



## Newton Mobility Grants 2018-19 Round 2

### Scheme Notes – China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

#### Overview:

Newton Mobility Grants are offered under the [Newton Fund](#), which is part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment. These grants provide support for international researchers based in a country covered by the Newton Fund to establish and develop collaboration with UK researchers around a specific jointly defined research project. These one-year awards are particularly suited to initiate *new* collaborative partnerships, between scholars who have not previously worked together, or new initiatives between scholars who have collaborated in the past. The awards will also look to initiate the development of longer-term links between researchers from China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey, and researchers from the UK. Award-holders may subsequently wish to consider applying for other Newton Fund programmes.

Awards might include a range of related activities, although the main purpose of the funding is to cover travel and maintenance costs and so mobility (in the form of visits and exchanges, etc.) should form an integral part of proposals. Visits and exchanges in both directions can be included. Please note, however, that **visits by and exchanges of the UK researcher to the partner country must be explicitly for the purposes of providing training and transferring knowledge and skills** to help strengthen the research capacity of the partner country. Partnerships involving scholars in the early stages in their career will be looked on favourably.

#### Objectives of the British Academy Newton Mobility Grants:

The primary aims of the Newton Mobility Grants are to:

- Strengthen the research capacity/capability of, and contribute to promoting economic development and social welfare in, the Newton Fund Partner country - by facilitating training and skill transfer from the UK to partner countries.
- Support excellent research - by linking the best researchers in the UK with the best researchers in partner countries and providing support for collaborative research.
- Establish long term research links - between both partners to ensure sustainable research capacity in partner countries and benefit to the UK research community in the longer term.

#### Applicants:

An Lead Applicant based in China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey, and a Co-Applicant based in the UK are required for this scheme and each must have input into the application. Both Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in an eligible university or research institute, which must span the duration of the project. Collaborations should focus on a single jointly defined research project involving (or led by) the two Applicants. Researchers in more than one institution in the Newton Fund partner country and the UK can be involved in the project. For further details please refer to the 'Applicant/Co-Applicant Eligibility Details' section below.

#### Eligible Newton Fund Partner Countries:

Researchers in the countries listed below are eligible to apply for the Newton Mobility Grants in this round of the scheme. The British Academy has established partnerships with funding organisations in each of these countries. These partners are offering similar opportunities for UK researchers wishing to visit partner countries.

- **China** – In partnership with [Fudan University](#) and [Peking University](#)
- **Mexico** – In partnership with [CONACYT](#)
- **South Africa** – In partnership with the [National Research Foundation](#)
- **Turkey** – In partnership with [TUBITAK](#)



In addition, **Newton Advanced Fellowships** are available for researchers applying from China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey. Please consult the relevant scheme notes for more information about the Newton Advanced Fellowship scheme: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/newton-advanced-fellowships>.

**Subjects Covered:**

These awards will support researchers working in any discipline within the social sciences and humanities. The remit of the British Academy funding schemes does not include primarily-practice-based outputs such as in musical composition and performance, visual practice, creative writing and film-making. Such outputs would be considered to fall within the British Academy's remit only when they form part of an integrated project of critical or historical significance.

**Value:**

Grants for China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey, are offered up to a maximum of £10,000 for one year. For more details see 'Eligible Activities and Costs' below.

**Duration of Newton Mobility Grants:**

Awards are available for one year.

**Transfer of funds:**

The British Academy contribution to the award will be paid to the UK institution. Both Applicants and their employing institutions will need to agree the most efficient arrangements to transfer the funds to the overseas institution.

**Timing:**

Awards must not start earlier than 01 January 2019 and not later than 31 January 2019. The awards are for a continuous period of one year.

**Key Dates:**

Application deadline: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 17:00 (UK time)  
(including two HoD statements of support **and**  
**Institutional Approval**)

Results available: Results of the competition will be confirmed approximately 3 months after the application closing date.

**ODA Statement:**

Please read the ODA statement detailed at the following weblink before applying to this programme:

<http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/about/what-is-oda/>

**Contact Information:**

Enquires about this scheme can be made using the contact details below. Before contacting us, please check whether your question is answered by these scheme notes, and read the Frequently Asked Questions on the British Academy's website. If not, please email: [newtonfund@britac.ac.uk](mailto:newtonfund@britac.ac.uk) or call +44 (0) 207 969 5288.

**Applicant/Co-Applicant Eligibility:**

**a) Overseas-based Applicant**

*(must be working at a organisation based in a Newton Fund country being supported by this programme)*

- The researcher based in China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey ("the Lead Applicant") must have been awarded a doctorate, or have equivalent research experience at the time of application. Applicants working towards a PhD, or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are **not** eligible to apply.

