



UCL Research, Innovation & Global Engagement (RIGE) Funding Call 2022–23:

Place & Displacement

Summary

What is the funding for?

Collaborative activities that adopt a place-based lens to engage with communities and generate solutions to societal challenges

When does the activity need to take place?

UCL financial year 2022–23, awards must be spent by 31 July 2023

Who can apply?

UCL staff and students, in collaboration with UCL or external partners

How much can I apply for?

Applications can be made for awards up to £10,000

What are the total funds available?

£30,000, which may be increased if budgets permit

What is the application deadline?

Monday 3 October 2022, 9am

Which RIGE team is coordinating the call?

UCL Grand Challenges

Call Outline

Conceptions and questions of 'place' and 'displacement' have been starkly highlighted with the invasion of Ukraine. As of 19 July 2022, data from the UNHCR indicates that close to 6 million people have been displaced from Ukraine. However, across the globe there are conflicts and refugee crises with equally stark numbers. Indeed, at the end of 2021, UNHCR estimated that worldwide there were 84 million forcibly displaced people. In addition, issues of place and displacement are also being thrown into relief with climate change also driving displacement.

Coupled with this, recent events have also served as a sharp reminder of the place-based dimension of human rights, inequities across countries in policy responses to displacement, and how struggles for equality can dissipate rapidly.

Considering these issues at international, national, local and hyper-local levels is imperative. The special initiative of *Place & Displacement* will support projects that adopt a place-based lens to engage with communities and generate solutions to societal challenges.

The theme of ***Place & Displacement*** is intended to be deliberately broad in scope to provide opportunity for researchers across UCL to identify topics that require cross-disciplinary attention.

For example, topics that could be incorporated and addressed under this theme could include:

- Place and race
- Place-based health and educational inequalities
- Patterns of migration
- Displacement policy responses
- International law and role of international bodies
- Resettlement
- Equality as a component of global governance / localised governance
- Fostering cultural understanding and attitudes toward refugees in different cultures
- Climate displacement and issues of climate justice
- Equitable and local-led solutions toward sustainability
- Role of technology in resettlement schemes

UCL Grand Challenges' special initiative of *Place & Displacement* provides the opportunity for colleagues across UCL to identify topics that require cross-disciplinary attention as a basis for further research, for problematizing current debates, and considering critical issues.

We strongly encourage collaboration with external partners, either from other academic institutions, or third sector, community organisations, industry, business, or policy.

Indicative areas of work at UCL:

- [Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration](#)
- [Institute for Strategy, Resilience & Security](#)
- [Migration Research Unit](#)
- [Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction](#)
- [Refuge in a Moving World Research Network](#)
- [Development Planning Unit](#)
- [Global Governance Institute](#)
- [Institute for Global Prosperity](#)
- [Climate Action Unit](#)
- [European Institute](#)
- [CoProduction Collective](#)

Funding call criteria

Applications for projects costing up to £10,000 will be considered. The total funds allocated for this scheme is £30,000, pending finalisation of RIGE budgets; this will be increased if budgets permit.

Applications should address Place & Displacement in one or more of the following ways:

- Cross-disciplinary research collaborations (i.e. from two or more faculties)
- Cross-border collaborations (i.e. with a global partner)
- Cross-boundary collaborations (i.e. between UCL-based researchers and staff of non-academic civil society organisations such as community groups, non-governmental organisations or independent think tanks)
- Collaborations between 'types' of activity at UCL (i.e., staff and/or student applications that combine research, teaching, operational and/or student extra-curricular activities)

Grants can support activities that generate societal impacts leading to outputs, including, but not limited to:

- Research or policy workshops, symposia or conferences
- Articles or comment pieces in peer publications or media channels
- Preparatory or exploratory research towards larger grant applications
- Public and community engagement activities
- Improvements to, or new, policies or operational activity at UCL
- Development of curricular, co-curricular or extra-curricular activity
- Research-led performance/public art-based outputs, including documentary films

Examples of previously funded activities can be found in Appendix A.

Exclusions

Allowable costs include payment for part-time research assistants. Please note the following items are not fundable under this scheme:

- Activities that will incur costs after 31 July 2023.
- Capital equipment costs
- Studies in basic science or research that is exclusively lab-based
- Article processing costs (publication fees)
- Staff 'buy-out', maintenance fees or bench fees

The UCL fiscal year-end is 31 July. All expenses must be invoiced by that date, with costed activities completed by Friday 21 July 2023. Use of awarded funds cannot be deferred to a later date.

