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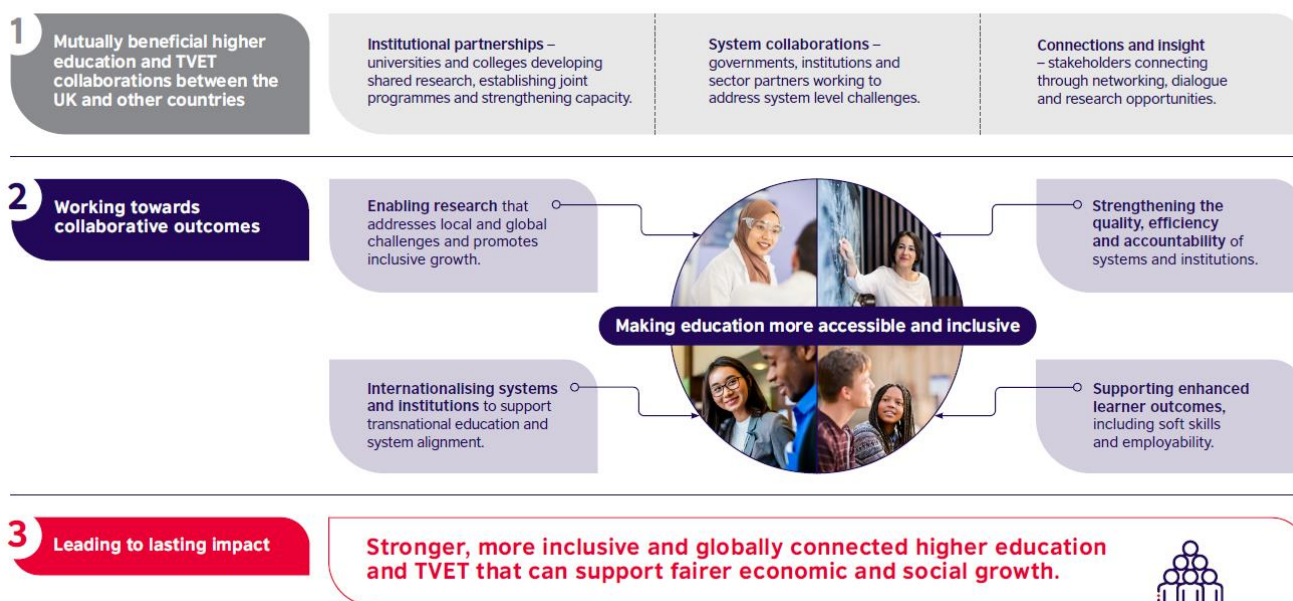
1. About Going Global Partnerships

[Going Global Partnerships](#) supports universities, colleges and wider education stakeholders around the world to work together towards stronger, equitable, more inclusive and internationally connected higher education, science and TVET.

Through international partnerships, system collaborations and opportunities to connect and share, we enable stronger transnational education, more collaborative research, higher quality delivery, enhanced learner outcomes and stronger, internationalised, equitable and inclusive systems and institutions.

Higher education and TVET providers and research organisations can access funding to develop collaborative partnerships with institutions in other countries, focusing on key areas such as capacity strengthening, collaborative research projects, developing joint teaching programmes and establishing new transnational education links. These mutually beneficial partnerships help universities and colleges develop and sustain stronger international connections.

How Going Global Partnerships creates impact



We help to strengthen higher education and TVET in five core areas:

- **Enabling research** – supporting research, knowledge and innovation collaborations to address local and global challenges and promote inclusive growth.
- **Internationalising higher education and TVET** – supporting systems, institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation, including enabling transnational education and system alignment.

- **Strengthening systems and institutions** – improving the quality and efficiency of higher education and TVET institutions and systems.
- **Enhancing learner outcomes – addressing the qualities of the global graduate, including soft skills, employability and community outcomes.**
- **Increasing equality, diversity and inclusion** – making higher education and TVET more accessible, equitable and accountable.

See open and upcoming Going Global Partnerships [opportunities](#). Opportunities are being launched continually, so please check this page regularly.

2. The Grant Call

Call name – UK-Viet Nam iTechPath

Maximum value of grant	£10,000/grant (Year 1)
Number of grants expected to be funded in this call	6
Deadline for applications	9 September 2025 Time: 23:59 (UK time)
Contact for further information	ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn

Introduction

Vietnamese Government determines to uplift the country's advancement in science, technology, innovation and digital transformation towards meeting its target of becoming a high-income country by 2045. To implement this, important decisions were issued in 2024, some of which include:

- **Conclusion 91-KL/TW** by the Politburo that requires continuous implementation of comprehensive innovation in education and training to meet the needs of the globalisation and modernisation for international integration.
- **Resolution 57-NQ/TW** sets out various goals, including increasing investment for research and development; strengthening the connection between research, research and training; increasing international publications and translation in priority areas of research include AI, IoT, Big data, Cloud Computing, Block chain, Semiconductor, Quantum technology, Nano, Mobile Communications of 5G, 6G, Satellite and emerging technologies.
- **Decision 347/QĐ-Ttđ** addresses the development of Networks of Training Centres of Excellence and Talents in 4.0 technology by 2030 in Viet Nam, namely AI, semiconductor, smart cyber security and multimedia; next generation communication network technology; ed-tech; new materials; new and smart civil engineering, transport and infrastructures; biotechnology in agriculture, industry and biomedical; renewable energy, hydrogen energy.

- **Decision 452/QĐ-TTg** approves the planning for higher education institutions and pedagogical universities by 2030, with a vision for the period up to 2050, in that several key universities have been identified to play leading roles in science, technology, innovation and pedagogy.
- **Decision 1002/QĐ-TTg** approves the training project for human resources to serve high-tech development for the 2025-2035 period, with a vision to 2045. The Decision focus both on supporting policies and development of Talent programmes in STEM in key Vietnamese universities in partnership with developed economies.
- **Decision 1131/QĐ-TTg** approves key strategic technology and products

The UK has been one of the leading countries in science, technology and innovation. The Government's Industrial Strategy - a ten-year plan that was issued in November 2017 put technologies as one of the eight growth-driving sectors. UK universities possess world-renowned expertise, cutting edge research infrastructure and established best practices in these key technologies. UK government commits to build research and innovation partnerships with partner countries to support economic development and social welfare. Exemplary initiatives of these prestigious global programmes that the British Council is honoured to be one of the delivery partners include the Newton Fund from 2014 to 2021 that built research and innovation partnerships with partner countries, including Viet Nam to support their economic development and social welfare, and to develop their research and innovation capacity for long-term sustainable growth; and the International Science Partnership Fund (ISPF) – the successor of the Newton Fund – which also puts Emerging Technologies one of the five priorities for partnership development.