- Early career researchers (defined as 0-7 years post-doc or equivalent experience) are typically invited to be the Lead Applicant on applications for this programme, however, academics who are at more developed career stage are also allowed to be the Lead Applicant.
- **Only** one individual researcher can be named as the Lead Applicant on an application to this programme, however, in practice we appreciate that other researchers may be involved from the Newton Fund country.
- Both nationals and non-nationals in China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey can apply. Non-nationals must outline in the personal statement of the application form how their academic career is committed to the Newton Fund partner country (China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey). If you hold dual-nationality you are also eligible to apply if you are a researcher in a China Mexican, South African and Turkish research organisation.
- The Applicant must hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in an eligible university or research institute in China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey. Applicants who hold a fixed-term contract finishing before the end-date of the grant must secure confirmation through their Head of Department Statement that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.
- Contact between the overseas Lead Applicant and the Co-Applicant, is essential prior to the application. This contact should lead to a clearly defined and mutually beneficial research project proposal. Please note that the British Academy will not be able to assist in locating a UK-based Co-Applicant. However, you may wish to refer to the Newton Fund website which provides guidance for how to find UK researchers to partner with: <http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/funding/application-support/>.
- Applications cannot be accepted from researchers in commercial organisations.
- Applicants must be competent in oral and written English.
- The Applicant's employing organisation must be willing to administer the grant.

#### **b) UK-based Co-Applicant**

- The Co-Applicant must have been awarded a doctorate or have equivalent research experience at the time of application. UK Co-Applicant researchers working towards a PhD or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are **not** eligible to apply.
- The Co-Applicant must hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in a publicly funded UK university or research institute, which includes government research institutes. Co-Applicants must demonstrate that they have sufficient tenure in their post to cover the duration of the award. Co-Applicants who hold a fixed-term contract finishing before the end-date of the grant must secure confirmation through their Head of Department Statement that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.
- The Co-Applicant must be a UK-based Academic but there is no limit of career experience with established researchers eligible to hold this position.
- **Only** one individual researcher can be named as the Co-Applicant on an application to this programme, however, in practice we appreciate that other researchers may be involved on the UK side.
- Applications cannot be accepted from private or commercial organisations.
- The Co-Applicant's UK co-host organisation must be willing to agree to administer the grant.

**Important: It is not possible to be an Applicant on more than one application to this scheme.**

#### **Eligible Activities and Costs:**

##### **a) Activities**

- The awards are suited to initiate new collaborative partnerships where, for example, a research meeting or visit(s) are held in order to build collaborations and develop research questions and hypotheses.
- The application should make clear how the proposal intends to strengthen the research capacity/capability of, and contribute to promoting economic development and social welfare in China, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey.
- Awards might include a range of related activities, but mobility (in the form of visits and exchanges, etc.) should form an integral part of proposals.
- The main purpose of the funding is to cover travel and maintenance (accommodation and subsistence) costs, although costs related to other eligible activities will be considered.
- Visits and exchanges in both directions can be included. Please note, however, that visits by and exchanges of the Co-Applicant **to the partner country must be explicitly for the purposes of providing training and transferring knowledge and skills to help strengthen the research capacity of the partner country.** For example, offering short intensive postdoctoral courses related to the research theme in the partner country, supplying teaching elements to courses and developing joint curricula, etc.
- Workshops and seminars can form part of the programme and involve both staff and postgraduate students.
- Awards including a training element and involving scholars in the early stages in their career will be looked on favourably. **However, please note that funding is not available to support international travel for postgraduate students.**

**b) Costs:**

Grants are offered up to a maximum of £10,000 for one year.

*The following costs are eligible:*

- International and local travel between the UK and China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey.
- Maintenance (accommodation and subsistence) costs incurred during visits.
- *Please note:* We require evidence that you have researched the costs for which you are seeking support; for example, you could include the cost per night of accommodation. Travel costs should be based on the most suitable and economical form of travel. Subsistence costs should reflect the normal rates applied at the co-host institution/s.
- Visa charges.
- Organisation of workshops and seminars to advance the research as part of the approved programme of work.
- Consumables (i.e. purchase of datasets, photocopies, microfilms, etc., and any other minor items that will be used up during the course of the project).
- Specialist software (excluding commonly available office packages).
- Costs for language competence building where this is essential to the programme of work and at a modest level.
- Postage and printing for visitors.

*The following costs are ineligible:*

- Overhead costs to the institutions concerned. Please note the funding provided by this scheme is not calculated on the basis of full economic costs.
- Costs for travel to or from a third country.
- Permanent resources and equipment or any elements that should properly be ascribed to departmental or university overheads.
- Computer hardware, including laptops, electronic notebooks, digital cameras etc.
- Books and publications.
- Postgraduate students travel between the UK and overseas.
- Payment as contributions towards or in lieu of salaries or staff costs (including research assistants).
- Replacement teaching costs.
- Personal maintenance at home.

**Payments and Reporting:**

The British Academy contribution of the award will be paid to the UK institution in the first instance. Both applicants and their employing university institutions will need to agree the most efficient arrangements to transfer the relevant

funds to the overseas institution. The Applicant must provide a final report at the end of the award via the Flexi-Grant system.

### References:

Two reference statements of departmental support are required for the application.

