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http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/partnerships/international/gcrf/news/brnh/workshop/

As part of the GCRF, NERC, AHRC & ESRC invite proposals to address the challenge of Building Resilience in developing countries.

The focus is on how to build resilience in relation to both sudden and slow-onset environmental hazards (e.g. land-degradation, deforestation, drought, hurricanes, climate change) taking into account the intersections and relationships with other contexts such as conflict and fragility, poverty and famine, urbanisation, economics and health/disease risks. All proposals are expected to take an inter-disciplinary approach, bringing together environmental science with social science and arts and humanities.

The call will fund foundation-building activities that: stimulate the creation of inter-disciplinary international research communities; enable collaborations with beneficiaries and user organisations; define research questions and test new inter-disciplinary ideas and approaches.

Up to £3.3M of funding is available for this call. Awards are expected to vary in scale according to the nature of the activities proposed and not to exceed £200k (at 100% fEC). The funders anticipate funding 15-20 projects ranging from 3-9 months. Successful projects will be expected to start no later than 1st November 2016.

There will be a workshop on 19th July 2016 to provide more information on the call and facilitate collaborations between academics from different disciplines and between academics, beneficiaries and users.

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Deadline: 24 May for first draft to UCL, 21 July to NERC [N.B. revised deadline from NERC]
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/beamsfunding/news/news-repository/NERC_Discovery_Science_Review

Full details available on the BEAMS Research Funding webpages. If you missed the deadline for intentions to submit or first drafts, you must contact environment@ucl.ac.uk as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to
submit if your proposal has not been approved either by Earth Sciences, Geography, GEE or the BEAMS internal peer review processes.

**EPSRC call: Remote Sensing for Extreme Environments**

Intent to submit: 4th July, Full deadline: 2 August  
[https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/remotesensing/](https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/remotesensing/)

EPSRC invites proposals for collaborative research projects to undertake ambitious multidisciplinary research that will advance the development, deployment and/or management of novel technologies to maximise performance of assets and systems in extreme environments. In particular we are looking for research focusing on the application of remote or autonomous technologies in the challenge areas described in the call. The call aims to bridge the gap between the fundamental development of sensors and related technologies and the application of these in extreme or challenging environments.

Once funding decisions have been made on the research projects, EPSRC plans to support an individual to act as champion for funded projects and the area more widely. The Champion will facilitate collaboration across funded projects as well as engaging users of the research.

This call is jointly funded by the Research Councils UK Energy Theme, the EPSRC Engineering Theme and the RCUK Digital Economy Theme and we welcome research in the energy use of sensors as well as the application of this technology in the energy sector. Projects submitted to this call should align to the outcome framework described by the EPSRC Delivery Plan, particularly in the areas of Connectivity, Resilience and Productivity.

Up to £4-6M is allocated to this call subject to quality and availability of funds, and we expect to fund 3-5 projects for a period of three years.

There should be a single submission from a single principal investigator (PI) for each project, though bids can be multi-institutional. In order to focus effort applicants are only permitted to be involved in a maximum of two proposals; as a PI on one proposal and a co-investigator (Co-I) on another proposal or as a co-investigator on a maximum of two proposals.

**NERC Internships**

Closing date: 21 Jul 16

Open innovation internships

Work within a host organisation, on a project of their choosing, and explore how partner organisations can make use of scientific knowledge, data, models or other tools to understand and manage their impacts or dependencies on the environment. Minimum of £100,000, projects may last up to six months.
Directed internships
Focus on a particular science area, policy requirement or business sector within a host institution to accelerate the impact of NERC-funded science. Minimum of £120,000, projects may last six months to one year.

Biosphere Evolution, Transitions & Resilience Announcement of Opportunity
Closing date: 4pm, 27 July 2016
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/betr/news/ao/

NERC and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) are inviting proposals to the Biosphere Evolution, Transitions & Resilience (BETR) strategic research programme. The aim of the BETR programme is to advance understanding of the evolution of the biosphere by integrating excellent palaeontology, geochemistry, geochronology and phylogenomics and cutting edge modelling.

