

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 funding available:

- **Multidiscipline opportunities:** 5 programmes
- **Health:** 9 programmes
- **Climate:** 3 programmes
- **Arts and Humanities:** 1 programme

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Highlighted Opportunity: UK-Thailand Women in STEM Awards

The banner features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top left is the British Embassy Bangkok logo, and at the top right is the UK-Thailand Women in STEM Awards logo. The main title 'UK-Thailand Women in STEM Awards' is prominently displayed in white and light blue. Below it, the subtitle 'Grant for a short research visit to the UK' is written in white. The central part of the banner contains four hexagonal images: a woman in an orange lab coat working with a large piece of equipment, a woman in a white lab coat using a microscope, a woman in a white lab coat with a stethoscope, and a woman in a dark lab coat working at a computer. At the bottom left, the text 'Apply Now!' is written in a large, bold, white font, followed by 'Applications close on 22 June 2026 at 4:00pm (Thailand time)' and 'Find out more via the official guidelines' in a smaller white font.

UK - Thailand
Women in STEM Awards
Grant for a short research visit to the UK

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About the Award: The UK-Thailand Women in STEM Awards aims to fund a short visit to the UK for women researchers from Thailand to advance STEM collaboration between Thailand and the UK.

The UK-Thailand Women in STEM Awards aim to recognise and support outstanding early to mid-career women researchers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) who have demonstrated research excellence, leadership, and commitment to strengthening UK–Thailand collaboration.

The Awards are delivered by the British Embassy Bangkok, in partnership with Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI). The programme contributes to strengthening research, innovation and people-to-people links between the UK and Thailand, while promoting women’s leadership and visibility in STEM.

Apply here: <https://shorturl.at/pnulq>

Deadline for application: 22 June 2026

Find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-entries-women-in-stem-awards>

Upcoming Workshop: Empowering HE with SDG Leadership to Promote Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in International Research Collaboration

Lead the Future of Global Research through SDG & EDI Integration

Join our workshop to explore practical approaches for integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) into international research collaboration. Engage with global experts and connect with researchers from diverse institutions to strengthen your capacity for impactful global partnerships.

This workshop is ideal for researchers, university academics, research managers, and international collaboration professionals who are interested in developing high-quality and equitable cross-border research partnerships.

The workshop is organised by The University of Manchester and Chulalongkorn University, and forms part of a project supported by the British Council and the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) under the International Research Empowerment Programme (IREP). The programme aims to strengthen the capacity of researchers, research leaders, and institutions to build equitable international partnerships and drive innovation for societal impact.

Tentative Schedule

Thailand: 24 July 2026 | 09:00 | Chulalongkorn University

Highlights

- Keynote talks from global higher education and policy experts
- Hands-on workshops on SDG and EDI integration
- Panel discussions on international research collaboration
- Networking opportunities with global partners

Pre-register by scanning the QR code on the poster



EMPOWERING HIGHER EDUCATION WITH SDG LEADERSHIP TO PROMOTE EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

WHAT WE DO - WHAT YOU CAN DO

We gather and analyse best practices in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-aligned leadership and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within international research collaborations between the UK and Thailand, transforming these insights into dynamic, strategy-driven workshops tailored for you.

8 JUNE 2026
(TENTATIVE)
9:00 ONWARDS
THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, UK

24 JULY 2026
(TENTATIVE)
9:00 ONWARDS
CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

Join us, free of charge, and become a vital part of shaping the future of equitable global research.

Discover the true meaning of SDGs and EDI in practice, and learn to translate global commitments into impactful institutional and societal change.

Step into the conversation, elevate your leadership, and help forge research partnerships that truly make a difference.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



- 1 Keynote Speakers**
Distinguished leaders and experts from higher education and international research policy.
- 2 Workshops**
Hands-on sessions to develop SDGs and EDI skills and strategies.
- 3 Networking Opportunities**
Connect with fellow professionals and expand your research network.
- 4 Panel Discussions**
Engage in discussions on the latest trends and challenges in the international research collaboration.