#### *Departmental Support*

Under the Departmental Support section, Applicants need to input the email addresses of the following two individuals:

- Head of Department at the Co-Applicant's UK co-host institution.
- Head of Department at the Applicant's overseas employing institution.

The Heads of Department are asked to endorse the application and confirm institutional support for the project. Applicants will need institutional support because visits, running workshops, offering components of taught courses etc, involve institutional resources including office space, meeting rooms, and access to facilities amongst other things.

*Please note:* Applicants and Co-Applicants who hold a fixed-term contract finishing before the end-date of the grant must secure confirmation through their Head of Department Statement that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.

The supporting statements must be submitted in English; if this presents a difficulty please contact the British Academy at the earliest opportunity using the contact details at the end of these notes.

If either the Applicant or the Co-Applicant is the Head of Department, an alternative person will have to be found to supply the Head of Department's statement is required e.g. Head of School/Faculty.

The reference statements and organisational authorisation must be completed via Flexi-Grant **by the application deadline is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 1700 (UK time)**. Late references will not be accepted. **Any application with missing statements will be rejected. It is the Applicant and Co-Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the statements are submitted via Flexi-Grant by the application deadline.** Before submitting your application, check that the individuals listed in the HOD statement sections are available and willing to provide references by the stated deadline.

Once an application has been submitted, Applicants are able to check whether references have been submitted by viewing their application on Flexi-Grant.

### Assessment criteria:

Successful applications should be strong in all respects but the assessment panel will give consideration to:

- Whether the proposal will support training and development of the Applicant and transfer of new skills to the Applicant's research group / network.
- The expected benefits for the career development of the Applicant.
- The expected benefits to China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey, in particular the extent to which the award will contribute to the transfer of knowledge and research capabilities which will contribute to advancing economic development and social welfare of China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey.
- The quality of the proposed research project and the track record of the Applicant and the Co-Applicant in the area of proposed research.
- Evidence that the Newton Mobility Grant will lead to a longer - term collaboration beyond the tenure of the award.

### Further Funding Opportunities with Newton Fund Partner Countries:

There are other funding opportunities, for other countries, and from other funding bodies under the Newton Fund; please see [www.newtonfund.ac.uk](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk) for further information.

## Guidance on Completion of Application Form

### Using Flexi-Grant

Applications can only be submitted online using the British Academy's electronic Grant Application and Processing (Flexi-Grant) system via <https://britishacademy.Flexi-Grant.com>. Applications cannot be submitted on paper. If you have not previously used Flexi-Grant, please follow the registration process from the Flexi-Grant homepage. Applicants should be aware that this application form will be considered by appropriate assessors. The application will be treated as confidential at all times.

**When completing your application on the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS, it is recommended that you take note of the following points:**

- **Personal details:** When registered in the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS, a user has the option to add or update personal information such as contact details, log-in details (including email address and password), interests, research and employment details, at any time. This represents a personal record of your account in the system, and will help to populate the contact details in any application form you complete. It is useful if this information is kept up to date, but it is not essential to the progress of an application.
- **Automatic log-out:** **You are strongly advised to save your work regularly to prevent accidental loss of information.** In particular, you should be aware that if the system does not detect any activity for 2 hours it will log out and save the application at that time. Please note that moving between *pages* within an application form will save the page that you are exiting but completing a field on a page is not considered an activity. It is recommended that you write the text for longer sections/fields in a word processor such as Word and then copy and paste into the relevant text box to avoid being timed out in this way.
- **Multiple sessions:** You should not have multiple browser windows/tabs of your application open at the same time as this may cause information to be lost.
- **Word limits:** When completing boxes that have a restricted length (note that it refers to words) you should note that if you exceed the specified amount you will not be able to save when you press the save button. You should type the text for the longer-length boxes in a word processor. You will then be able to check the word count and paste it into the British Academy GMS. You will then still have a copy of the text to return to in the word processor. The word limit applies to text boxes.
- **Plain text:** If entering plain text, please avoid using symbols as some may not be accepted by the British Academy GMS. You should generate and view a PDF of your application to check that the application appears as you want it to by clicking on print application.
- **Uploading PDF documents:** When uploading PDF documents, please add your name and a heading at the top of every page to show what the document is. Please avoid uploading documents containing illustrations with fine details or colour as this can cause problems when creating a PDF of the application. Please note we will only print your applications in black and white. Each PDF cannot exceed 3 Mb in size.
- **Email addresses:** The British Academy GMS relies heavily on automatic email contact. It is essential that you ensure you enter accurate email addresses where requested as it may cause considerable delay in the submission/processing of your application if any of these are incorrect. You cannot make changes to email addresses after your application has been submitted for approval.
- **Submission:** You will not be able to submit your application until you have completed each section in full. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is submitted in sufficient time for it to be approved by the UK organisation. **We strongly advise that you submit your application as early as possible to allow enough time for your HoD to provide their reference in the system and to allow the designated approver at the UK Co-Applicant's employing organisation at least 5 working days before the closing date to allow for the organisation's administrative procedures. Please note that the approving department of the UK university is a central university department. Late applications will not be accepted.**
- **Application sharing:** All applications must be started by the Applicant who is to be the Principal Investigator (PI) on the award. You can invite other contributors to join the application (e.g. Co-Applicant, Head of Department, Finance Office contact etc.), but in order to do so your contributor will need to be registered in the British Academy's Flexi-Grant® system first. You will need to ensure you have their registered email address to invite them to participate in your application. You can let other British Academy GMS users view your draft application, in advance of submission, by providing their email address and entering the permissions you want them to have. They will be able to log in using their existing password and see your application and depending on permissions, amend your application.