2025 marks 15 years of UK Viet Nam Strategic Partnership. Continued focus of our support on science, technology and innovation, and development of Viet Nam human capital in key technologies that are critical to the Viet Nam's economic growth, reflects long term British Council's commitment to support building strong and sustainable UK Viet Nam collaboration in education and training.

In this context, the project focuses on developing UK-Viet Nam higher education partnership contributes to the implementation of these strategies in general, and as a pathway to the establishment of the Talent programmes in STEM in the short run, and Centres of Excellence (COE) in Innovation, Science and Technology in Viet Nam in the long run in particular.

About the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath

The UK - Viet Nam Higher Education partnerships for Innovation, Science and Technology - Pathway to Excellence, or in short, the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath aims to support Ministry of Education and Training in implementing strategic projects on STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) Talent development and research excellence; and enabling UK-Viet Nam strategic partnerships as pathways to support collaboration and development in STI in higher education. This will act as a platform to develop research and innovation collaboration, student and staff mobility, and especially development of Talent programmes in prioritised subject areas of both UK and Viet Nam. In the longer term, this sets stone for the development the Centres of Excellence (COE) in STI in Vietnamese universities in multidisciplinary and cross disciplinary technologies. Three main groups of prioritised areas include:

- Group 1: Advanced manufacturing, Digital and Technology
- Group 2: Clean Energy
- Group 3: Life sciences (advanced biomedical and biopharmaceutical technology)

The project is expected to be delivered over four years, from September 2025 to March 2029.

Project objectives and intended outcomes

Objectives

- **Develop Talent programmes in key subject areas:** to enable UK-Viet Nam partnerships that support Vietnamese universities to develop Talent programmes in both undergraduate and postgraduate including joint PhD, building on UK best practices, to support human resources development in these areas in Viet Nam
- **Facilitate joint research, mobility and exchange:** to provide a platform for UK and Vietnamese universities and businesses to deliver joint research, staff and researcher mobility and short-term exchange, and transnational education programme development in these subject areas
- **Establish sustainable partnerships:** to enable sustainable UK-Viet Nam partnerships that supports the expansion of Talent programmes to wider Vietnamese universities, and that contributes to positioning Vietnamese universities in the region in providing quality programmes towards international standards, which can be attractive to student mobility in the region and as an innovative centre to facilitate research collaboration and industry engagement.

Expected outcomes

- Establishment of a UK-VN Higher Education Consortium who have shared vision and interest in setting up Talent programmes in identified subject areas.
- Provision of seed fund/grants for UK-Viet Nam higher education partnerships with expected joint funding from UK/VN universities and businesses to set up the Talent programmes including the programme/curriculum development, staff mobility and exchange
- Joint workshops and seminars on innovation and research (for staff, students, leaders/managers); Government – University - Industry partnerships and policy implication; industry's CSR and investment into joint research with HEIs.
- Establishment of Talent programmes as a platform that supports human resource development for Viet Nam in the short run, and further expansion of the model to wider higher education in Viet Nam in the longer run.

Expected outputs

- Collaborative Grants: for a group of UK and Vietnamese universities to explore collaborative ideas, models and activities to form consortium.

- Research or benchmarking exercises on prioritised subject areas to identify approach for quality enhancement towards international standards.
- Workshops and seminars: to organise activities for capacity building on programme development (for staff, leaders/managers); Government – University - Industry partnerships and policy implication; industry's CSR and investment into joint research with HEIs.
- Development of at least 5-6 Talent programmes (undergraduate, Master and joint PhD level)
- Establishment of COE within Vietnamese universities in the long run.

The project is expected to be delivered over four years. Expected outputs from each year are, but not limited to, as follows.

- **Year 1 – September 2025 – March 2026:** initial discussion, workshops, visits between UK and Vietnamese universities, draft planning for four-year workplan for the research and innovation collaboration, staff and student mobility and exchange and development of the Talent programmes.
- **Year 2 – April 2026 – March 2027:** activities to plan and to prepare for the setting up of the Talent programmes through workshops and seminars to support research collaboration, and develop the curriculum and enhancing capacity for local partners; staff mobility between the UK and Viet Nam for research collaboration, triple helix innovation model, quality control and hands-on learning on the job in delivering the talent programmes; piloting the training and getting feedback for improvements.
- **Year 3 – April 2027 – March 2028:** continuous support for the delivery of Year 2, staff mobility for quality control and professional development; and support the preparation of expanding the model to wider areas in Vietnamese universities or wider universities in Viet Nam.
- **Year 4 – April 2028 – March 2029:** evaluation of the implementation including graduate outcomes, staff mobility impact, and joint research development. A comprehensive report should be produced with recommendations for future successful collaboration for Science, Technology and Engineering for Viet Nam.

Year 1 call objectives and expected outcomes

This call is developed particularly for Year 1 of the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath project.

Year 1 – Collaborative Grant for partnerships, September 2025 – March 2026.

- **Objective:** The Collaborative grant is to support for initial discussion, workshops and visits between UK and Vietnamese universities to explore the potential partnership model that acts as a platform to facilitate research collaboration, staff and student mobility and development of Talent programmes in prioritised subject areas.
- **Expected outcomes:**
 - The Grant is to support for, but not limited to, initial discussion, research, workshops and exchange visits between UK and Vietnamese universities to design a partnership plan for

the three-year workplan on research and innovation collaboration, staff and student mobility and exchange, and development of the Talent programmes which includes the delivery of the programme, the quality assurance, and evaluation of student outcomes

- The proposal might consider the possibility of the project member(s) participating in the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath Forum on 31 October in London alongside the Going Global 2025.

3. Eligibility criteria for Institutions

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for funding under this call:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Each proposal must have: • one Lead institution from Viet Nam • one Lead institution from the UK The proposal must be prepared jointly by leaders from all institutions but submitted by the Lead from the UK Institution. We encourage proposal to include other UK and Vietnamese universities, organisations and businesses as Associated Partners
UK led institution must be one of the following: • Higher Education provider with degree awarding powers. ○ England - Check the 'awarding degrees' drop down section on the specific provider's entry on the OFS register. The OFS register lists all institutions which offer UK degrees, not all of which have degree awarding powers. ○ Northern Ireland – https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/universities-and-colleges-northern-ireland ○ Scotland – https://www.gov.scot/policies/universities/ ○ Wales – https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree/recognised-bodies-wales • Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations. (See Annex 1 for a complete list of these).
Vietnamese lead institution must be one of the following: • Higher Education provider, as locally defined • Be one of the universities confirming expression of interest to participate in the project as in Annex 3
The Lead institution in overseas countries must have the capacity to administer the grant. They need to submit a support letter to confirm their capacity, and capacity must be confirmed in the support letter.