Eligible applicants

At least one of the named applicants must be a member of UCL-based staff in an academic faculty, Professional Services division or Vice-President or Vice-Provost office.

Applicants can be a combination of:

- Member(s) of UCL staff
- UCL student(s)
- External academic partner(s), e.g. at another UK university or overseas
- Non-academic partner(s), e.g. a local authority, NGO, community or business organisation.

We strongly welcome and encourage external collaborators, including third sector organisations, policy, think tanks, industry, and charities whose expertise and missions focus on societal impact.

Applications must nominate a first applicant, who will act as the point of contact for communications and financial/budget transactions. **This must be a member of UCL staff.**

If the second applicant is also from UCL, they must be based in a faculty or unit that is different from the first applicant.

As this is a RIGE-based funding initiative, UCL RIGE staff members are not eligible to stand as Lead or 1st Applicant (i.e. they are not permitted to be grant recipients), but may stand as 2nd Applicant or as an Additional Collaborator.

As part of our commitment to equity and inclusion in relation to the Equality Act 2010, we would particularly like to encourage applications from colleagues who identify as underrepresented



groups including, but not limited to, women, BAME, LGBT+ community and disabled individuals at UCL to apply for this opportunity.

Assessment of applications and notification of decisions

Applications will be assessed by panels comprising members of RIGE, professional services staff and academic colleagues from across UCL.

The scoring criteria will include:

- Quality of the application and originality of topic and/or approach
- The extent to which the funded activity is cross-disciplinary, cross-activity and cross-boundary (academia to civil society)
- Strengths of the collaborating applicants and any external partners
- The extent to which the activity addresses place and displacement
- The extent to which the proposal is achievable within the timeframe and budget

The deadline for applications is Monday 3 October 2022, 9am. Funding decisions will be announced in late October/early November 2022, to enable access to awarded funds between 1 December 2022 and 31 July 2023.

Terms and conditions

By submitting this form, applicants indicate their agreement if successful to:

- Provide a short report at the end of the academic year to describe activities, outputs, and impact.
- Permit UCL RIGE to publicise the immediate, medium, and long-term outcomes attributable to funded projects.
- Acknowledge UCL RIGE support in publications or external communications, using our visual identity guidance.

Submitting your application

To submit your application, please read this guidance carefully, [download and complete the application form](#) and [submit it via the online platform](#).

Please direct any questions to:

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Appendix A: Previous awards for Place focused research

2020–21: Place: Equality & Prosperity

Covid-19 and the Challenges for Rural Amenity Areas

Award: £5,800

Iqbal Hamiduddin (Bartlett School of Planning) and Nick Gallent (Bartlett School of Planning)

Cottonopolis—Manchester's Global Threads

Award: £7,500

Matthew Stallard (History) and Matthew Smith (Centre for the Study of Legacies of British Slave-Ownership)

Putting the 'local' back into planetary health: developing a 'trans-local' approach to strengthening community led responses to planetary health crises in the face of COVID-19

Award: £10,000

Geordan Shannon (Institute for Global Health) and Audrey Prost (Institute for Global Health)

We are not the virus—the experiences and impact of COVID on East & Southeast Asian heritage young people in London

Award: £3,890

Ada Mau (Institute of Education) and Lu Gram (Institute for Global Health)

Rationing deservingness in times of Covid-19: housing, place, & dispersal in Northern England

Award: £5,000

Mette Louise Berg (Social Research Institute) and Eve Dickson (IOE)

2021–22: Place: Equality & Prosperity

Urban Prosperity: towards new concepts, methods, and pathways to impact for place-based flourishing in cities

Award: £9,607

Dr Hanna Baumann (Institute for Global Prosperity) and Dr Emmanuel Osuteye (Development Planning Unit)

Connecting Digital Inequalities and Rural Poverty: The Case of Somaliland

Award: £10,000

Dr Amina-Bahja Ekman (Development Planning Unit) and Dr Giorgio Talocci (Development Planning Unit)

Who is lonely where? Co-producing a systematic review on place-based factors and loneliness

Award: £8,600

Professor Helene Joffe (Psychology & Language Sciences) and Dr Gemma Moore (Institute of Environmental Design and Engineering)