- **Application deletion:** You can delete your application at any time although it is often a lot easier to just re-edit your existing application. We will be able to recover a deleted application for a period of 7 days after deletion. After this, it will be permanently removed from the system.
- **Application returned for editing** The approver can return your application to you for further editing see 'Submission of Application' below.
- **Guidance:** In the tables below you will find in the left-hand column each question as set out in the application sections and in the right-hand column useful guidance on its completion.
- **Further clarification:** If any of this advice is unclear, or you need further information, please do not hesitate to seek clarification from the British Academy's Research Awards Team (contact details at the end of these notes).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU CREATE A PDF OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION (by clicking 'Print Application'), AND CHECK IT THOROUGHLY, INCLUDING EMAIL ADDRESSES AND UPLOADED PDF FILES, BEFORE SUBMITTING IT FOR APPROVAL BY YOUR CO-HOST ORGANISATION. IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RECTIFY MISTAKES IN TIME FOR THE DEADLINE.**

**WORD LIMITS APPLY TO PLAIN TEXT ONLY. PAGE LIMITS APPLY TO PDFs ONLY**

**ALL FIELDS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK\* ARE MANDATORY**

**YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE MULTIPLE BROWSER WINDOWS/TABS OF YOUR APPLICATION OPEN AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS MAY CAUSE INFORMATION TO BE LOST. ONLY ONE USER SHOULD EDIT AN APPLICATION AT A TIME, OTHERWISE CHANGES MIGHT BE LOST.**

**Completing the application form:** The application can be completed by using the navigation tabs on the application summary page, with each page categorised as follows:

- Page 1: Eligibility Criteria
- Page 2: Lead Applicant Details
- Page 3: Lead Applicant Career Summary
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- Page 7: Equal Opportunities
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## SUMMARY

Summary table	When your application form is complete, all sections on this summary table will be marked as 'Complete'. The <b>'Complete' status will only appear when all the mandatory fields in that section have been completed.</b> All mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk '*'. Only then will a 'Submit' button appear for you to be able to submit your application.
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## PAGE 1: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**PLEASE NOTE: in this section you must answer "Yes" to all questions excluding Nationality in order to be eligible for this scheme.**

**IF AN APPLICATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROVAL DEADLINE IT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION**

HSS Subject Area *	Your application must be relevant to the Humanities and/or Social Sciences and you will need to confirm that your research is in a related subject area.
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<b>PhD Confirmation *</b>	You must have a PhD in order to be a Lead Applicant on this programme.
<b>Newton Fund Eligible Organisation *</b>	You must be based at an organisation which is located in a Newton Fund eligible country (in this case China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey) to be eligible for this scheme.
<b>UK-based Co-Applicant *</b>	You must have a UK-based Co-Applicant in order to be eligible for this programme.
<b>ODA Justification Statement *</b>	<p>Please provide an ODA justification statement. You should consider using the following questions when preparing this statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which country/countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this proposal and are these countries likely to continue to be ODA eligible for the duration of the research?</li> <li>2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges (Sustainable Development Goals) of these countries?</li> <li>3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list / What are the Pathways to Impact?</li> </ol>
<b>Nationality</b>	Please select your nationality from the drop-down menu. Up to 3 nationalities may be added. Please note that you must choose at least one nationality. Dual nationality may be recorded as appropriate.

**PAGE 2: LEAD APPLICANT DETAILS**

<b>This section should be completed by the NON-UK based Lead Applicant</b>	
<b>Lead Applicant Contact Details *</b>	<p>Please note that the <b>Lead Applicant should be from a Newton Fund country.</b></p> <p>Please take care to review and complete your personal details accurately. Errors in this section can cause difficulties in the processing of your application.</p> <p>You can update your personal details by checking 'my account' and selecting the link to 'my contact details' and 'my organisation' and ensuring the relevant details are up to date.</p>
<b>Place of Ordinary Residence *</b>	Please enter the country in which your present employing institution is based- note this <b>must be</b> China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey.
<b>UK Co-host *</b>	Please select the UK University or research organisation that you will be collaborating with on this application.
<b>Names of Co-Applicant on this application *</b>	<p>Please enter here the name of the academic based in a UK co-host institution, who will be added as the Co-Applicant to the application. There must only be ONE Co-Applicant per application.</p> <p>Other participants, whose involvement does not equate to being a 'Co-Applicant', should be named in the relevant section (other participants) on the Proposal tab.</p> <p><b>Please note: your Co-Applicant will need to be registered in the Flexi-Grant system before you begin your application.</b></p>



