British Academy ODA Challenge-Oriented Research Grants 2024. Frequently Asked Questions

- The Flexi-Grant form contains the additional theme of 'Climate change mitigation and adaption led by indigenous peoples and local communities' in the dropdown selection, but I can't see any guidance on this in the scheme notes/on the website. Can I select it?

The 'Climate change mitigation and adaption led by indigenous peoples and local communities' theme is not yet available for applicants to select when making their application to the ODA Challenge-Oriented Grants programme. As and when it becomes available, the British Academy will notify applicants and prospective applicants.

- What qualification is required for Principal Investigators and Co-Applicants?

For the ODA Challenge-Oriented Research Grants both Principal Investigators and Co-Applicants are required to have a PhD. Applicants who are awaiting the outcome of their viva or the submission of corrections will not be considered eligible.

Equivalent research experience may be sufficient where an applicant does not hold a PhD. This will look different in different contexts and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. You should contact the International Team at

internationalchallenges@thebritishacademy.ac.uk to check your eligibility before applying if you do not have a PhD but feel you can demonstrate equivalent research experience.

- How do I register my institution as a PI?

If you are the PI for a ODA Challenge-Oriented Research Grants application and your home institution is not registered on Flexi-Grant, please contact the International Team: Internationalchallenges@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

Please note that certain colleges or institutions may be located under broader institutional classifications.

- Will the British Academy put me in contact with a UK institution?

The British Academy is not able to assist with locating or facilitating contact with UK host institutions.

- I have forgotten my Flexi-Grant account details.

If you have forgotten your login details for Flexi-Grant, or are having difficulties accessing the platform, please email the British Academy International Team: Internationalchallenges@thebritishacademy.ac.uk