For inquiries, please contact: sirin.c@chula.ac.th

Table 1.0 – List of Funding Opportunities

Theme	Multiple disciplines	Multiple disciplines	Multiple disciplines
Programme name	Wolfson Fellowship (Final round for 2026)	Wolfson Visiting Fellowship (Final round for 2026)	International Exchanges (Final round for 2026)
Funder / DPs	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society	Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for mid- or senior career researchers to undertake research fellowship in the UK	Fellowship for outstanding emerging, or established researchers to undertake research in the UK	Funding for researchers to collaborate with international partners overseas, including funding for one-off visit, or bilateral visits.
Priority area / Scope	All areas of Natural Sciences covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and will receive firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of Natural Sciences covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and will receive firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of Natural Sciences covered by Royal Society Remit
Budget	Up to £300,000	Up to £125,000	Up to £3,000 to £12,000
Duration	Up to 5 years	12 months full-time, or split across 2 years	Up to 3 months (one-off visit) to 1 year / 2 years (multiple visits)
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal-society-wolfson-fellowship/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal-society-wolfson-visiting-fellowship/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/international-exchanges/
Deadline	1 July 2026	1 July 2026	30 July 2026 – 24 September 2026
Contact	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org	international.exchanges@royalsociety.org

Theme	Multiple disciplines	Multiple disciplines
Programme name	University Research Fellowship	Faraday Discovery Fellowships
Funder / DPs	Royal Society	DSIT / Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career researcher between 3-8 years of experience to develop research career in the UK	Support mid-career research leaders to be based in the UK, and fund high-quality original, long-term research
Priority area / Scope	All areas of Natural Sciences covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and will receive firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of Natural Sciences covered by Royal Society Remit
Budget	Up to £1.87m	Up to £8m
Duration	6-8 years	10 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/university-research/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday-discovery-fellowships/
Deadline	14 July – 9 September 2026	5 August – 22 September 2026
Contact	urf@royalsociety.org	faraday@royalsociety.org

Theme	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Vaccine)
Programme name	Mental Health Award: Using physical activity and circadian-based interventions to reduce anxiety and depression in young people	Innovations to Prepare for Future Epidemics and Pandemics
Funder / DPs	Wellcome	CEPI
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to support trials of intervention for anxiety and depression in young people aged 10-18 years. The team will build on existing mechanistic evidence to develop more precise and effective early interventions that have the potential to scale.	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
Priority area / Scope		Focus Area 2: developing new vaccine candidates against CEPI priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential and viral families
Budget	£1-4m	Varies from 1m-5m USD depending on scope
Duration	3 – 4 years	18 – 36 months depending on scope
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/mental-health-award-using-physical-activity-and-circadian-based-0	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals?selectedProposal=11
Deadline	14 July 2026	13 July 2026
Contact	https://wellcome.org/about-us/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://cepi.my.site.com/support

Theme	Health (Discovery Research)	Health (Discovery Research)	Health (Discovery Research)
Programme name	Discovery Awards	Career Development Awards	Early-career Awards
Funder / DPs	Wellcome	Wellcome	Wellcome
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for established researchers to pursue ideas to deliver shifts in understanding related human, health, and wellbeing	Funding for midcareer researchers to develop research and innovation to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Funding for early-career researchers to develop research identity, innovative projects to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.
Priority area / Scope	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing
Budget	On average £3.5m	£250,000	Salary and up to £400,000 research expense
Duration	Usually 7 years	Usually 8 years	Usually 5 years
Briefing	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hkd7gVjyWpU	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hkd7gVjyWpU	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hkd7gVjyWpU
Link	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-discovery-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-career-development-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards
Deadline	22 September 2026 Next Round: 23 September to 23 February 2027	28 July 2026 Next Round: 29 July – 17 November 2026	Current Round: 21 July 2026 Next Round: 22 July – 10 November 2026
Contact	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry

