sustainability and using resources better. These discussions will open new ways of thinking and encourage collaboration towards a more circular future.



The event will offer a unique opportunity for delegates from different disciplines to connect and network with experts from around the world, and to explore cross-cutting issues through three subthemes:

- 1. **Digital solutions and creative design for the circular economy** harnessing advanced technologies, creative design, and digital solutions to convert waste
- 2. **Inclusive systems and policy development for circular practices** building policy and frameworks for a just, effective circular economy
- 3. Waste valorisation and financing strategies looking at the business case for waste and waste valorisation finance initiatives

Symposium format:

- 3 cross-cutting challenge-led sessions
- Seed funding grants worth £20,000 over one year will be awarded to successful collaborations developed via the symposium.

Find out more at: https://raeng.org.uk/frontiers-thailand-2025

Table 1.0 – List of Funding Opportunities

Theme	Health (Fellowship for Digital Health)	Health (New Intervention)
Programme name	Transformative Technologies for Healthcare and Environmental Resilience (TTHER)	Gap fund for early-stage development of new healthcare interventions
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council through Edinburgh Napier University	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career research to work at the University. This includes those without a permanent research-related post / academic post.	Translational Project funding to generate critical data that builds confidence in developing a new or repurposed medicine, medical device, diagnostic test, or other medical intervention. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Digital Health: 1) Al for fall prevention, 2) Robotics and Al in Healthcare, 3) Exoskeleton Robits for Rehab, 4) Autonomous EV for Emergency Services, 5) Al-Driven Body Area Networks for Monitoring, 6), IoT for Healthcare for continuous monitoring, and 7) Al for digital health and precision medicine	All human diseases and medical interventions are eligible for support, both in the context of UK healthcare and addressing global health issues. Project should have already explored a new concept and generated some data in support of the approach.
Budget	3 early-career scholarships for Thailand, including bursary, research expense and other costs	£50k – 300k
Duration	Minimum 10 months	6 – 18 months
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://blogs.napier.ac.uk/ispf-early-career-fellowships/introduction/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/funding-for- early-stage-development-of-new-healthcare- interventions/
Deadline	Rolling basis – Apply as soon as possible	9 July 2025
Contact	Professor Dr Hongnian Yu, at H.Yu@napier.ac.uk	gapfund@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Translational research)	
Programme name	Mental Health Award: Leveraging longitudinal data to transform early intervention in mental health	Developmental pathway funding scheme: stage one	
Funder / Delivery partner	Wellcome	MRC	
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research to support data-driven or hypothesis-driven early identification models and advance their translational potential, aiming to create a step-change in early intervention for anxiety, depression and/or psychosis	Translational project to develop test novel therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics a other interventions. It aims improve prevention, diagnosis, prognosis or treatme of significant health needs, or develop research tools that increase the efficiency of developing interventions. (Thai as co-lead only).	
Priority area / Scope	Longitudinal datasets and develop innovative ways of identifying anxiety, depression and/or psychosis early All diseases and intervent support. Global health iss		
Budget	£1-5m	-	
Duration	3 – 5 years	-	
Briefing	7 May 2025	N/A	
		https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/developmenta l-pathway-funding-scheme/	
Deadline	22 July 2025	16 July 2025	
Contact	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact- us/funding-enquiry	dpfsanddcs@mrc.ukri.org	

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Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Infection)	Health (Infection)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: research grant	Infections and immunity: research grant	Infections and immunity: new investigator
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research to unlock the complexity of human health and disease across the life course. This includes population health and the impact of environmental factors including the social environment on health outcomes. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research to develop scientific knowledge that extends our understanding of human infectious disease and the role of the immune system in inflammation, immunemediated disease, and cancer. (Thai as colead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research that increases understanding within the field of infections and immunity. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below
Budget	-	-	Typically under £1m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population- and-systems-medicine-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections- and-immunity-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections- and-immunity-new-investigator/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org

