

## UK-Kuwait Science Roundtable – “Science Kick-Start” call for bids

Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

### Programme Overview

The British Embassy in Kuwait and the UK Science & Innovation Network, in partnership with Kuwait Institute for Science & Research is pleased to announce the launch of “Science Kick-Start” Programme.

The Science Kick-Start Programme will be funded from the British Government’s Enabling and Gulf Strategy Fund and is designed to help support collaborative efforts to progress research proposals that were presented at the UK-Kuwait Science Roundtable on the 15-17 March 2021.

Funding will be for one year and all proposed activity supported by the Kick-start programme must be completed by 31 March 2022. Bids for funding cannot exceed more than £15,000 (KD 6000) and can include the following:-

- Research Visits (inward/Outward)
- Publications/Reports
- Conferences/Webinars
- Small-scale contributory research  
(To be completed by 31 March)

The focus areas for funding will include:

- **Climate Change**
- **Renewable Energies**
- **Food Security**
- **Advanced Materials**
- **Sustainable Infrastructure**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Healthcare**

The UK Government wishes to encourage UK and Kuwaiti researchers to apply. Those wishing to apply should include a short research abstract a completed application form (attached) and a short bio of the applicant.

**Deadline for applications for “Science Kick-Start”: 26 August, 2021**

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**UK-Kuwait “Kick-Start” Science Programme**

**Application form**

*This form should be submitted before 12.00 UK Time on 26 August 2021*

1. Overview of the proposed collaboration	
<b>Working title *</b>	
<b>Duration of collaboration (in months) *</b> (Total duration of the grant must not exceed beyond 31 March 2022)	
<b>Proposed start date *</b>	
<b>Total value of grant requested *</b> (should not be more than £15,000)	£
<p>Please give a short summary in English of the Kick-Start Science collaboration; how this responds to needs of each institution and country; and how it will develop sustainable impact. *</p> <p>(This should be a statement for a non-specialist audience, giving the rationale of</p>	

<p><b>the collaboration, briefly describing what will be done and summarising its potential impact.)</b></p>	
<p><b>Please list the key Kick-Start priority area your proposal will support (Clean Energies, Renewables, Food Security, Advanced Materials, Cybersecurity and Healthcare.</b></p>	
<p><b>Key deliverables and anticipated outputs with a brief timeline for delivery*</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Kuwait institution</b></p>	
<p><b>Institution name (please ensure you enter the full legal name) *</b> Kuwait Institution must have the capacity to administer the grant.</p>	
<p><b>Department*</b></p>	
<p><b>Head of Department (Full Name) *</b> Head of Department (or equivalent). This will be the person who has the authority to approve this application.</p>	
<p><b>Institution full address *</b></p>	
<p><b>Type of Institution *</b></p>	
<p><b>Principal applicant title*</b></p>	
<p><b>Principal applicant name*</b></p>	
<p><b>Principal applicant position *</b></p>	

<b>Principal applicant work email address*</b>	
<b>Principal applicant work telephone number *</b> (Please make sure you include the country calling code, e.g.: +44 161 957 7755)	
<b>Please nominate a person in your institution who can deputise for the Principal applicant if they are unable to lead the UK side of the collaboration for any reason. *</b>	
<b>Position of named deputy*</b>	
<b>Email address of named deputy*</b>	
<b>3. UK institution</b>	
<b>Institution name (please ensure you enter the full legal name) *</b>	
<b>Institution legal status*</b>	
<b>Department*</b>	
<b>Head of Department (Full Name) *</b> Head of Department (or equivalent). This will be the person who has the authority to approve this application.	
<b>Institution full address *</b>	
<b>Type of Institution *</b>	
<b>Principal applicant title*</b>	