The partnership can include in their proposals Associated Partners (from both the Viet Nam and the UK) affiliated with:

- Higher Education providers
- Not-for-profit research institutions, establishment and organisations
- For-profit/commercial organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Branch and satellite campuses of any Higher Education providers
- Government organisations
- Employer organisations and industry bodies

For-profit non-education organisations are not eligible to receive any grant funds, except to cover travel-associated costs. The proposal must clearly define their contribution to achieving call objectives.

Please send an enquiry to ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn if you are in doubt about the eligibility of your organisation.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all applications after the grant call closes. Those which are not led by an eligible institution will be rejected during these checks.

4. Funding

The UK-Viet Nam iTechPath expects to support six (06) proposals of up to £10,000 in value each, for a 6-month period, starting from 25 September 2025.

Applicants may be asked to adjust their budget if their request does not fit within funding guidelines or if this is considered not appropriate by the application reviewers.

For successful partnerships, funds will be disbursed directly to the Contracting Institution according to the approved final budget and after signing of the Grant Agreement. The Contracting Institution is the Lead Institution in the UK. The Contracting Institution is responsible for all budget management, including grant transfers to overseas partner/s. For an equitable partnership, the Contracting Institution should be able to transfer funding to the partnering institution(s) for activities in a timely way. Implementation will be delayed and the objectives of the collaboration and the overall project impacted if the funds are not shared in time. We encourage partners, especially first-time partners, to discuss in advance their internal mechanisms that will enable the budget transfer between countries.

For-profit associate partners are only eligible to receive funds to cover travel-associated costs.

In some cases, the national partner will also provide funding to the partner country institution. Please note that this will not apply for all countries. Matching funds are encouraged but not a requirement.

5. Ethics

It is essential that all legal and professional codes of practice are followed in conducting work supported by this call. Applicants must ensure the proposed activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity.

In the application form, applicants must clearly articulate how any potential ethical and health and safety issues have been considered and how they will be addressed, ensuring that all necessary ethical approval is in place before the project commences and all risks are minimised.

Please refer to the Research Councils UK 'Policy and Guidelines on Governance of Good Research' (<https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/UKRI-050321-PolicyGuidelinesGovernanceOfGoodResearchConduct.pdf>), the Inter Academy Partnership report 'Doing Global Science: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in the Global Research Enterprise' (<http://www.interacademycouncil.net/24026/29429.aspx>) or contact us for further guidance.

6. Safeguarding and protecting adults at risk

The British Council is committed to safeguarding children and adults at risk and to upholding their rights in accordance with all applicable legislation and statutory guidance. As part of that commitment, we require that all staff, and those we work with, including partners and suppliers, to operate within our Safeguarding Policy which articulates our approach to protecting children and adults at risk and promoting their wellbeing.

We have robust systems and procedures in place to both prevent incidents (covering, for example, the recruitment of appropriate staff, training and support given so that staff can work safely, and standards regarding the way in which we carry out activities) together with responsive actions necessary to address situations where we become aware that a child or an adult at risk may have been harmed. As part of our policy, all countries have a named Safeguarding Focal Point (SFP) who is supported by a Regional Safeguarding Manager (RSM) and the British Council Safeguarding Team.

For further information please see: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/how-we-work/policies/safeguarding>

7. Impact on the Environment

The British Council is committed to minimising its environmental impact. For this call, we have developed a set of questions in the application form which will enable us to understand the expected impact of a proposed project on the climate (and environment more broadly). We welcome information from Applicants regarding environmental considerations such as reducing carbon emissions for their projects (for example, alternatives to national or international travel such as virtual delivery), minimising waste or promoting resource efficiency.

Please note, responses to these questions will not form part of the grant assessment criteria and will not be subject to peer review. The British Council collects this information for internal purposes only.

Please contact us via email ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn, if you have any queries about the environmental impact section.

8. Privacy Notice

The British Council and UK partners comply with UK GDPR and the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and data protection laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards and the monitoring & review of any grants. The legal basis for processing your information is agreement with our terms and conditions of application (contract).

We may share all application data with external reviewer(s) in order to assist with management of the application process. We may share selected non personal data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath.

Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners mentioned above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council and its partners reserve the right to publish and share anonymised aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or see our website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>. We will keep your information for a period of seven years after the project.

9. Application Process and Documentation

All applications should be completed and submitted on 9 September 2025. It is possible to download a blank version of the application form to enable your partnership to develop your answers together before it is submitted.

The deadline for applications is 23:59 (UK time) on 8 September 2025. We recommend that you submit at least an hour before to avoid any last-minute technical glitches.

Due to the volume of applications, we receive, any application received after specified deadline will be considered **ineligible**.

Ensure you have included all of the documentation listed in the Pre-submission Checklist as incomplete applications may be immediately regarded as ineligible. The British Council receives large numbers of applications to its funding calls, and for this reason we cannot facilitate resubmission process should your application be deemed ineligible.

Please ensure that process of seeking institutional approval required for the application submission should be initiated timely. Each Grant call remains open for 4-6 weeks, which is a sufficient time to get required approvals and documents like CV's, supporting letters etc.

Please send the application form and the other required attachments (budget sheet, CVs, etc.) as separate attachments, please do not merge them into a single file.

If you require any access adjustments or have any additional support or learning needs in order to submit the application, please contact us prior to the deadline on ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn.

10. Application Form

Applications must only be submitted using [this link](#).

Word limits must be followed, as text over the word limits will not be read.

Official Development Assistance (ODA) Statement

The Grants must be ODA compliant. To be counted as ODA, all activities (research or otherwise) must qualify under rules set down by the OECD. To be ODA-eligible, the OECD states that research projects should be ***directly and primarily related to the problems of developing countries***. Please outline the economic development and social welfare impact of your work, including how it is conducted as well as the outputs and potential outcomes. The work should be relevant to at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The British Council supports peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide. Our granting opportunities are aligned to this mission and reflect it in grant purpose and eligibility criteria. Granting projects which specifically include collaboration with military or security partners will also need to align with this mission. Projects focused on particular fields may preclude any military and security aspects, or aspects which dual-use impacts or outcomes.

All applications are checked to ensure alignment with this policy at the eligibility stage.

Gender and Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Statements

Please contact us for further information on the British Council's approach. See our Equality Policy here: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/our-values/equality-diversity-inclusion>

Gender Equality

To comply with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014, applications must outline how they have taken meaningful yet proportionate consideration as to how the project will contribute to reducing gender inequalities in the Gender Equality Statement section of the application form.