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Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: research grant
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of population and systems medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of molecular and cellular medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research into basic biological mechanisms or technologies relevant to human health and disease. (Thai as colead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below
Budget	Typically under £1m	Typically under £1m	-
Duration	Usually 3 years	Usually 3 years	Typically 3 – 5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population -and-systems-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular- and-cellular-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular- and-cellular-medicine-research/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Experimental Medicine)
Programme name	Neurosciences and mental health: research grant	Neurosciences and mental health: new investigator	Experimental medicine stage one
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research in neurosciences, mental health, and disorders of the human nervous system. This includes physiology and behaviour of the human nervous system throughout the life course in health and in illness, as well as how to treat and prevent disorders of the brain. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of neurosciences and mental health. (Thai as co-lead only).	Funding for experimental medicine projects conducted in humans, with clear pathway to clinical impact. Project will produce new mechanistic insights, including those that may identify opportunities to modify disease pathways, or enable the future development of novel therapeutic or diagnostic approaches. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Intervention or challenge in humans, with safety profiles established, which has been designed to validate a mechanistic hypothesis. The challenge may be, but is not limited to pharmacological, immunological, physiological, psychological, infectious
Budget	-	Typically under £1m	Typically £1m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years	-
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/experimental-medicine/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	1 October 2025
Contact	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	experimental.medicine@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Vaccine)	Health (Vaccine)
Programme name	Innovations to Prepare for Future Epidemics and Pandemics	Innovative analytical technologies to improve vaccine manufacturing speed and equitable access
Funder / Delivery partner	CEPI	CEPI
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to advance a broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential, including novel pathogens capable of infecting and causing disease in humans (i.e., Disease X). It supports vaccine research, development and manufacturing innovations	Funding to develop innovative analytical technologies for vaccines, with the goal to reduce vaccine development, manufacturing, and release times, lower costs, improve equitable deployment, and enhance analytical insights for vaccines such as RNA, viral vectors, or protein-based vaccines.
Priority area / Scope	Focus Area 1: advancing innovative rapid-response vaccine platforms that can transform the response to a future Disease X Focus Area 2: developing new vaccine candidates against CEPI priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential and viral families	Focus Area A: Minimizing time/cost to release/develop vaccine Focus Area B: Vaccine characterisation
Budget	Varies from 1m-5m USD depending on scope	Stage 1: 200k USD Stage 2: 800k USD
Duration	18 – 36 months depending on scope	Stage 1: 12 months Stage: 18 months
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals
Deadline	Rolling basis until 2026	Rolling basis until 1 May 2026
Contact	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net

Theme	Climate	Climate	Climate
Programme name	Green Transition Fund: Nature-based Solutions	Indigenous Peoples and Local Community (IP&LC)	1:1:1 (public sector, philanthropic donors, and corporate partners)
Funder / Delivery partner	UKPACT	Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF)	Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF)
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for organisation to deliver technical Assistance and capacity building projects in the areas of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).	Funding to support Indigenous Peoples and Local Community (IP&LC) organizations engaged in area-based conservation	Funding to supports national and international NGOs engaged in area-based conservation through a new co-financing model
Priority area / Scope	Must respond to one of the following pillars: Work package 5.1) Transboundary policy frameworks and platforms for collective action on NbS, Work package 5.2) NbS models and monitoring; Financing for NbS research and development, Work package 5.3) Nature-positive financing and	Area-based conservation activities that support a sustainable balance between ecosystem health, social and cultural well-being, and economic development for IP&LCs and their territories. This must take place in a 'Legacy	Activities to support conversation through 2 scales of grant. This must take place in a 'Legacy landscapes' – see full definition in guidance note. PI must be NGOs. Require 1:1:1 funding ratio (LLF, philanthropic
	businesses	landscapes' – see full definition in guidance note. PI must be NGOs	donors - favoured, and corporate partners - mandatory)
Budget	Up to £800,000	1m USD per year	Perpetual grant: 1m USD per year / 50 years Sustaining grant: 1m USD per year / 15 years
Duration	15 months	Up to 15 years	
Briefing	8 May 2025	Q&A registration in website	Q&A registration in website
Link	https://www.ukpact.co.uk/asean-gtf-mee-pillar-5?hsCtaTracking=52151b37-9081-449c-a55b-e5c1e7fa0e8b%7Cc90903da-0fab-4c07-8d8b-93db477aaa27	https://legacylandscapes.org/for- applicants/	https://legacylandscapes.org/for-applicants/
Deadline	3 July 2025	1 September 2025	1 September 2025
Contact	https://www.ukpact.co.uk/contact-us	proposals@legacylandscapes.org	proposals@legacylandscapes.org

Theme	Social Sciences	Social Sciences
Programme name	90th Anniversary British Council Fellowships	International Writing Workshops 2025
Funder / Delivery partner	British Council / University of Edinburgh	British Academy
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	12-month Postdoctoral Fellowship at Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh.	Funding for workshop for early-career researchers to support networking, career and skills development, and support publication in high impact journals.
Priority area / Scope	Align with British Council overarching theme of 'a more peaceful and prosperous world built on trust', and strategy of 'We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.'	-
Budget	£2.5k bursary per month, plus travel expenses.	£30,000
Duration	12 months	
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.iash.ed.ac.uk/british-council- 90th-anniversary-research-fellowships	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/
Deadline	28 July 2025	17 Sep 2025
Contact	researchglobal@britishcouncil.org	international@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

Theme	Technology - Space
Programme name	International Bilateral Fund – Call 2
Funder / Delivery partner	UK Space Agency
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to help strengthen UK space sector's international partnerships . There are 2 tracks to apply. (lead must be based in UK)
Priority area / Scope	Project also welcome partnerships with countries including emerging space nations.
	Track 1: To kickstart international relationships. If technology development, this would fall under TRL1-4
	Track 2: Project with a level of maturity, and build on established partnerships. On technology, this corresponds to TRL5-9.
Budget	Track 1: £50,000 - 150,000
	Track 2: £150,000 - 500,000
Duration	7 months, starting in 1 Sep 2025
Briefing	
Link	International Bilateral Fund – Call 2 - GOV-UK Find a grant
Deadline	7 July 2025
Contact	ibf@ukspaceagency.gov.uk

