

Newton-Ungku Omar Fund Grand Challenge 2019 Research Programme

Overview

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Graduate School is organising a two-day research programme, designed for researchers and postgraduate research students to work together to identify research questions of **urban mobility** and [waste to wealth](#) in Malaysia and outline what would be needed for a competitive funding application to the [Newton-Ungku Omar Fund Grand Challenge 2019](#). It is to support researchers and postgraduate research students to develop their grantsmanship with a view to promoting responses to the Newton call.

Attendees will have the opportunity to submit their proposal for one award of up to RM15,000 to enable further development of the project proposal for submission in October 2019, including bringing the UK lead researcher to Malaysia.

Background

For this call, Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, and the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) are working together. They will invest up to £2 million (RM 11 million) for innovative projects that provide collaborative solutions to the challenges of urban mobility and [waste to wealth](#) in Malaysia. Innovate UK will fund the UK partners only and MIGHT will fund the Malaysian partners. The overall programme will be delivered in 2 phases. This application process is for phase 1. Only successful applications from phase 1 will be able to take part in phase 2. Phase 2 will open 15 June 2020.

Eligibility

1. The programme is open to all **academic staff and Postgraduate Research (PGR) students**.
2. Potential applicants **MUST** be able to attend the entire programme and make the necessary time commitment to do preparatory and follow-up work.

Important Note

1. This programme will take place if we have a minimum of 30 participants.
2. In the event of cancellation/no show, your Department/School will be liable to cover the cost associated with this programme.

Expectations

1. Identify a research question that fits the scope of the call.
2. Explain how the idea is sufficiently innovative and has the potential to give a return on investment, with a degree of technical risk
3. Identify key external stakeholders that would permit a true collaboration between the UK and Malaysia (with equal contributions)
4. Consider how the idea might fit with the [Official Development Assistance](#) (ODA) requirements of the competition.

Application Process

1. Individual researchers submit a short expression of interest
2. During the workshop, attendees are given time to collectively identify and refine research questions, form appropriate interdisciplinary groups, and develop project proposals towards the funding call. Groups should identify potential UK and Malaysia collaborators and respective **principle investigators (PIs)**.
3. Completed forms **MUST** be submitted to Vimalleswari.Danapal@nottingham.edu.my by the end of Sunday **4 August 2019**.
4. Applicants will be informed by the end of **Friday 9 August 2019**.