Proposals are sought for collaborative research projects involving UK and Chinese researchers. The funders anticipate awarding three grants of up to £1·5m (at 100% FEC - £1·2m at 80%) for the UK component and 3m yuan for the Chinese component.

RCUK-DIPI-TRF-NAFOSTED Research Partnerships Call: UK – Indonesia - Thailand – Vietnam Research Partnerships Call
Deadline: Intention to Submit 13 July, Full proposal 10 August
http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/international/newton/rcukdipitrfnafosted/

The Research Councils UK (RCUK) and the Indonesia Science Fund (DIPI), the Thailand Research Fund (TRF) and the National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) are pleased to invite applications to the UK – South-East Asia Research Partnerships Call 2016. This initiative will provide funding for high-quality collaborative research projects between UK, Indonesian, Thai and Vietnamese researchers, which address the following topics:

- Atmospheric pollution and human health
- Water resources
- Tropical peatlands and mangroves

The objective is to deliver significant 2-3 year research funding for internationally competitive and innovative collaborative projects between researchers from Indonesia, Thailand and/or Vietnam and the UK that will allow the pursuit of shared research interests, and which contribute to the economic development and welfare of Indonesia, Thailand and/or Vietnam.
LIFE – traditional projects on climate change adaptation

Closing date: 07 Sep 16 (recurring)

Directorate-General for the Environment, EU
Funding supports best-practice, demonstration or pilot projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on climate change adaptation.
The budget for traditional projects under the climate action sub-programme is €47.44 million, with €24.52m dedicated to climate change adaptation projects.

LIFE – traditional projects on climate change mitigation

Closing date: 07 Sep 16 (recurring)

Directorate-General for the Environment, EU
Funding supports best-practice, demonstration or pilot projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The budget for traditional projects under the climate action sub-programme is €47.44 million, with €15.92m dedicated to climate change mitigation projects. Each project may request up to 60 per cent of eligible costs.

OECD Cooperative Research Programme (CRP) - Call for Applications for Research Fellowships and Conference Sponsorship in 2017

Closing date: 10 September 2016
For more information, please visit the website: www.oecd.org/agriculture/crp

The CRP supports work on the sustainable use of natural resources in agriculture, fisheries, food and forestry. Applications should fit in to one of the following three research themes:

1. Managing Natural Capital for the Future: - Managing natural capital by making secure the availability and managing the quality of natural resources.
2. Managing Risks in a Connected World: - Research with anticipating, pre-empting, coping with and managing risks that impact on the potential of agricultural systems to achieve food security.
3. Transformational Technologies and Innovation: - Novel and innovative technologies that achieve a step change.

The aim of the Conference Sponsorship scheme is to inform policy makers, industry and academia of current and future research, scientific developments and opportunities in areas relevant to the CRP and to OECD’s policy priorities. Fellowships run from 6 to 26 weeks and aim to strengthen the international exchange of ideas and increase international mobility and
cooperation among established scientists working in OECD Member countries.

**LIFE – traditional projects on environment and resource efficiency**

**Closing date:** 12 Sep 16 (recurring)


Directorate-General for the Environment, EU

Funding supports pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation. The overall budget for traditional projects under the environment sub-programme is approximately €192 million. Each project may request up to 60 per cent of eligible costs.

**LIFE – traditional projects on environmental governance and information**

**Closing date:** 15 Sep 16 (recurring)


Directorate-General for the Environment, EU

Funding supports information, awareness and dissemination projects that contribute to the development and implementation of EU environmental policy and legislation. The overall budget for traditional projects under the environment sub-programme is approximately €192 million. Each project may request up to 60 per cent of eligible costs.