Principal applicant name *	
Principal applicant position *	
Principal applicant work email address *	
Principal applicant work telephone number * (Please make sure you include the country calling code, e.g.: +44 161 957 7755)	
Please nominate a person in your institution who can deputise for the Principal applicant if they are unable to lead the UK side of the collaboration for any reason. *	
Position of named deputy*	
Email address of named deputy*	
<b>4. Pathway to impact</b>	
4.1 Please identify proposed beneficiaries, both inside the applicant organisation and externally and describe any existing engagement with them. *	
4.2 Please outline how you intend to engage with the groups described above in order to maximise the potential of this collaboration to have a positive impact, during the lifetime of the grant and thereafter and indicate how you will	

measure impact on those groups. *	
<b>5. Description of the project</b>	
5.1 Main subject discipline or management area addressed in the proposed partnership. *	
5.2 Need for the capacity building activities. Please describe the skill and/or knowledge deficit the collaboration is addressing, within an institutional context as well as national/regional context by setting out which new skills and knowledge the groups involved will gain and how these will contribute to achieving/enhancing the overall goals of the institutions involved. *	
5.3 Please describe the objectives to be pursued by the proposed activities and specific impacts they are looking to achieve, and the details of the methodology it will use to achieve them. *  (This should relate to, but not repeat, the information given in the project summary and activity plan below)	

<p><b>5.4 Value added by the UK Institution.</b> Please describe the value added by the UK Institution. This should focus on the expertise of the UK institution in the area, the level of their contribution to the project and why their participation is fundamental to the capacity building activities' success. *</p>	
<p><b>5.5 Please list any proposed partner institutions and briefly outline their role in the project.</b></p>	
<p><b>6. Sustainability and Capacity Building</b></p>	
<p><b>6.1 Please describe how you and your group/department/institution plan to continue the collaboration after the end of the activity, providing information about potential funding source that might support it. *</b></p>	
<p><b>6.2 How will the collaboration contribute to capacity building within a wider country/regional context. *</b></p>	

6.3 What measures, means and resources will you use to sustain the activities beyond the duration of the grant? *	
<b>7. Project outline and activity plan</b>	
7.1 Summary – please provide a general introductory summary of the programme as context for the activity plan below. *	
7.2 Activity plan – please detail the principal activities to be undertaken, including time line and milestones (e.g. training, seminars, workshops, visits, job-shadowing) outlining their proposed training impact (the specific outcome of the activity in terms of new skills and knowledge acquired)	
Title activity 1 *	Description *-
Title activity 2 *	Description *-
Title activity 3*	Description *-
Title activity 4	Description -
Title activity 5	Description -
Please add activities if needed	Description -



**9. Budget and co-funding (this should be stated in British Sterling)**

Detailed budget breakdown:

Budget breakdown can be divided into the following elements:

- **Human resources**  
Staff costs for personnel working directly on the grant-funded project. Can also include match funding or in-kind support - human resources -
- **Service Fees for UK/Gulf expertise**  
Service fees for UK or Gulf consultants who are external to applicant's organisations. Where consultancy services are strictly essential, appropriate and relevant to the design, implementation of the capacity building activities - limited to 10% of grant awarded. Can include match funding or in-kind support - Service fees.
- **Operational costs**  
Travel and subsistence costs, visa fees, vaccinations, medical insurance for travel essential to collaboration, cost of meetings, training events, seminars and conferences integral to collaboration, etc. Can include match funding or in-kind support - Operational costs.
- **Communications costs**  
Access fees to facilities or library services; use of telecommunications such as video/audio/web conferencing. Can also include match funding or in-kind support - Communications costs.
- **Other costs**  
Bank charges for transfer of funds from the Lead Institution to other Partners.

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**Total fund from UK institution/s \* -**

**Total fund from Gulf institution/s \* -**

**Total match funding or in-kind support (UK) \* -**

	<b>Total match funding or in-kind support (Gulf) * -</b>
<b>10. Funds requested from other sources</b>	
Please list any requests for funding submitted to other funders to cover the costs of this collaboration outside of the Kick-Start Programme. The British Embassy Kuwait will reserve the right to withhold part of the funds awarded if additional funds are obtained from other sources that will cover costs listed previously. The status of application for funds to cover this collaboration should be communicated to the British Embassy Kuwait as soon as known.	
<b>Source for additional funding</b>	<b>Status of application</b>
<b>Total amount requested</b>	<b>Total amount requested</b>
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<b>11. Intellectual Property Rights</b>	
<b>11.1 Will the intellectual property created through the collaboration be protected? *</b>	