Theme	Health (Research Grant)	Health (Research Grant)	Health (Fellowship)
Programme name	New Investigator Research Grant: Applicant-led	Research Grant: Applicant-led	Capacity building: clinical research training fellowship
Funder / DPs	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for new investigator to deliver research within MRC remit, to become independent researcher.	Funding to support research within MRC remit, focusing on discovery and translation research, to drive insights into cause and mechanism of disease.	Fellowship for health professionals within MRC remit to improve human health.
Priority area / Scope	International researchers can apply as project co-lead only.	International researchers can apply as project co-lead only.	Open to all nationalities, including those not located in the UK, but fellowship must be based in eligible UK research organisation. Must be registered healthcare professional.
Budget	-	-	No limit
Duration	Up to 5 years	Up to 5 years	2-3 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/mrc-new-investigator-research-grant-applicant-led/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/mrc-research-grant-applicant-led/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/capacity-building-clinical-research-training-fellowship/
Deadline	-	-	10 June – 2 September 2026
Contact	applicantleddiscovery@mrc.ukri.org	applicantleddiscovery@mrc.ukri.org	fellows@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Partnership Grant)
Programme name	Partnership Grant: Applicant-led
Funder / DPs	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to support ambitious partnerships within MRC remit to deliver collaborative activities to add value to high-quality research.
Priority area / Scope	International researchers can apply as project co-lead only.
Budget	Up to 5 years
Duration	N/A
Briefing	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/mrc-partnership-grant-applicant-led/
Deadline	-
Contact	applicantleddiscovery@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Climate (Biodiversity)
Programme name	Darwin Initiative Round 32
Funder / DPs	UK Government
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	The Programme aims to support communities to find just, scalable, and sustainable ways to conserve and restore nature, while growing economy and reducing poverty. 3 Schemes of different scale and scope:
Priority area / Scope	Main: To support biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction based on good evidence, and strongly demonstrate the potential to scale further Extra: To support projects that have clear scaling pathway: building on good evidence from previous Biodiversity Challenge Funds projects demonstrating the potential to scale further by completion and facilitating better biodiversity conservation and poverty outcomes within its lifetime. Capability and Capacity: To developing the capability and capacity of identified local and national organisations (civil society, research institutes, and public bodies) to efficiently deliver effective and successful biodiversity conservation - poverty reduction projects.
Budget	Main: £200,000 – £1m, for 2 – 5 years
Duration	Extra: £1m – £5m, for 2 – 5 years Capability and Capacity: £75,000 – £250,000, for 1 – 3 years
Briefing	N/A
Link	https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/
Deadline	Main: 20 July 2026 Extra: 1 July 2026 Capability and Capacity: 31 August 2026
Contact	BCF-Darwin@niras.com

Theme	Climate (Fellowships)	Climate (Energy Infrastructure)	Arts and Humanities
Programme name	Green Future Fellowships – Accelerated International Route	Accelerate-to-Demonstrate (A2D) Facility	AHRC responsive mode: Curiosity Award
Funder / DPs	Royal Academy of Engineering	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), with UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	AHRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Programme to attract global talent (researchers and innovators) to accelerate green tech, and pioneer in the UK.	Projects for catalytic and scalable pilot demonstration projects of innovative clean energy solutions	Flexible awards to fund early-stage fundamental research that leads to new research agendas, networking activity and idea generation.
Priority area / Scope	Novel technology must be practical and scalable, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and/or help the UK adapt sustainably to impact of climate change	Critical minerals Clean hydrogen Smart energy Industrial decarbonization	All arts and humanities discipline within AHRC remit . International collaborators to apply as Co-PI only.
Budget	Up to £3m	-	Up to £100,000
Duration	10 years	-	Up to 5 years.
Briefing	Available online in link	-	N/A
Link	https://raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/uk-grants-and-prizes/support-for-research/gff/green-future-fellowships-air/	https://a2dfacility.unido.org/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-curiosity-award/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
Deadline	Open until Sep 27	18 June 2026	-
Contact	gff@raeng.org.uk	procurement@unido.org	enquiries@ahrc.ukri.org

Table 2 – Communication Channels

Funding Opportunity Finder	UUKi	https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/universities-uk-international/explore-uuki/international-research-collaboration/global-research-and-innovation-funding
	UKCDR	https://ukcdr.org.uk/funding-calls/
	Gov.uk	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding
	FCDO Global Research and Technology Development (GRTD)	https://www.grtd.fcdo.gov.uk/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