**LIFE – preparatory projects**

**Closing date:** 20 Sep 16 (recurring)


Directorate-General for the Environment, EU

This supports projects that address specific needs for the development and implementation of EU environmental or climate policy and legislation. The sub-programme budget is approximately €274 million. Maximum award: €273,936,000

**NERC Follow-on Fund**

**Closing date:** 16:00 on 27 September.

[http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/schemes/followon/](http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/schemes/followon/)

The Follow-on Fund enables research outputs to be further developed so that their commercial potential can be realised.
Examples of activities funded include technology licensing, launching technology-based products or services, selling know-how based consultancy services, and the commercialisation of NERC-funded datasets. Proposals are invited for projects pursuing any of these approaches, or indeed others.

NERC also funds a Pathfinder scheme to support small-scale, specific activities that can help develop a better understanding of the likely market potential for the technology around which a Follow-on Fund project is based. If there are gaps in your knowledge, you are strongly advised to first apply for a Pathfinder award.

Further details on applying for a Pathfinder award can be found here.

**NERC Innovation Projects**

**Closing date:** 16:00 on 27 September.

[http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/schemes/innovation-projects/](http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/schemes/innovation-projects/)

The specific aim of the Innovation Projects Open call is to increase and accelerate the uptake and impact of NERC funded research outputs by supporting translational and knowledge exchange activity which delivers direct tangible and demonstrable benefits to end users, particularly business. Funds will be used to support projects which focus upon generating user applicable outputs from past and/or current NERC supported research and which translates them into outcomes that achieve impact.

The Innovation Projects Open call will not fund commercialisation work.

**COMING SOON: Darwin Plus overseas territories environment and climate fund**


The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will shortly be inviting applications for the Darwin Plus overseas territories environment and climate fund. The next round is expected to open in summer 2016.

This fund supports organisations working on environment and climate change projects that have a long-term strategic outcome for the natural environment in UK’s overseas territories.

Funding enables individuals from UKOTs to receive training or carry out a period of research in the UK which should relate to environment and climate change issues. Training may include working towards a formal academic qualification or developing policy skills.

All organisations working in the UKOTs may apply, including UKOT governments, NGOs, research institutions, private sector organisations and other stakeholders. Fellows must be UKOTs nationals who have previously worked on a Darwin or Darwin plus project in an OT, or who are currently
working in the UKOTs on environment and climate change issues. Project leaders must have at least five years of relevant experience. Grants are worth up to £25,000 each over a maximum period of 14 months. Funding includes a monthly subsistence, host organisation expenses, travel costs and fees for academic qualifications.
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Opportunity to attend RCUK Global Challenges Research Fund Town Meetings
First come first served
http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/documents/programmeglobalchallengeresearchfundtownhallmeeting.pdf/

RCUK has organised a series of Town Meetings designed to gather input from the relevant stakeholder communities on our strategy and delivery of the Global Challenges Research Fund. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in high-level discussions around the initial RCUK GCRF challenge areas, as well as practicalities around delivery of the fund, in particular building capability overseas, enabling interdisciplinarity, ensuring impact in developing countries, and ensuring ODA compliance.
Please note that while this is now an open registration process, individuals should be able to represent a breadth of discipline areas and approaches, and will be required to contribute to strategic discussions that may be outside of their usual academic or professional area(s) of expertise. These events are not open to research managers, administrators, etc.
The draft programme is online and registrants may choose to attend one from the following four events:
• 4 July - The Amba Hotel, London
• 6 July - The Angel Hotel, Cardiff
• 11 July - The Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh

Refresh of RCUK Energy Theme’s Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC)
Closing date 1st July 2016
http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/research/xrcprogrammes/energy/furtherinfo/sac/

EPSRC, on behalf of partner Research Councils, is seeking applications for the RCUK Energy Theme’s Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC). The Energy Strategic Advisory Committee provides cross-Research Council groups with strategic advice to help develop their Programmes.

The SAC meets at least three times per year. SAC members may also be asked to take part in other EPSRC business (or that of other Councils as appropriate), including but not limited to workshops, advisory groups for specific activities and peer-review prioritisation panels.