Gender Equality Statement

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender and provide a gender statement. It should not be a re-statement of your Institution's policy; you may refer to the policy but should show how the policy will be implemented in terms of the project. Below are the project aspects that can be taken into consideration for the gender statement but not limited to.

- Outputs
- Outcomes
- Make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project
- Processes followed throughout the project.
- Budget
- Risk
- Measures taken to facilitate the participation of people from different genders

Please note that the Gender Equality Statement should clarify and enable a clear demonstration that making a contribution to addressing gender inequalities has been considered in the project development. It is expected that the approach will be reflected in other sections of the application including the project description, outcomes and outputs.

All applications are checked for an adequate Gender Equality Statement at the eligibility stage.

The following questions should be answered when writing the statement.

- What are the key gender equality issues that are relevant to your project and how it will contribute to addressing these?
Please include data and evidence to support your analysis of the relevant gender equality issues. This should include issues relevant to the theme of your project and to the team that will deliver it.
- Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation, and the beneficiaries of the activities.
- Drawing on the analysis of the gender equality issues think about the barriers to participation and engagement in the project and how you will overcome these through your project plan and activities. The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
- Describe how the project will impact women, men and people with diverse gender identities. In particular show how the project will reduce the gender inequalities that have been set out in the question above.
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender.
- Describe how you intend the programme to bring about change in unequal power relations. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?
- At what stage of the gender journey will the project start, and where you aim to be at the end of it.

Approach for Accessibility adjustments

Applicants are encouraged to take a proactive approach to consider accessibility into the design and delivery of their proposed activity, so that we can improve the experience for everyone,

including in particular for disabled people. Applicants may request adjustments or additional support for their application, the funded project activities and reporting stages. Please provide details on specific requests for any support, access arrangements, or accommodation, and any costs associated with the adjustments. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis and dependent on the funding available. If you wish to discuss the requests and/or costs in your application, please contact ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn.

11. Budget Sheet

Budgets must only be submitted using the Budget Sheet supplied within the Grant Call Documentation, and your application will be deemed ineligible if your budget is submitted via any other method.

You will note that some budget categories are subject to a cap which is set as a percentage of the total amount of funding being applied for. Where a budget cap is specified, it must be adhered to as it is a stipulation of the funding. If caps are not adhered to, your requested budget may be subject to correction by the British Council to make it compliant, and this may result in a reduction of your grant.

A list of eligible and ineligible costs can be found in **Annex 2**.

Section 1 – Human Resource/Staff Costs

- There is a cap set at 30% of the total grant staff costs.
- List all Contracting and Partnering institution staff working on the project
 - Permanent staff are employed by the hosting institution, with a contract that will outlast the project grant and reporting period. These are permanent academic (full time staff members) employed by the institution.
 - Project staff are employed on or temporarily assigned to the project, often on fixed term, part time or short contracts, usually with more of their time dedicated to the work related with this project
- The number of units multiplied by the unit rate will populate Column H. In Column I confirm how much of this total is it intended be covered by the grant. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- If the entire cost is not being covered by the Grant, a residual amount will populate in Column J, and you will explain how this amount is being covered in Column K.
- In Column M you confirm how staff costs are monitored/controlled for Audit purposes.

Section 2 – Expertise Costs

Sometimes Grant applicants wish to budget for non-institutional Staff costs (e.g. Consultants, Industry experts, advisors, Associate partners etc.). These costs included in Section 2.

- There is a cap set at 20% of the total grant being applied for
- The number of units multiplied by the unit rate will populate Column H. In Column I confirm how much of this total is it intended be covered by the grant. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- If the entire cost is not being covered by the Grant, a residual amount will populate in Column J, and you will explain how this amount is being covered in Column K
- In Column M you confirm how staff costs are monitored/controlled for Audit purposes

Section 3 – International Travel and Subsistence

- Supply details of approximate costs/allocation for your travel and subsistence costs. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- Read Annex 2 for guidance on permitted costs
- As per sections 1 and 2 – clarify what portion of these costs is it intended be covered by the grant and how any residual costs are to be funded

Section 4 – Operational and Activity Costs

- In section 4 you can give the approximate costs/allocation you intend to use for specific activities. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- Read Annex 2 for guidance on permitted costs
- Domestic travel associated with the activities should be accounted for in this section
- As per sections 1, 2 and 3– clarify what portion of these costs is it intended be covered by the grant and how any residual costs are to be funded

Section 5 – Marketing and Communication Costs

- In section 5 you can give the approximate costs/allocation you intend to use for any Marketing and Communications aspects of your proposal. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- Read Annex 2 for guidance on permitted costs

- As per the previous sections– clarify what portion of these costs is it intended be covered by the grant and how any residual costs are to be funded

Section 6 – Miscellaneous and Additional Costs

- In section 6 you can give the approximate costs/allocation you intend to use for any elements not covered in sections 1-5. Be clear how any residual costs will be covered if not entirely by the grant.
- Read Annex 2 for guidance on permitted costs
- Typically applicants use this section to show administrative costs e.g. international bank transfer costs associated with grant disbursements to partners etc

Budget Summary

After Section 6 a summary of the sections above will self-populate.

Column I shows a section-by-section summary of the costs you have indicated will be covered by your grant if you application is successful.

Column J will flag any issues. If for sections 1-3 the box turns **green** and displays “This is within the funding rules” then no action is required.

If, however, the box turns **red** it will give a message to highlight what the issue is e.g. “This is outside the 30% funding rules” or “This is outside the 20% funding rules” and you must return to the appropriate section and revisit your proposed budget.

Any budget sheet submitted that contains red warnings will be returned and may jeopardise your application.

The last row of the Budget Sheet will show in Column G, the grant amount you are applying for and in Column I the total budget you are intending to submit.

- If your planned budget exceeds the grant you are applying for you will see a warning message stating, “Your budget exceeds the grant you have requested – please review your budget before submitting”
 - You cannot budget for more than the value of the grant and if your budget sheet is submitted with this warning it will be returned and may jeopardise your application
- If your planned budget is lower than the grant you are applying for you will see a warning message stating, “Your planned budget is less than the grant you have requested – do you need to review your budget to ensure everything has been included”

- If this is the case, you could either revisit the grant you are claiming and reduce it to your planned budget; or revisit your budget to ensure you haven't miscalculated
- If you submit your application with this message your application will still be considered – but based on your proposed budget and not the grant figure so please ensure you are happy that you have not missed anything.