**PAGE 3: LEAD APPLICANT CAREER SUMMARY**

<p>Statement of qualifications and career *</p>	<p>Please give details of up to 4 qualifications in <b>reverse chronological order</b>.</p> <p>Please also provide details of any significant career breaks (for example maternity or sick leave), including dates, in the personal statement box – see below</p> <p>Please include start and end dates in the ‘Qualification date’ field. Please include the position title and institution in the ‘description’ field.</p> <p>The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p>
<p>Present Appointment, Employing Institution, Present Department, Permanent Position and Start / Position End Date*</p>	<p>Please note that the “Present Employing Institution” must be in China (Fudan University or Peking University), Mexico, South Africa or Turkey and you should be employed by this institution for the duration of the award. Please state when your present appointment started and is expected to finish.</p>
<p>Personal Statement</p>	<p>Applicants are invited to include any information relating to their professional career which they wish to be taken into account in assessing this application. This field can also be used to explain any career breaks, part-time contracts, or eligibility for Applicants who do not possess a PhD but may have equivalent research experience. Applicants who are not nationals of the countries from which they are applying should explain what ties they have to the country and whether these ties are of long duration. <i>This is an optional field and the limit is 500 words including spaces.</i></p>
<p>PhD Confirmation and Award Date *</p>	<p>Applicants working towards a PhD or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are <b>not</b> eligible to apply. Please therefore confirm that you have a PhD by answering yes. If you are an established scholar with relevant equivalent experience, but no doctorate, please select ‘no’ and indicate in the ‘personal statement’ field why you should be eligible for consideration.</p>
<p>Publications</p>	<p>Please list principal and/or relevant publications (to a maximum of six) in reverse chronological order. You should choose not only the best but also those most relevant to the application to support your case.</p>
<p>Curriculum Vitae Upload</p>	<p>Please upload your current Curriculum Vitae to the Flexi-Grant® GMS</p>
<p>Where did you hear about this scheme?</p>	<p>Please indicate where you heard about this scheme.</p>

**PAGES 4 CO-APPLICANT CAREER SUMMARY**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to be eligible for this scheme you must have identified a UK-based Co-Applicant, who should be an academic based in an eligible institution located in the UK. Details of just ONE Co-Applicant should be entered for this scheme and you must ensure that a Co-Applicant has been added to the application and that all Co-Applicant tabs (Co-Applicant Personal Details and Co-Applicant Career Summary) have been completed before submitting your application. Any applications with blank Co-Applicant tabs will not be processed.

<p>Specify Co-Applicant and add personal details and career summary *</p>	<p>Please note that the <b>Co-Applicant should be a UK-based academic</b>.</p> <p><b>Your Co-Applicant will need to have an existing account in the system before you are able to add them to the application. If they do not have an account, they will</b></p>
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	<p><b>need to register themselves on Flexi-Grant before you are able to complete this section.</b></p> <p>Please click 'Add Co-Applicant', enter the Co-Applicant's Flexi-Grant registered email address and then click 'Next'. Confirm the user by clicking 'Next' then select the permissions you wish the sharer to have with your application and then click 'Finish'. Please note that you must assign them at least some permissions in order for the Co-Applicant function to work, and at least access to 'Co-Applicant Personal Details' 'Co-Applicant Career Summary' and 'Proposal'; it is up to you whether to allow them access to other sections. It is possible to go back each step by clicking 'Previous'.</p> <p>Once you have clicked on the 'Finish' button, your Co-Applicant will be able to view your application and, depending on permissions, amend and submit your application. If you choose to do this, the sharer needs to click on My Applications once they have logged on to see <i>your</i> application.</p> <p><b>The Co-Applicant can then complete the Co-Applicant tabs themselves or can provide you with the relevant information to do so.</b></p>
<p><b>Co-Applicant Suitability *</b></p>	<p>Please explain briefly the suitability of the UK-based co-applicant to host the Applicant, in terms of the fit with research interests and support to be provided.</p>