The Energy SAC are looking for people with experience in the following areas (possibly with experience in more than one):
• Offshore renewables
• CCS and fossil fuels
• Solar
IIED Book Launch: The End of Desertification? Disputing environmental change in the drylands
Friday 8 July, 2.30-6.30pm, register by 28 June
RSVP to mia.sejirmanova@iied.org
Venue: William Goodenough room, Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, London, WC1N 2AB

This landmark book edited by Roy Behnke and Mike Mortimore has just been published. It brings together the latest evidence and thinking about dryland management, climate change and land use impacts. An international group of 20 authors from six continents questions the conventional wisdom on environmental degradation, and builds a new platform for policy debate. The complex human and ecological systems of arid and semi-arid regions of the world are analysed from a multi-disciplinary viewpoint. The book advances fresh insights in earth science affecting 35 percent of the world’s population and 41 percent of its land area.

Join the editors and several authors at an afternoon of drylands discussion on what these findings mean for building more resilient livelihoods across the drylands of the world. Panel discussions include: Prof Ian Scoones, Mike Mortimore, Roy Behnke, Mark Stafford-Smith, Saverio Kratli, Camilla Toulmin, and more.

NERC sponsored “Building Prosperous Cities: the role of ‘natural capital’ and ‘green infrastructure’” conference,
Date: 27th September 2016, earlybird registration closes on 30th June
http://ecosystemsknowledge.net/events/building-prosperous-cities

The Building Prosperous Cities conference will be a unique opportunity to consider the role of green infrastructure and natural capital in the success of UK cities. It is taking place at London's City Hall on 27th September 2016, with NERC as lead sponsor.

Environment Minister Rory Stewart will address the event. The keynote speakers are Ian Dickie (a Director at eftec) and Prof Tim Stonor (architect and urban planner). There will be case studies from Belfast, Glasgow and Plymouth. The day includes a research and innovation showcase with an open call for proposals (deadline 20th July) and 'city leaders' panel.

NERC showcase: “Into The Blue, Science we live and breath”
25th - 29th October
Applications for exhibits by 1st July
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/latest/events/blue/.

NERC are offering a free-to-exhibit opportunity for researchers to have an exhibit stand or run public engagement activities as part of our Into The Blue showcase, which is taking place in Manchester during October half-term (25-29 October 2016). Visitors to the event will be a broad public audience, primarily focused on families and young people.

The showcase will comprise about 40 stands, as well as stage and discussion space, both inside and outside an aircraft hangar. Through the exhibition stands, talks, debates and discussions, the event will engage visitors with the wonders of the natural world and the process of doing research.

**NERC: Call for SPAG nominations**
Closing date: 8 July 2016.
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/about/organisation/advisory/spag/nomination/

NERC is seeking applications to help steer the future of UK environmental science by joining its Strategic Programme Advisory Group. SPAG members are central to developing and prioritising strategic research in order to deliver NERC's strategy *The Business of the Environment*. SPAG makes recommendations to NERC's Science Board and the NERC Executive on how to invest NERC's strategic research funding through highlight topics or strategic programme areas.

**The Geological Society’s “Year of Water; Rain Rivers Reservoir” Conference**
Date: 27-29 September, Heriot Watt
http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/RainRiversReservoirs

The science of rain, rivers and reservoirs spans from ‘clear gold’ water, to ‘black gold’ oil. Following in the footsteps of the successful first Rain, Rivers and Reservoirs workshop in Sao Paulo, Brazil in September 2015, this workshop (conference agenda) will bring together geoscientists and civil engineers with different backgrounds to generate new interdisciplinary approaches to key problems in our adjacent subject areas.

Modern flooding, erosion and deposition, through to geological preservation of fluvial aquifers and petroleum reservoirs require linking of fluvial/flood processes to the longer term trends of climate change, regional uplift and sea level change. These subject areas are fundamentally interdisciplinary. Therefore we would particularly encourage Earth Scientists and Civil Engineers working on aspects of fluvial processes to join the meeting.
Invitation to expert review of IPBES thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration and the 4 regional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services

**Deadline:** 11 July

[http://www.ipbes.net/registration-review-first-order-drafts-ipbes-assessments](http://www.ipbes.net/registration-review-first-order-drafts-ipbes-assessments)

The external First Order Draft review by experts of the IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration (Deliverable 3bi) and of the four regional assessments (Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, and Europe and Central Asia) on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Deliverable 2b) will run until 11 July 2016.

