# ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA)

# *NGO Data Call - Project Application Form*

Please complete ***ALL SECTIONS*** and send the completed application form to the **Research Strategy Office** by email (researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk). Please review the Guidance for Applicants provided at the end of this document before submission.

Please submit a signed machine readable PDF format application as well as a word version of your application.

Applications to this scheme are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed within 10 working days.

1. Name of impact project:
2. Department(s):
3. Project lead(s) and Co-applicants *(Please also list here any external partners and their affiliations who have agreed to be involved in the project)*

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|  | Principal Investigator | Co-Applicant |
| Name |  |  |
| Department/External Partner Organisation |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |
| E-mail Address |  |  |

1. Duration of project:
2. Brief summary of the impact project (maximum 400 words):
3. Funds requested. The maximum grant award for this call is £10,000. Please indicate the distribution of funds between staff and non-staff costs:

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| Total Funds Requested  | £ |
| Staff | £ |
| Non Staff | £ |

1. Please specify the project activities which will be supported by the funding:
2. Please indicate how the project addresses either or both of the following objectives of the NGO Data Call:
* Building relationships with NGOs working in international development to explore the potential of secondary NGO data; and/or
* Increasing the impact of NGO data through secondary data analysis.

(maximum 150 words per objective):

1. Please specify any existing or recent ESRC or other RCUK / UKRI or external funding for social science research related to the project, including funder, title of project, PIs, start and end date and value. Awards are not conditional on past or current ESRC or other funding. This information is sought to help identify links between IAA awards and prior funding in evaluating the IAA programme.
2. Please give a brief description of the link to any underpinning research, and identify the key findings to be taken forward.
3. Measures of success. Please specify the outcomes and beneficiaries that you anticipate for your proposed project and how you would propose to assess progress towards impact (maximum 200 words):
4. ODA compliance. This information is required as this call is funded by GCRF monies. More information is available at <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/What-is-ODA.pdf>
	1. Which country / countries on the DAC list <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC_List_ODA_Recipients2018to2020_flows_En.pdf> will directly benefit from this proposal?
	2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries? What evidence is there of the importance of this challenge/s?
	3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of the relevant country/countries?
5. Please explain how you will ensure appropriate ethical oversight of the project is put in place (for example if the project involves human participants, personal data, animal studies or human tissue) (maximum 200 words):
6. Signature of support from Head of Department

*Please note that impact activities should be completed in accordance with all relevant University Guidelines, including those on* [*Risk Assessment*](https://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/policies-procedures/children-and-vulnerable-adults-safeguarding-policy/risk-assessment-process)*; heads of departments should be satisfied that these obligations have been met.*

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|  | Head of Department |
| Name (print) |  |
| Signature |  |
| Telephone |  |
| E-mail Address |  |

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# *Guidance for Applicants – NGO Data Call*

**Background**

The University has been awarded £30,000 by ESRC to explore opportunities for data reuse within Nongovernmental Organisations (NGOs) and implementation agencies that operate in an Official Development Assistance (ODA) context. This activity is related to the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) (<https://esrc.ukri.org/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/>) and follows the previous investment of ESRC GCRF IAA funding in 2016.

Potentially valuable data on developing countries are held by NGOs, though much of it is currently unavailable or unknown to researchers. Challenges around making use of this data include lack of awareness of its existence, lack of confidence in its quality and provenance, and lack of understanding around its appropriateness for use in different contexts.

The potential for impact from these data sources is currently unknown. This IAA additional funding stream will enable existing partnerships or the development of new partnerships with NGOs/agencies operating in an ODA context, to discover the extent and quality of the data being held and what potential there is for developing further research projects or realizing the impacts from this data that benefit low and middle income countries.

# Eligibility

Applications are invited from any researcher pursuing activity in the social sciences (whether or not they are ESRC grant holders) who holds a current contract of employment as an independent researcher – at the point of application – with the University. This includes: all University Teaching Officers, externally-funded Research Fellows, Senior Research Associates, Research Associates and those working in research centres or other relevant non-School institutions.

All applications must be submitted with support from the Head of Department - this is indicated by a signature on the application form.

Projects are required to address either or both of the following objectives:

* building relationships with NGOs working in international development to explore the potential of secondary NGO data; and/or
* increasing the impact of NGO data through secondary data analysis.

Projects must be ODA compliant. For further information see <https://www.research-strategy.admin.cam.ac.uk/research-funding/rcuk-global-challenges-research-fund/frequently-asked-questions>

Funding must be spent by 31 March 2019.

# Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

* Quality of the impact development plan: including clear objectives and milestones over the life of the project and criteria against which long-term success could be gauged.
* Evidence of how the project will be managed to ensure that it works toward impact.
* Added value: the application must describe how the IAA grant will be expected to develop or enhance the prospect of impact and be additional to existing Research Council or other funding for impact activities.
* Identification where possible of the likely target audiences for the impact and their potential involvement in the activity to be supported.
* Co-funding of activities is encouraged, but not required. When activities are aimed at developing impacts targeted at specific organisations, then a clear statement of any commitment in kind or in terms of co-funding by those organisations should be provided in a letter of support.

# Final Reports

A Final Report must be submitted within one month of the project end date.