<b>(Yes/No)</b>	
<p>11.2 If you answered yes to the previous question please provide brief details of the arrangements to be made regarding IPR</p>	
<b>12. Risks, governance and ethics</b>	
<p>12.1 Please describe how you will ensure that the activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity at least equivalent to those of the UK. *</p>	
<p>12.2 Please describe how potential ethical and health and safety issues arising as part of this collaboration have been considered and how they will be addressed. *</p>	
<p>12.3 Please provide details of risks to the success of the projects and how this will be mitigated. Risks can relate to project timeline, budget and participants. *</p>	
<b>Will the collaboration covered by the UK-Kuwait Kick-Start Programme involve any of the following:</b>	
<b>Human participation*</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing	
<b>Human tissue*</b>	

- No
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing

**Patient/Participant data\***

- No
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing

**Animal research\***

- No
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing

**Genetic and biological risk\***

- No
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing

**Arms/Military Research (including dual use technologies or goods) \***

- No
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait have been obtained
- Yes - I confirm that all necessary permission certificates from the relevant local ethical review committee/authorities in the UK and Kuwait will be obtained in advance of the activity commencing

### 13. Additional information

Please use the space below to include any additional information that you feel is relevant to your proposal but not covered elsewhere in the application form.

### 14. Supporting documents

CV for the UK Principal Applicant (maximum 2 sides of A4) \*

CV for the Gulf Principal Applicant (maximum 2 sides of A4) \*

Signed letter of support from the Head of Department (or equivalent) of the UK Lead Institution \*

Signed letter of support from the Head of Department (or equivalent) of the Kuwait Lead Institution \*

### 15. Pre-submission confirmation

Both UK and Kuwait Principal Applicants must confirm the following:

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicants are or may be subject of a conflict of interest during the grant award procedure. \*

I confirm the above

Have you obtained permission to submit this application on behalf of the UK and Kuwait institutions? \*

Yes  No

Both the UK and Kuwait Principal Applicants and their home institutions have the professional resources, competencies and qualifications necessary to complete the proposed action. \*

I confirm the above

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicant's institutions are bankrupt, being wound up, or having their affairs administered by the courts. \*

I confirm the above

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicants have entered into an arrangement with creditors or suspended business activities, or have any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for by national legislation or regulations. \*

I confirm the above

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicants are guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify. \*

I confirm the above

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicants have been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in

a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the British Embassy Kuwait or partner organisations' financial interests.\*  
 I confirm the above

Neither the UK nor Kuwait Principal Applicants are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required as a condition for participation in the grant award procedure or of failure to supply this information.\*  
 I confirm the above

Does the UK Freedom of Information Act apply to your organisation? \*  
 Yes  No

In order to comply with UK government legislation, the British Embassy Kuwait may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant institutions nor any of the applicants' employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings;

as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime;

as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body;

as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or

as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.

If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Embassy Kuwait will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Embassy Kuwait with all information reasonably requested by the British Embassy Kuwait to complete the screening searches.\*

Before continuing, please confirm that you have read and understood the above notice.  
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#### 16. Data protection

The British Embassy Kuwait will use the information provided in the application for processing the application, making any consequential grant award, for the award payment, monitoring, maintenance and review of the award.

In order to carry out the selection process for the UK-Kuwait Kick-Start Programme grants, we may also share your information with our national partner organisations. The reason for this is that in countries where we work with partner organisations, the final decision on grants will be made in collaboration with them.

Please note that a confirmation email will be sent to your email address. If you do not receive the email following the submission of this form, please contact us: [marwa.abul@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:marwa.abul@fcdo.gov.uk) within 3 working days from the deadline, otherwise your application will be considered ineligible.

<p>Please tick this box to confirm that you are willing for the British Embassy Kuwait to share your information with partner organisations for the purpose of this funding application (please note, if you do not agree to this we may not be able to consider your application for funding). *</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I am willing for my information passed on to British Embassy Kuwait partner organisations for the purpose of this funding application.</p>
<p>The British Embassy Kuwait wishes to publish information on successful applications (including the summary provided on the first page of this form) on their website, in promotional materials disseminated through any medium, and in reports and documents. The British Embassy Kuwait will not publish personal details on their website or via other media without prior permission. *</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I agree to my information being put on the British Embassy Kuwait website</p>