The secretariat invites all expert reviewers with relevant knowledge and/or experience to register to review one or more chapters of one or more assessments. Interested reviewers are requested to fill the registration form available online. Please note that access to this form requires you to login as a user on the IPBES website and register for a new user account if you do not have one yet.

Once your registration has successfully been received, the secretariat will review it and grant you access to the draft chapters located at [http://www.ipbes.net/fod-assessments](http://www.ipbes.net/fod-assessments) within 48hrs.

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**UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Public Consultation on revising the European Consensus on Development**

**Deadline:** 21 August 2016

[https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ConsultationEuropeanConsensusDevelopment](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ConsultationEuropeanConsensusDevelopment)

Following a number of major international conferences in 2015, focused on poverty eradication and sustainable development ([COP 21 Agreement](https://www.un.org/cop21/) in Paris, [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/), [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/) and others), the European Commission is now seeking stakeholders’ views on how the EU's development policy, in the context of EU external action as foreseen by the Lisbon Treaty, should respond to these summits and conferences.

The core of the 2030 Agenda, adopted by the United Nations (UN) in September 2015, is the set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and associated targets, which replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) from 2016, and run to 2030. The EU is required to adapt its development policy to the new circumstances.

Therefore, the Commission wants to gather views from a wide range of stakeholders on how EU development policy might best respond to the 2030 Agenda, to other important related international commitments and key global trends, to help shape the development of a revised [European Consensus on Development](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/ET-591092.pdf), which was initially endorsed in the form of a joint statement by
the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission back in 2005 and later updated with the adoption of the 2011 Agenda for Change. The Consensus defines the common principles within which the EU and its Member States will each implement their development policies in a spirit of complementarity and sets a general framework for the EU.

The current consultation concerns a proposal for a revised Consensus, which is expected to address the development-related aspects of implementing the 2030 Agenda and should be considered against the backdrop of other EU initiatives also relevant for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, such as the EU’s Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy, which will be presented later in 2016, and the Commission Work Programme for 2016.

EU JPIs Climate and Water publish updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas

The Joint Programming Initiatives JPI Climate and Water JPI have both recently published their updated strategic research and innovation agendas (SRIA).

JPI Climate
The updated SRIA for JPI Climate now includes innovation and covers the years 2016-2025, to guide the activities of the JPI for the next ten years. The SRIA sets out three overarching challenges and one strategic mechanism for the JPI. The three challenges are:

• Understanding the processes and consequences of climate change
• Improving knowledge on climate-related decision-making processes and measures
• Researching sustainable societal transformation in the context of climate change

and the Strategic Mechanism is: Connecting people, problems and solutions in a systemic approach.

Water JPI
The Water JPI has also updated its SRIA to cover the years 2016-2019. It establishes research, development and innovation priority actions in the water sector to address the challenges as far as freshwater, groundwater and transitional and coastal waters are concerned. The SRIA is structured around five themes:

1. Improving Ecosystem Sustainability and Human Well-being;
2. Developing Safe Water Systems for the Citizens;
3. Promoting Competitiveness in the Water Industry;
4. Implementing a Water-Wise Bio-Based Economy;

Horizon 2020 Information Day "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency & Raw Materials"
14 September 2016, Brussels


Registration will open in July.
The European Commission is organising an Information Day to present the following calls for proposals to be launched in autumn 2016:

- the "Greening the Economy" call for proposals,
- the circular economy sub-call of "Industry 2020 in the Circular Economy", and
- related call topics on "Smart and Sustainable Cities", "Sustainable Food Security – Resilient and resource-efficient value chains" and "Blue Growth – Demonstrating an Ocean of Opportunities".

Representatives of the research community, SME associations, businesses, industry and European institutions are invited to join the event on Wednesday, 14 September 2016 in the European Commission's Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170, Brussels.

Seeking Environment Research Photographs

No deadline

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