**PAGE 5: RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

<p><b>Subject Area*</b></p>	<p>Please select the Subject Area from the drop-down menu that is most relevant to this proposal. Please note that assessors are allocated according to the Subject selected by you.</p>
<p><b>Title of Research Proposal</b></p>	<p>Please give the title of your proposed project.</p>
<p><b>Abstract *</b></p>	<p>Please provide a short abstract summarising your proposed research in terms suitable for an informed general audience, not one specialised in your field. <i>This is a mandatory field and the limit is 150 words</i></p>
<p><b>Proposed Programme *</b></p>	<p>Please give a detailed description of the research programme, including methodology. Applicants should be aware of the importance that assessors place on the viability, specificity and originality of the research programme and of its achievability within the timescale, which should be specified in the Plan of Action. <i>This is a mandatory field and the limit is 1500 words</i></p>
<p><b>Plan of Action *</b></p>	<p>Please indicate here a clear timetable for your research programme. Try to be as realistic as possible, but keep in mind that research programmes will develop over time and this plan of action is not something that is expected to account for every minute and is not unchangeable. But your chances of award will be affected by the assessors' perception of how viable and realistic this plan is. <i>This is a mandatory field and the limit is 800 words</i></p>
<p><b>Planned outputs/plans for publication/dissemination *</b></p>	<p>Under 'planned research outputs', please only state the type of output expected (for example monograph(s), journal article(s), book chapter(s) report(s), guidance notes, teaching modules/resources, websites and digital resources, etc). Please give more detail about potential publishers etc under plans for publication/dissemination. <i>This is a mandatory field and there is a limit of 300 words for planned research outputs and 500 words for plans for publication dissemination</i></p>
<p><b>Digital Resource</b></p>	<p>It is a condition of the award that digital resources created as a result of research funded by the Academy be deposited in an appropriately accessible repository. Applicants should ensure that any necessary technical advice is obtained before commencing work that involves the creation of digital resources.</p>
<p><b>Starting Date / End date *</b></p>	<p>To select a date in the future using the calendar feature, click on the month and year in between the two arrows at the top of the box. To change the year keep clicking on the box – a second click will produce a decade. Use the arrows to move back or forward in time. To change the month, a second box will appear where you can select the month you wish and then you can type the year you require in the box provided. Click on the date and the calendar will take you to the month and year you have selected where you can select the relevant date for display.</p>

	Please note that awards for China, Mexico, South Africa or Turkey must be held over a continuous period of 12 months. The start date should not be earlier than <u>01 January 2019</u> and not later than <u>31 January 2019</u> . The end date for awards should be no later than <u>31 January 2020</u> .
<b>Proposed Co-Host Institution</b>	Please indicate here your choice of co-host UK institution, including the appropriate Faculty, Department, Research Institute or College where you propose to work
<b>Reason of Choice of Co-Host Institution *</b>	Please explain the reason for your choice of UK co-host institution (the university/research institute, department, Co-Applicant).
<b>Language Competence *</b>	Please state your standard of English in reading, writing and speaking. Please use the terms bilingual/fluent/good/moderate/basic to describe your level of English in reading, writing and speaking.
<b>Other Participants / Role of other participants *</b>	The application only allows for one Applicant and one Co-Applicant but you should use this section to list any other participants such as members of each group or network. Under 'Other participants' please give the names and positions of any other participants such as postdocs or PhD students. If detail are not known yet, please indicate numbers and status of people who might be involved. Please describe the contribution to the project to be made by other participants and what they are expected to bring or gain from the process.
<b>Ethical Issues *</b>	It is expected that most ethical issues will be covered by standard codes of practice. It is only necessary to indicate here in detail any non-standard issues. Please note the Academy's ethics policy described in its <a href="#">Code of Practice</a> . Approval to undertake the research must be granted by the relevant authority before any work requiring approval begins.
<b>Benefits to individuals / institutions *</b>	Describe clearly the planned outcomes and any potential benefits that will result from the proposed award for the Applicant, the Co-Applicant, and the respective groups/networks and institutions. In particular please comment on how the award will benefit the career development of the Applicant and contribute to the transfer of knowledge and research capabilities, the added value of the collaboration, and any intentions for sustaining the partnership in the longer term. <i>Maximum 550 words.</i>
<b>Benefits to Overseas Country *</b>	The benefits to the Newton Fund partner country is a critical aspect of the Newton Mobility Grants scheme. Describe any potential benefits to the Applicant's home country that will result from the proposed award, especially how the research will contribute to advancing economic development and social welfare of the country to benefit the wider society. <i>Maximum 600 words.</i>
<b>Benefits to UK *</b>	Describe any potential secondary benefits to the UK and UK research that will result from the proposed award. <i>Maximum 300 words.</i>
<b>Training Programme *</b>	Training and career development is a critical aspect of the Newton Mobility Grants. The training programme is intended for the benefit of the overseas Applicant and their research network. Please provide a breakdown of, and justification for, the funding requested for this training programme, outlining its relevance and suitability. Please also include the following points: a) who will deliver and who will receive the training? b) what are the expected outcomes? c) what is the structure of the training programme (e.g. courses, training modules, specific activities)? <i>Maximum 1000 words.</i>

**PAGE 6: FINANCIAL DETAILS**

<b>Financial Details</b>	Applicants should prepare accurate costings for the proposed expenses, and should be particularly careful not to overestimate the resources required.  Please note that grants are cash-limited, and there is no scope for supplementation of an award. Projects should be fully costed from the outset. However, requests to carry forward underspend from year one will be considered.
<b>Justification *</b>	Please give a full justification for all costs.

