



Universitas 21 Graduate Collaborative Research Awards

Deadline: 1 August 2017

Applications are now open for U21 Graduate Collaborative Research Awards (renamed from the Graduate Research Projects piloted in 2016). These awards enable doctoral candidates to develop and implement international research collaborations within the U21 network.

This document should be read alongside the Frequently Asked Questions (available on our website) which will help you to understand the requirements of the awards. While we expect doctoral candidates to be deeply involved in developing their proposed project, we understand that in some institutions the application process may require that doctoral supervisors/advisors be responsible for submitting the application through institutional channels. We therefore encourage all project teams to ensure they follow the standard practices of their institution when submitting their application.

Objectives

U21 Graduate Collaborative Research Awards are designed to develop lasting professional relationships between researchers and research teams within the U21 network. Projects, which can be in any discipline or can cross disciplinary boundaries, should aid the development of transferable skills for doctoral candidates, allowing them to work independently as well as in teams on activities that benefit their doctoral research. These projects will promote networking with the aim of giving doctoral candidates a global view of problem solving and group work, and facilitate cross-cultural working practices.

Eligibility

The Awards fund research projects that involve doctoral candidates from at least three eligible U21 members, in at least two countries (normally from different global regions). Each project must result in publicly available outputs. These may take the form of peer-reviewed publications, exhibitions, patents, products, performances, etc. It is expected that all projects will include a training component.

Applications may be led by doctoral candidates but must be formally supported by a supervisor/advisor, and signed off by the appropriate staff member, at the lead institution. The total budget allocated to the 2017 call is US\$30,000. It is expected that several projects will be funded from this budget. Funding will be limited to 12 months, starting from 1 November 2017, although the projects may extend beyond that year.

U21 members eligible for the 2017 application round are detailed on the awards [webpage](#), please check that all doctoral candidates on your application are based at one of these institutions before you apply.

Selection Process

A sub-committee of U21 Deans and Directors of Graduate Studies will consider all eligible applications and determine how the funding will be allocated. Their decision will be final.

No individual doctoral candidate or supervisor/advisor can benefit from more than one award in any one round of funding.

2017 Timeline:

Call for applications opens: May 2017

Deadline for applications: 1 August 2017

Decisions announced: by 15 September 2017

Funding to be transferred to the lead institution by 31 October 2017