12. Selection Process

- All applications received by the deadline will be logged and acknowledged – if you have not received an acknowledgement within seven days, please check your spam folder for messages from goingglobalpartnerships@britishcouncil.org. If you have not received any acknowledgement of receipt of application, please contact us with details.
- Applications will be reviewed for completeness – if we do not have everything requested in the Pre-submission Checklist your application may be declared ineligible and not proceed to next stage. We receive large volumes of applications so we may not be able to notify you of this outcome at this stage.
- **Applications will be assessed by a panel of subject experts, on the basis of assessment criteria specified in the next section**
- Top ranked applications will be selected and will be notified about their selection for contracting and disbursement of grants
- Unsuccessful applications will be notified at a later stage. **You can ask for feedback to your application by writing to ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn.**

13. Pre-Submission Checklist

This application has been discussed and agreed between both lead partners who are aware of this project.
The application form and supporting documents have been completed in English.
The applicants have included supporting letters from each of the Contracting, Lead Institutions and Associated institutions, on headed paper, signed by the Head of Department or other person with appropriate delegated authority, giving specific commitment to the project. Supporting letters must be in English and not be signed

by Lead Applicant(s). As stated in these guidelines, email versions of letters are acceptable.
Lead Institutions must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by responding to Pre-submission Confirmation in the application form.
Applicants have submitted a detailed budget request using the budget spreadsheet provided with the grant call documents on our funding call page.
Applicants have submitted a CV for both Lead Applicants.
Where relevant, Associated Partner letters have been uploaded
Human resource costs: Staff costs for personnel working directly on the grant funded project limited to 30% of the grant to be awarded.
UK expertise costs: Limited to 20% of grant to be awarded.

14. Assessment Criteria

Project quality and relevance: possible criteria	Score	Range
		0–20
- The academic importance and timeliness of the research topic is clearly demonstrated. - The Lead Applicants have sufficient relevant experience to lead the proposed workshops and achieve the stated objectives. - The collaborating institutions are of appropriate academic standing. - The proposed activities clearly meet country's priorities and capacity strengthening needs - The proposal clearly states how the proposed activities contribute to structural change in a particular institution and could be relevant at a local/regional/national level. - The benefits and relevance of the collaboration with the UK and partner country institution, and to the capacity strengthening activities, are clearly described.	20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level 16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level 11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level 6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level 1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level 0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.	

Methodology/proposal/project design: possible criteria	Score	Range
		0–20
- The description of the activity(s) includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs. - The activities are well planned and defined. The proposal contains clear, feasible, and realistic objectives, as well as potential for long term impact. - Applicants clearly articulate specific outputs anticipated from the collaboration and objectives likely to be achieved - The methodology has been clearly articulated and is achievable within the given timeframes. - The proposal's aims are commensurate with the experience of the individuals involved in the project. - The proposal represents value for money and all costs are fully justifiable. - The timelines are realistic and there is an effective monitoring framework in place. - There is a clear definition of roles and responsibilities. - Risks and any mitigation strategies have been clearly defined. - The description of the workshop includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs. - There is clear evidence that the proposed workshop supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links. - The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK and partner country institution, and to the research itself, are clearly described. - There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions. - The workshop is justified as a standalone activity, or as part of a larger programme. - The agenda of the workshop is well structured with interactive sessions. - The workshop proposal takes interdisciplinary collaboration into account - Non-academic stakeholders will be integrated in the workshop	20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level 16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level 11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level 6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level 1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level 0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.	
Sustainability and capacity building: possible criteria	Score	Range
		0–20
The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for early career researchers taking part in the workshop, and for other potential beneficiaries, is clearly described.	20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level 16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level	

• The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the Principal Applicants institutions intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term. • The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the Lead Institution intends to ensure the outcomes are achieved beyond the funding period. • There is a clear plan for how the benefits of the activity(s) will be developed beyond the institution, whether at a local/regional/national level • There is involvement of Associated Partners who will aid in sustaining the activity outcomes (if applicable) • There is a planned mechanism for the dissemination of the results of the activities.	11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level 6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level 1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level 0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.
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15. Key Milestone Dates

Milestone	Timelines
Call opens	5 August 2025
Deadline for clarification questions submitted by applicants	15 August 2025
Deadline for application submission	9 September 2025 (23:59 UK time)
Results announcement	19 September 2025
Grant Agreements (Contracts) signed	25 September 2025
Period of grant payments	25 October 2025
Project implementation and launch	29 September 2025
UK-Viet Nam ITechPath Forum in London	31 October 2025
Project report submission	27 March 2026
Year 1 project end date	31 March 2026

All dates may be subject to change if the call received significantly more applications than expected.

16. Applicant screening

To comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third-party screening databases to ensure

that neither the applicant institutions nor any of the applicants' employees, partners, directors, shareholders are listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings; and/or
- as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime.
- as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body; and/or
- as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or
- as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.

If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Council with all information reasonably requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches.

Please read the text to this effect on the application form and tick the box to show that you understand this.

17. Granting Process

When a decision has been made on applications the British Council will send out a notification to all successful applicants with a timeline to accept the Grant. This will be followed by sharing of the British Council standard Grant Agreement for signatures. Funds will be disbursed only upon the British Council receiving an acceptably signed copy of the Grant Agreement. It will be expected that the Grantee is able to return a signed copy of agreement within the stipulated timelines given by the British Council, and the funding may be at risk if the stipulated timelines are not adhered to.

British Council will also ask for a copy of the Contracting Institution's most recent Bank Details.

18. British Council contractual requirements

- The contracting authority is the British Council which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the British Council from time to time
> (see: www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status).
- The Contracting Institution for the partnership will sign the Grant Agreement with the British Council. Other key partners are names in the Grant Agreement. The Contracting

Institution is responsible for flowing down the relevant clauses to the other partners.

- The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the overseas countries listed in these guidelines.
- The British Council is subject to the requirements of the UK Freedom of Information Act, (“FOIA”). Please indicate in your application whether FOIA also applies to your organisation, so that we can reflect this in the Grant Agreement should you be successful in your application.
- A copy of the Grant Agreement is available with the call document.
- Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement: **By submitting a response to this call for applications, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of these guidelines and the Grant Agreement without further negotiation or amendment.**
- If you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, you should submit a clarification request to ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn in accordance with the provisions of this call for applications by the application deadline

19. Monitoring and Reporting

The Contracting Institution is responsible for complying with the requirements of monitoring and reporting as detailed in the Grant Agreement. We require both financial and activity reporting.