<p><b>Applications to Other Funding Bodies</b></p>	<p>Please provide details of other support given or applied for in connection with the current proposal.</p> <p>If you do not have any applications submitted with other funding bodies please enter “None” in this section</p>
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**PAGE 7: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

<p><b>Equal Opportunities</b></p>	<p>This section is optional; however, the Academy would greatly appreciate it if you can complete the details to assist us in our diversity monitoring.</p> <p>The British Academy is committed to its policy of Equal Opportunity in the provision of its grants and awards. Please help us to monitor the effectiveness of this policy by providing information concerning your age, gender, ethnic origin and disabilities (if any).</p> <p><b>This information will be kept separately from the rest of your application and will not be seen by those involved in making decisions in the selection process.</b></p>
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**PAGE 8: LEAD APPLICANT HOD STATEMENT / PAGE 9: CO-APPLICANT HOD STATEMENT**

<p>All applications for Academy grants are considered in the light of Head of Department (HoD) comments. No application will be considered without the required number of HoD statements, which must be received by the specified deadline.</p> <p>Please note that this scheme requires <u>two</u> Head of Department statements.</p> <p>No two references provided under the departmental support tab can be from the same person. If this is the case then it may make the application ineligible, and alternative HoD will need to be provided in accordance to the guidelines.</p> <p>Completion of Heads of Department tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To add a Departmental support (HoD) email address click on “Add HoD” link, enter the email address and select the “check email” button</li> <li>If the HoD’s details appear, it means that they have an existing Flexi-Grant account under the email address entered. If so, select “contact now”, adding whatever personal message you wish which will be added to the automatic Flexi-Grant message, followed by “save” in order to attach the HoD to the application.</li> <li>If a form appears prompting you to enter the email address again and other details, it means that they do not have an existing Flexi-Grant account. You will therefore need to create an account for them. To do this, enter their details and then select “contact now”, followed by “save” in order to attach each HoD to the application.</li> <li>If you do not select “contact now” the details of the HoD will not be attached to the form. <b>Please note that we do strongly advise that all candidates select the “contact now” button when invited to do so.</b> This will send a message to your HoD alerting them to the fact that they have been asked to supply a reference for you, and explaining the next steps needed to be taken to do so.</li> </ul> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> It is vital that you enter the correct email address for your HoDs as upon your application being approved by the co-host UK organisation, emails are sent automatically from Flexi-Grant to these individuals at the email addresses supplied on the application form with login details, and instructions for viewing the application and supplying the reference through Flexi-Grant. It is advisable, before adding a HoD, to check whether your chosen HoD, has an account in the Flexi-Grant system, and the email address associated with this, to ensure that you do not create multiple email accounts for an existing user which will cause confusion.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: HoD references <u>must</u> be provided through the Flexi-Grant system. They cannot be provided as an email attachment nor sent by post in hard copy. Please bear this in mind when selecting a HoD for your application and ensure that you nominate a HoD with an active email address and who is happy to provide a reference through an online system. If, after you have submitted your application, you find that your HoD is no longer able to provide a reference, please contact the British Academy to nominate an alternative signatory.</b></p>
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It is the responsibility of the Applicants to:

- contact HoDs outside of the Flexi-Grant system to ensure that they have received details of their Flexi-Grant login and instructions for supplying their statements through Flexi-Grant. While the Flexi-Grant system is programmed to contact HoDs automatically, Applicants should not rely solely on the electronic system to do so
- ensure that references are supplied through Flexi-Grant by the specified deadline
- keep track of the progress of references by viewing your Application Summary, accessed by clicking “Manage” on the “My Applications Section”; by doing this you can view whether a reference has been completed or is still pending
- remember that applications without Head of Department statements will not be eligible for consideration

**It is advisable that you send your HoDs a copy of Appendix 1 (found at the end of these notes).**

#### Departmental Support \*

The two Heads of Department should be based at the principal Applicant’s overseas employing institution and the Co-Applicant’s UK employing institution (the UK co-host institution).

The Heads of Department are asked to endorse the application and demonstrate institutional support for the project. The statements must be written in English.

If the Applicant’s Head of Department is also their current mentor an alternative person will need to be found to supply the Head of Department’s statement is required, e.g. Head of School/Faculty.

If the Co-Applicant is also the Head of Department at the UK organisation, an alternative to supply the Head of Department’s statement is required e.g. Deputy Head of Department or Head of School.

Heads of Department are contacted automatically by the Flexi-Grant system with full instructions about how to provide their reference in the system **after** the application has been submitted **and** approved by the UK co-host organisation.

Please note: Applicants/Co-Applicants who hold a fixed-term contract finishing before the end-date of the grant must secure confirmation through their Head of Department Statement that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.

### THE ACADEMY WILL ONLY PROCESS COMPLETE, SUBMITTED AND APPROVED APPLICATIONS

#### SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Once you have submitted your application for approval by the UK co-host organisation (i.e. the organisation which employs your UK-based Co-Applicant), automatic emails will be sent to the UK co-host organisation approver asking them to log on to the system. You will not be able to edit your application after it has been submitted to the UK co-host organisation for approval. The approver will either: approve and submit your application, ‘send back’ your application and contact you to request modifications, or decline your application and contact you.

If the UK co-host organisation approver requests modifications through the Flexi-Grant email facility, they can unlock your application, allowing you to edit it. They can do this by selecting ‘Send Back’. An automatic e-mail will be sent to you alerting you of this fact. Once you have completed and saved the requested changes, please re-submit your application for approval by your employing organisation.

