

Funding agency specific criteria - MRC

Funding agency	Medical Research Council, United Kingdom
Funding agency website	MRC website – http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ MRC Guidance for applicants – http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/
Contact person	Aaron Holliday: international@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)20 7395 2370 We would advise applicants to contact Aaron prior to submission to discuss the proposal.
Specific requirements in terms of call scope	The MRC-GACD call funds partnership working between UK researchers and researchers based in low and/or middle income countries. The Principal Investigators applying for this call must be hosted by a UK institution which is eligible for UK Medical Research Council funding. However, the expectation is that projects will be collaborative endeavours, with shared scientific and intellectual leadership. All projects submitted must include co-investigators from the low or middle income country(ies) where the work will take place. The MRC will not fund research focussed on vulnerable populations in high income countries through this call. Applications to the MRC must focus on low- and middle-income countries.
Eligible institutions	The Principal Investigator has to be based at an eligible research organisation in the UK, in line with standard MRC eligibility rules: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/1-who-can-apply-and-how-to-apply/#TypesOfRO It is not permitted for the same person to be Principal Investigator on more than one proposal submitted to this call.
Co-investigator requirements	Co-investigator(s) from one or more LMICs are required. If a co-investigator is based in one of the GACD partner countries, then the proposal may be eligible for co-funding. If the co-investigators are based in one of these countries, it is essential that you contact international@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk as soon as possible so that we can discuss potential co-funding arrangements. Please include your name, your research institution, your co-investigators' names and research institutions, the intended title of your project and an estimation of the costs that would be required for each investigator. Co-investigators from other high-income countries (HICs) may also be included (please see below for further information on HIC Co-Investigators).
Project location requirements	Studies funded through the MRC should focus upon countries with low or middle income economies. World Bank definitions of low and middle

	income economies can be found at DAC List of ODA Recipients
Eligible costs and further information on funding conditions	<p>Information about eligible costs can be found on: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/3-resourcing/</p> <p>Funding will be awarded in line with standard MRC practice. If a grant is awarded, the MRC will provide funding for the UK investigators' costs at 80 per cent of the Full Economic Cost and the Research Organisation(s) must agree to find the balance of FEC for the project from other resources.</p> <p>The UK MRC of course also welcomes proposals with co-investigators based in low or middle income countries not in the GACD partnership. The MRC can fund 100% of their direct costs and up to 20% of their direct costs as indirect costs. These costs should be listed as 'Exceptions' on the budget template that is uploaded</p> <p>If a co-investigator is based in a high income country not in the GACD partnership they can be included in the proposal and can claim 100% of essential direct costs but cannot claim any indirect costs. There is a strong expectation that most of the costs requested will go to low and middle income country partners. We recommend that applicants keep costs claimed by non-UK high income country partners to a minimum.</p>
Anticipated amount of funding available for this call	£2,000,000 which is expected to fund several projects.
Notes	<p>This guidance supplements the MRC Guidance for Applicants: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/</p> <p>Please consult the MRC Guidance for Applicants for information such as preparing the budget for your proposal. This present document (MRC Funding agency specific criteria) provides additional information specific to the GACD prevention and management of mental disorders call for proposals. Where guidance in the present document differs from that in the MRC Guidance for Applicants, you should follow the guidance in this present, scheme specific, document.</p>