Annex 1 – List of eligible not-for-profit research institutions, establishment, and organisations

Please note that where organisations have both for-profit and not-for-profit arms, it must be clear that this grant is held and administered by the not-for-profit arm of the organisation:

- Alan Turing Institute
- All NHS Trusts, hospitals, boards, primary care trusts and GP practices
- Animal and Plant Health Agency
- Anthony Nolan
- Armagh Observatory
- Babraham Institute
- BirdLife International
- British Film Institute
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- British Library
- British Museum
- British Trust for Ornithology
- Butterfly Conservation
- CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International)
- Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme
- Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre
- Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
- CERN
- Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs)
- Culham Centre for Fusion Energy (part of UK Atomic Energy Authority)
- Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
- Diamond Light Source
- Earlham Institute
- Earthwatch Institute
- Environment Agency
- European Bioinformatics Institute
- European Synchrotron Radiation Facility
- Fera Ltd
- Forest Research
- Health and Safety Executive PSRE
- Health Data Research UK
- Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England

- Historic Environment Scotland
- Historic Royal Palaces
- HR Wallingford Group
- Imperial War Museum
- Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Institute of Development Studies
- Institute of Occupational Medicine
- International Institute for Environment and Development
- Isaac Newton Group
- John Innes Centre
- Joint Astronomy Centre
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- London Institute for Mathematical Sciences
- Malaria Consortium (UK)
- Manufacturing Technology Centre
- Marine Biological Association
- Marine Scotland Science
- Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
- Moredun Research Institute
- MRC Harwell Institute
- MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology
- MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences
- Museum of London Archaeology
- National Archives
- National Centre for Social Research
- National Foundation for Educational Research
- National Gallery
- National Institute of Agricultural Botany
- National Institute of Economic and Social Research
- National Maritime Museum
- National Museum Wales
- National Museums Liverpool
- National Museums of Scotland
- National Nuclear Laboratory
- National Oceanography Centre
- National Physical Laboratory
- National Portrait Gallery
- Natural England
- Natural History Museum
- NERC British Antarctic Survey
- NERC British Geological Survey

- Nesta
- Office for National Statistics
- Overseas Development Institute
- Plymouth Marine Laboratory
- Public Health England
- Quadram Institute Bioscience
- RAND Europe Community Interest Company
- Rosalind Franklin Institute
- Rothamsted Research
- Royal Botanic Gardens – Edinburgh
- Royal Botanic Gardens – Kew
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies
- Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture.
- Science Museum Group
- Scottish Association for Marine Sciences
- Sightsavers
- STFC laboratories
- Tate
- Tavistock Institute of Human Relations
- The Faraday Institution
- The Francis Crick Institute
- The James Hutton Institute
- The Manufacturing Technology Centre Ltd
- The National Trust
- The Office of the Health Economics
- The Pirbright Institute
- The Resolution Foundation
- The Royal Shakespeare Company
- The Welding Institute
- Transport Research Laboratory
- UK Astronomy Technology Centre.
- UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
- Victoria and Albert Museum
- Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
- World Conservation Monitoring Centre
- Young Foundation
- Zoological Society of London, Institute of Zoology.

If you believe your organisation is eligible but is not on this list, please contact us via ggp.vietnam@britishcouncil.org.vn before submitting a proposal for this call.

Annex 2 – Eligible and ineligible costs

Eligible costs

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Travel: Travel (economy class), and subsistence costs to the UK/partner country, visa fees, vaccinations, quarantine costs (not exceeding GBP800 per person for 14 days), medical insurance, and roaming charges during travel essential to the project, to the UK and partner country.
- Local travel in the UK and overseas (public transport to and from the airport and for meetings/visits is encouraged where possible).
- Reasonable accommodation and subsistence costs for staff when visiting their partner organisation in the UK or overseas
- Reasonable hospitality costs (excluding self-entertaining costs).
- Reasonable production costs (such as for the development of materials but excluding time spent by staff in relation thereto).
- Consultancy fee (for external procurement and up to 20% of the total project costs).
- Essential equipment for use in the project including consumables, specialist software licences essential to the collaboration, access fees for facilities or library services. Equipment must be essential to project delivery and beyond the scope of institutional provision.
- Cost of meetings, training events, workshops, public engagement events, and seminars integral to the proposal. Translation and interpreter fees.
- Publication costs directly related to the collaboration, including web page development by external providers, if appropriate. Open access publication is encouraged.
- Online platform and relevant costs for digital delivery can be included.
- Attendance at conferences or other events in the UK, partner countries, or virtual events to present the outputs and outcomes of the project.
- Monitoring and evaluation costs.
- All the foregoing activities must be directly related to the development and delivery of the agreed project. Partners will be asked to provide the British Council with information on expenditure, supported by receipts for monitoring and auditing purposes.
- The cost of staff time for full-time personnel working directly on the project -only the time allocated for the project, plus the costs of temporary personnel and other temporary staff recruited to work solely on the project,
- Exchange rate costs and other banking-related costs.

Ineligible costs

The following costs are ineligible for funding:

- Promotional activities solely concerned with the recruitment of overseas students.
- Institutional overheads including administration fees and other indirect costs.
- Costs associated with Master's and PhD scholarships (including stipends).
- Purchase or rental of standard office equipment (except specialist equipment essential to the research). This includes IT hardware – laptops, personal computers, tablets, smartphones, Mac workstations, computer parts and peripherals, etc. Any standard hardware routinely used by researchers and academics will not be funded.
- Office software and office equipment including desks, chairs, filing cabinets, photocopiers, printers, and fax machines.
- Mobile phone costs including rental or purchase, and monthly phone bills.
- IP costs, patent, copyright, licensing, or other IP-related costs.
- Costs relating to the construction, procurement, or rental of physical infrastructure (e.g., office buildings, laboratory facilities). Rooms and facilities essential for routine collaboration are provided as an in-kind contribution by participating institutions. These can be detailed as an in-kind contribution in the budget breakdown.
- Entertainment costs such as gifts, alcohol, restaurant bills, or hospitality costs for personnel not directly participating in the project, excessive restaurant costs, and excessive taxi fares.
- No profit or fees must be charged to the grant.
- British Council Grants cannot be converted to any Gift Cards, non-monetary assets, Crypto currencies.

Annex 3 – List of Vietnamese universities

Below is the list of Vietnamese universities having confirmed expressions of interest in participating in the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath initiative.