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	Research Collaboration Grant	Career Development Awards	Discovery Awards
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council (Co-funded by NRCT, PMU-B, and PMU-C in Thailand)	Wellcome	Wellcome
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to support new research collaboration, or develop existing groups / international partnerships (including with non-academic organisations)	Funding for midcareer researchers to develop research and innovation to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Funding for established researchers to pursue ideas to deliver shifts in understanding related human, health, and wellbeing
Priority area / Scope	Thailand priorities are dependent on co- funders in Thailand; AI, Genomics, Resilient Planet, Transformative Technologies, Healthy People Animals and Plant, and Developing Tomorrow's Talent. Please review full themes in guidance note.	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome <u>Discovery Research theme</u> , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome <u>Discovery Research theme</u> , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing
Budget	£100,000 – 200,000	£250,000	On average £3.5m
Duration	Up to 2 years	Usually 8 years	Usually 8 years
Briefing	12 June 2025 – link below	Webinar link below	Webinar link below
Link	https://opportunities- insight.britishcouncil.org/short- articles/opportunities/ispf-research- collaboration-grants-2025	https://wellcome.org/research- funding/schemes/wellcome-career- development-awards	https://wellcome.org/research- funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career- awards
Deadline	Expression of Interest by 30 June 2025	24 July 2025	29 July 2025
Contact	UK-ISPF@britishcouncil.org	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact- us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact- us/funding-enquiry

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	ISPF Early Career Fellowships: Strathclyde-led Network in Health and Engineering Biology	International Interdisciplinary Research Projects 2026
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council through Strathclyde University	British Academy
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career research to work at the University.	Project to support research led by and grounded in humanities and/or social sciences.
Priority area / Scope	Project 1: Re-evaluating the usability of bone turnover biochemical markers for monitoring changes in intrinsic bone parameters Project 2: Development of catalysts for photoelectrochemical and photocatalytic biomass conversion Project 3: Uncovering the mechanism of action of novel DNA-binding agents against Gram-negative bacteria	 4 selected challenges (more details in website) Earth system governance Digital and other transformative technologies Global health Outer space governance PI must be a researcher from humanities and social sciences
Budget	3 early-career scholarships for Thailand, including bursary, research expense and other costs	£300,000
Duration	12 months	2 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.strath.ac.uk/workwithus/strathclyde-lednetworkinhealthengineeringbiologywiththailand/	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/knowledge-frontiers-international-interdisciplinary-research/
Deadline	15 August 2025	17 Sep 2025
Contact	strathclyde-thailand@strath.ac.uk	internationalchallenges@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	Early-career Awards	Wolfson Fellowship (open 3 rounds per year)	Wolfson Visiting Fellowship (open 3 rounds per year)
Funder / Delivery partner	Wellcome	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for early-career researchers to develop research identity, innovative projects to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Fellowship for mid- or senior career researchers to undertake research fellowship in the UK	Fellowship for established researchers to undertake research in the UK
Priority area / Scope	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome <u>Discovery Research theme</u> , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host
Budget	£400,000	Up to £300,000	Up to £125,000
Duration	Usually 5 years	5 years	3 – 12 months, or flexibly over 2 years
Briefing	Webinar link below	N/A	N/A
Link	https://wellcome.org/research- funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career- awards	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal- society-wolfson-fellowship/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal- society-wolfson-visiting-fellowship/
Deadline	30 September 2025 (Open 3 times annually)	4 Sep 2025	4 Sep 2025
Contact	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact- us/funding-enquiry	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	University Research Fellowship	Faraday Discovery Fellowships (Open later in Aug 2025)	International Exchanges (Applying with Thailand to go for Global Rounds)
Funder / Delivery partner	Royal Society	DSIT / Royal Society	Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-caeer researcher between 3-8 years of experience to develop research career in the UK	Support emerging research leaders to be based in the UK, and fund high-quality original, long-term research	Funding for UK-based researchers to collaborate with international partners overseas, including funding for one-off visit, or bilateral visits.
Priority area / Scope	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit. The aim is to stimulate new collaborations.
Budget	Up to £1.87m	Max £8m	Up to £12,000
Duration	6-8 years	10 years	3 months / 1 year / 2 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/university- research/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday- discovery-fellowships/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/international -exchanges/
Deadline	Opens on 15 July 25, and closes on 10 Sep 25	Open 5 Aug 2025, and closes on 23 Sep 2025	Next round opens on 31 July and closes on 25 Sep 2025.
Contact	urf@royalsociety.org	faraday@royalsociety.org	international.exchanges@royalsociety.org

Table 2 – Communication Channels

Funding Opportunity Finder	UUKi	https://shorturl.at/bSEx0
	UKCDR	https://ukcdr.org.uk/funding-calls/
	Gov.uk	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding
E-newsletter	ISPF	Email 'Newsletter' to ISPFenquiries@odamanagement.org
	NIHR	NIHR (list-manage.com)
	British Council Thailand	https://www.britishcouncil.or.th/en/thai-uk-education-connect
Social media	DSIT Twitter	https://twitter.com/SciTechgovuk
Linkedin	FCDO RED	https://uk.linkedin.com/company/fcdo-research-science-and-innovation