Once the UK co-host organisation has approved your application and submitted it to the British Academy it will not be possible to make any changes.

It is recommended that you check that your application has been approved in time. To see the details of the UK co-host organisation approver and to check the status of your application, you should log into Flexi-Grant and click on the link to the Application Summary.

Once your application has been submitted and approved, and your references have been received, you will not be contacted again by the British Academy until the final award decisions have been made, and you will not be required to do anything further in the Flexi-Grant system until that point. You can track the progress of your application by monitoring the Lifecycle Stages; to do this click "Manage" in the "My Applications" section. Please note that the eligibility stage in the lifecycle stages is an internal process and you do not need to do anything for this. **PLEASE NOTE: You will receive notification of the outcome of your application by email outside the Flexi-Grant system.**

## Appendix 1

### Guidance for HoD Statement Providers on Flexi-Grant

If you have been detailed as a HoD statement provider by an Applicant for a Newton Mobility Grant, this reference should be provided electronically via the British Academy's Flexi-Grant (electronic Grant Application and Processing) system - <https://britishacademy.Flexi-Grant.com>

Once the Applicant has submitted their application you will be contacted by the system requesting your statement of support. HoD statements **must** be submitted by **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, 5pm, (UK time)**.

#### Obtaining your log in details:

Your login details will be dependent on the email address that the Applicant provided for you in their application. If you have never used Flexi-Grant before, an account will have automatically been generated for you using the email address supplied by the Applicant. If you have forgotten your password, do not know your password or are using Flexi-Grant for the first time, click the 'Forgotten Password?' link and enter the email address supplied by the Applicant in the application (Please contact the Applicant directly if you are unsure of the email address provided). An email containing a link to reset your password will be sent to you. Click on the link to set/reset your password. (Knowledge of previous passwords is not required.) Please note that the email link is time limited and will become inactive after 30 minutes of being requested. Therefore please only click on the 'Forgotten Password?' link when you are able to complete the process within 30 minutes.

Please note that your login details can also be used in future for any other tasks and are not just relevant to this reference.

Please note: The email address is the unique identifier on Flexi-Grant, so it is important that you always use the exact same email address that the Applicant has provided in the application when logging on to Flexi-Grant. If you are already registered on Flexi-Grant please advise the Applicant to use the appropriate email address.

#### Information required:

**You may be asked specific questions related to the application so please log-on and look at the application and the reference/statement of support form before formulating your response. You may be asked about the Fellowship Applicant and/or the UK - based Co - Applicant. You will not be expected to know either or both personally.**

Please note: If the Applicant/Co-Applicant for which you will be providing a Head of Department Statement currently holds a fixed-term contract that is due to finish before the end-date of the grant, your statement must include confirmation that their contract is due to be extended and will therefore cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.

#### Word limits:

Please note that there will be a size limit imposed on the reference; please check your statement is within the limit. The limits refer to words. We recommend that you first type and save the text in a word processor and check the word count before pasting it into Flexi-Grant. If you exceed the specified word count the system will not allow you to save and submit your reference.

#### Using Flexi-Grant:

The Flexi-Grant system automatically logs you out after periods of inactivity (typing is not considered activity). Therefore, we recommend that you save your work frequently or, preferably, write your reference in a word processor first and then copy the text into Flexi-Grant, using the following instructions:

1. Go to the Flexi-Grant website: <https://britishacademy.Flexi-Grant.com>
2. Enter your email login. If you have never used Flexi-Grant before, an account will have automatically been generated for you using the email address supplied by the Applicant.
3. Enter your password. If you have forgotten your password, or are using Flexi-Grant for the first time, click the 'Forgotten Password?' link and enter your email address (the same one as entered by the Applicant). An email

containing a link to reset your password will be sent to you. Please note that the email link is time limited and will become inactive after 30 minutes of being requested.

4. Click on 'Tasks'
5. Click on 'Reference List'
6. Click on 'Provide Reference' (if you would like to view a PDF of the application first, click 'Print Application', or you may view the application form in its original format by clicking on 'View Application' on screen at the top of the reference form).
7. Complete all tabs of the reference/statement of support form and click on 'Save' at regular intervals as you proceed:
  - o References/statements must be written in English. If a reference/statement is not submitted in English, it will not be accepted and may make the application ineligible.

Click on 'Save' and then 'Submit' (If the 'Submit' button does not appear, one of the mandatory fields, indicated with \*, has not been completed. Please check all necessary fields are complete and click 'Save' again – the 'Submit' button should then appear.) When you have successfully submitted your reference/statement, you should get an acknowledgement on the screen, in the top left hand corner.

### **Contacting us:**

If you encounter any other problems with accessing the HoD statement form please contact us using the details below. It is helpful if you can provide the name of the Fellowship Applicant or the UK Co-Applicant, or either of their email addresses; at least one of these will be given in the reference request email.

**Email:** [newtonfund@britac.ac.uk](mailto:newtonfund@britac.ac.uk)

**Tel:** +44 (0)20 7969 5288

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