No	Institution name	About the university and expectation in this project	Prioritised areas	Contact
1	Duy Tan University	Duy Tan University is a top-ranked, multidisciplinary private university in Vietnam with a strong focus on STEM and international collaboration. We have extensive experience in launching successful joint programs with leading global universities and possess robust capabilities in the iTechPath project. Our Expected Outcomes from this Partnership: DTU aims to achieve tangible, mutually beneficial outcomes: 1. Co-create Elite "Talent Programs": Develop industry-focused, internationally accredited programs with a premier UK university, offering dual-degree or credit-transfer options to produce globally competitive graduates. 2. Accelerate Joint Research and Innovation: Establish joint research teams to secure large-scale funding, generate high-impact publications, and develop innovative solutions in key technology sectors. 3. Foster Meaningful Student & Faculty Exchange: Implement dynamic mobility programs to enhance cross-cultural learning, build academic capacity, and foster lasting professional networks. 4. Strengthen University-Industry Linkages: Bridge the gap between academia and industry by connecting students with high-tech companies in both Vietnam and the UK for internships, research, and career opportunities. 5. Build a Sustainable UK-VN Consortium: Act as a foundational member of the UK-VN Higher Education Consortium, committed to building a long-term strategic alliance for innovation and educational excellence. https://duytan.edu.vn/	Advanced manufacturing, Digital and Technology	Nguyen Thi Lan Anh Director - Global Exchange Office Email: nguyenthilananh@duytan.edu.vn; geo@duytan.edu.vn

2	Hanoi University of Civil Engineering	Established in 1966, HUCE is one of the most prestigious universities in Vietnam in engineering and technology. HUCE has consistently demonstrated a pioneering role in national development. It is one of 5 key national technical universities designated in the national Master Plan for the Higher Education and Teacher Training Network (2021–2030, vision to 2050). It plays a vital role in training highly qualified human resources in civil engineering and architecture, while driving research, technology transfer, and innovation across the sector. Through this initiative, HUCE expects to strengthen its role as a leader in sustainable construction and digital transformation. The partnership will support the development of new academic programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels focused on smart materials, AI-powered construction systems, and decentralized data management using Blockchain. It will enable collaborative research in tracking and lifecycle analysis of construction materials through digital twins, as well as immersive technology applications for simulation and management. HUCE aims to engage in international mobility and exchange to enhance staff and student capacity in emerging interdisciplinary technologies, and to co-develop curriculum with UK partners that meets global standards. In the long term, HUCE envisions establishing a Centre of Excellence in smart and sustainable infrastructure technologies, positioning itself as a regional hub for digital construction innovation in Southeast Asia. https://en.huce.edu.vn/	Integrating AI, Blockchain, and immersive technologies (AR/VR, 3D-printing) to advance the development, monitoring, and lifecycle management of smart, sustainable materials and systems in civil infrastructure	Bruce Nghiem Ha Tan Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department Email: tannh@huce.edu.vn
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3	Hanoi University of Mining and Geology	Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (HUMG) is a unique higher educational institution in Vietnam because it is known as a specialized and comprehensive university. Being recognized in Vietnam as a top university in a number of specialized areas such as mining engineering, geology, geomatic engineering, and so on, HUMG is also known as technically comprehensive university with many academic disciplines such as computer engineering and information technology, economics and business administration, electrical and electronic engineering, mechanical engineering. Because HUMG is only university who offers both undergraduate and post-graduate courses in a number of specialized majors of natural resources exploration and production, it plays a role of a “national” higher education institution. Every year, there are approximately 3000 undergraduate and post-graduate students enrolled in HUMG. The students of HUMG are enrolled from many different provinces of Vietnam and its graduates also work in every province as the key persons in the areas related to natural resources. That means HUMG must take the national responsibility to provide capable and competent graduates for the nation. HUMG always attaches great importance to and extends cooperation to universities, research institutes, agencies and other partners in the country and worldwide. The university considers this as a breakthrough factor to quickly integrate into the international level. HUMG is constantly expanding international cooperation by establishing the partnership with over 100 universities, institutes and research organizations on undergraduate and graduate training, scientific research, providing consulting services, training in foreign languages in advanced programs and high quality programs. Especially, international projects have contributed greatly to the enhancement of HUMG's capacity in education and research, offering better opportunities for the university in development and internationalisation in regional and global context. https://humg.edu.vn/en/Pages/home.aspx	"Transport Construction Engineering" and "Renewable energy (wind energy, biomass, geothermal energy)"	Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao Coordinator of International Cooperation Email: nguyenthiphuongthao@humg.edu.vn
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4	Hanoi University of Science and Technology	Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) is recognized as the leading technical university in Vietnam. The institution stands to benefit significantly from the grant in multiple dimensions. Firstly, the grant will support HUST's internationalization strategy, which aims to attract outstanding scholars to join its academic community. Secondly, the university is currently advancing efforts to promote teaching innovation and excellence. The grant will offer valuable opportunities for faculty members to receive training in emerging and student-centered pedagogies, as well as in professional development. Additionally, the grant will serve as a vital resource for facilitating faculty exchange visits to the host institution, thereby fostering greater academic collaboration. These engagements are expected to enhance joint activities such as doctoral co-supervision, collaborative research, and increased faculty exchanges, and talent programmes in the coming years. https://hust.edu.vn/en/	Group 1: AI and semi-conductor · Group 2: Next generation network technology, intelligent cybersecurity technology, and multimedia communications · Group 3: Industrial biotechnology and biomedical	Bui Thi Ngoc Thuy Associate Director of the Department of Partnership and Engagement Email: thuy.buithingoc@hust.edu.vn
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5	Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology	Founded in 1957, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT) is a leading engineering university in Vietnam, recognized for its strong research capabilities, innovation-driven culture, and deep industry engagement. Located in Ho Chi Minh City, the country's economic center, HCMUT maintains long-term collaborations with global partners, including UK institutions and enterprises. To foster high-quality human capital, since 2005, HCMUT has offered 15 Talent Programs across priority disciplines such as Computer Science, Electrical Electronics Engineering, Mechatronics, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Biomedical-related fields... These programs target top-performing students, with a strong focus on research and practical applications. HCMUT is well-positioned to contribute to the UK–Vietnam iTechPath program, particularly in Advanced Manufacturing, Digital Technology, Clean Energy, and Biomedical Technologies, in alignment with national strategies under Decisions 1002/QĐ TTg and 1131/QĐ TTg. Key Activities and Expected Outcomes: • Reviewing and Improving HCMUT's Talent Programs to meet new national and global technological demands. • Implementing student and faculty exchanges in collaboration with UK institutions. • Organising international conferences and Conducting joint research in related fields. • Linking research and commercialization, enhancing innovation pipelines. • Building globally competitive academic staff, strengthening HCMUT's international standing. • Expanding HCMUT's partnership with UK universities and enterprises. This initiative will contribute to advancing science and technology in Vietnam, support innovation in key industries, and reinforce the strategic UK–Vietnam partnership through impactful education and research collaboration. https://hcmut.edu.vn/en	Advanced Manufacturing & Digital Technology, Clean Energy and Biomedical Technologies.	Assoc.Prof. LAI Quoc Dat Director of the External Affairs Office Email: lqdat@hcmut.edu.vn
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6	Phenikaa University	Phenikaa University (PU) is a dynamic and forward-looking private university located in Hanoi, Vietnam. Backed by the Phenikaa Group, a leading high-tech and industrial corporation. PU is committed to excellence in education, research, and innovation. With the vision of becoming a world-class institution, PU emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches, technology integration, and partnerships that serve national development and global progress. The university excels in key areas such as biomedical and environmental engineering, materials science, clean energy, and smart manufacturing, and is known for fostering a research-driven and entrepreneurship-oriented learning environment. In alignment with Vietnam's strategic vision for science, technology, and innovation (STI) development by 2045, PU actively seeks international collaborations. The existing partnership with Heriot-Watt University, University of West England Bristol, University of East Anglia and Oxford University will be basis of the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath Higher Education Consortium aims to boost Vietnam's capabilities in life sciences, specifically advanced biomedical, environmental and biopharmaceutical technology. Expected Outcomes of the Partnership 1. Establishment of UK -VN Centres of Excellence for Life Sciences, the hub for Vietnamese and UK universities to collaborate. 2. Workshops and seminars: to organise activities for capacity building on Centres of Excellence development (for UK and Vietnam universities); Government – University - Industry partnerships and policy implication 3. Sustainable Institutional Partnership o UK -VN Centres of Excellence for Life Sciences is a long-term UK-Vietnam university-industry-government collaboration models. o Enhance PU's regional and global profile as a hub for life sciences innovation. https://phenikaa-uni.edu.vn/en	Life sciences	Nguyen Quoc Dinh Head of the External Engagement Office Email: dinh.nguyenquoc@phenikaa-uni.edu.vn
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7	Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology (PTIT)	Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology (PTIT), established in 1953 under the management of the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam, is a prestigious public university specializing in information and communication technology (ICT), electronics, and telecommunications. With campuses in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, PTIT offers comprehensive undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in fields such as telecommunications engineering, information technology, multimedia communications, business administration, and international trade. The institute is recognized as TOP 1 in digital transformation and innovation in higher education and ranks among the TOP 3 ICT-training universities in Vietnam. It is also one of the five key national universities in engineering and technology, and one of 13 national leading centers of excellence and talents for advancing next-generation wireless network technologies, intelligent cybersecurity, and multimedia communications. PTIT is a pioneer in interdisciplinary training, constantly adapting to new industry trends and societal needs. With strong partnerships with corporations like VNPT, Viettel, FPT, and international academic institutions, PTIT equips students with both academic excellence and practical experience. Its mission is to train high-quality human resources and contribute to the development of Vietnam's digital economy, with the vision of becoming a regional leader in ICT education and innovation by 2030. As part of the UK-Viet Nam iTechPath initiative under the Going Global Partnerships Programme, PTIT is committed to fostering deep collaboration with UK higher education institutions to: • Co-develop Talent Programmes at undergraduate, master's, and joint PhD levels in high-priority disciplines such as AI, 5G/6G communications, smart cybersecurity, and advanced digital technologies. • Facilitate academic exchange and joint research by participating in staff and student mobility schemes, workshops, and transnational curriculum design. • Establish sustainable academic-industry partnerships that enhance curriculum relevance, drive innovation through joint research, and increase regional appeal for international students. • Strengthen PTIT's role as a Centre of Excellence in science, technology, and innovation in Vietnam, aligning with national goals outlined in Decisions 347/QĐ-TTg and 452/QĐ-TTg. https://english.ptit.edu.vn/	Advanced manufacturing, Digital and Technology	Nguyen Viet Hung Deputy Head of Department of Science and Technology Management & International Cooperation Email: Nvhung_vt1@ptit.edu.vn
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8	University of Engineering and Technology	The University of Engineering and Technology (UET), a member of Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU), is a leading University in science, engineering, and technology education and research in Vietnam. UET focuses on high-quality training and innovation in fields such as Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology, Robotics Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, Information Technology, Computer Networks and Data Communications, Artificial Intelligence, Control and Automation Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Engineering Mechanics, Engineering Physics, Data Science, and Materials Technology. Through this partnership, we expect to strengthen academic and research collaboration, develop joint training and exchange programs, co-develop innovative technologies, and enhance our global engagement and capacity building in emerging high-tech areas. https://uet.vnu.edu.vn/en/	Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Technology, Robotics Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, Information Technology, Computer Networks and Data Communications, Artificial Intelligence, Control and Automation Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Engineering Mechanics, Engineering Physics, Data Science, and Materials Technology	Trinh Chu Duc Rector Tran Van Quang Deputy head of Academic Affair Email: trinhcd@vnu.edu.vn; tranquang@vnu.edu.vn
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9	University of Transport and Communications	The University of Transport and Communications (UTC), founded in 1902, is one of five national key universities in engineering and technology in Viet Nam, under Decision No. 452/QĐ-TTg by Prime Minister. These institutions serve as core pillars for training high-quality human resources, advancing research and development in strategic technology sectors, and accelerating the country's digital transformation. Among them, UTC is the only national key university specializing in the field of transport. The demand for highly skilled professionals in the transport sector has grown significantly following the National Assembly's approval of the 1,541-km North–South High-Speed Railway project in November 2024, along with the strategic goals outlined in Resolution No. 57-NQ/TW by the Political Bureau on science, technology, and digital transformation. UTC plays a vital role in preparing future talent and fostering knowledge and technology transfer to support the rapid and sustainable development of transport infrastructure. On August 1, 2025, following Decision No. 374/QĐ-TTg by the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Education and Training launched networks of Centers of Excellence and Talent in 4.0 Technology. In which, each is led by a core university with proven expertise and coordination responsibilities. UTC was appointed to lead the network of Centers of Excellence in advanced and intelligent transportation technology and infrastructure, tasked with delivering impactful upskilling programs and fostering collaboration to drive digital transformation, boost innovation, and develop high-level human resources. Through the British Council's UK–Viet Nam iTechPath initiative, UTC aims to establish a Digital Twin Research and Innovation Centre for Transport Infrastructure in collaboration with UK higher education institutions. This initiative aligns not only with relevant legal frameworks but also specifically with Decision No. 1131/QĐ-TTg, which identifies digital twin technology as a national strategic priority, and Decision No. 1002/QĐ-TTg, which emphasizes the development of STEM talent through international partnerships with advanced economies. The Centre will serve as a multidisciplinary hub for joint research, talent development, and technology transfer in the fields of smart mobility and infrastructure monitoring. Key objectives include co-developing academic programmes, conducting collaborative research, facilitating staff and student exchanges, and hosting workshops and policy dialogues between institutions in the UK - Viet Nam and others. https://en.utc.edu.vn/	Digital twin, Research and Innovation for Transport Infrastructure, Spatial Intelligence, Traffic management	Hieu Ha Lecturer, Project Coordinator Email: hieuht@utc.edu.vn
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