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Choosing a grant call

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Presentation layout

- Understanding the call
- Types of calls
- Eligibility
- What organizations should know

Issues to take into account when choosing a call to respond to.

When you have completed this unit, you will know:

- where to look to identify calls;
- things to consider around eligibility for research funds;
- Issues to take into account while considering whether or not to bid;
and,
- things to consider when forming a consortium.



Get some one to share ideas or read through your concept



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Choosing a call-1

1. Develop a sound understanding of the programme to which you are applying
2. Relevancy of the call- Relevant Work Programme
3. Gain a good understanding of its contents.

Key Pillars-1

- **Investigator Attributes:**
 - Expertise about your research area,
 - Positive relationships and partnerships,
 - Knowledge of and access to your organizational assets
 - Equipment, personnel, space to run your study
 - Access to those who make organizational decisions

Key Pillars-2

- **Compatible Grant Calls**
 - Fit the organization's mission and priorities
 - Match the organization's capacity
 - Address important concerns in a well conceived manner

Key Pillars-3

- **Research Environment**
 - Organizational planning,
 - Organization's management,
 - Organization's Financial management
 - Organization's relationships within the community

Choosing a call-1

- You should be aware of some of the intentions and expectations of funding agencies.
- Most funding agencies (clients) will have rules and procedures that will be very similar in intent.
- As a rule, be sure to familiarise yourself with the funding rules and procedures of the agency you are applying to.



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Identifying a call

What is a call for research proposals? It is an announcement by a funding agency of its intention to provide funding to do research on a specific topic

- the submission deadline;
 - the indicative budget;
 - the topics that have been identified;
 - the call evaluation procedure (this will also usually specify whether it will be a one or two step submission);
 - the funding thresholds (in terms of minimum and maximum) if applicable;
 - the funding schemes that apply;
 - an indicative timetable for evaluation and contract negotiation;
 - whether there are any stipulations regarding the nature of consortia that can bid;
- and
- information regarding limits to the number and make up of participants.



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Identifying a call

Speak to colleagues and peers to find out where they look for information about calls.

Identifying a call

Some agencies may put out calls restricted to :-

Nationals of certain countries while others may be open.

For example, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will separate their calls into US only and non-US calls.

- good idea to familiarise yourself with those funding agencies that regularly publish calls you are eligible to apply to.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & ACCESS

	Funding Sources	URL
A	National G.O.U	
	Uganda National Council For Science & Technology	https://uncst.go.ug/grants/
B	Foreign Governments	
	US Federal Government (Grants.gov)	https://www.grants.gov/
	US Non Federal (e.g. USAID)	https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/opportunities-funding
	EU (European Research Council)	https://erc.europa.eu/funding/non-european-researchers
	AU (African Union Research grants)	https://www.advance-africa.com/African-Union-Research-Grants.html
C	Foundations/Partnerships	
	Bill and Melinda Gates	https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/General-Information/Grant-Opportunities
	The Wellcome Trust	https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding
	EDCTP	http://www.edctp.org
D	Corporations	
	GlaxoSmithKline GSK	https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/contact-us/funding-requests/
E	Service Organizations	
	Rotary International	https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/grants



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Identifyng a call

- Furthermore, most countries will have national research funding agencies or in some cases, national offices of international funding agencies.
- keep bookmarks of all research funding agencies you are aware of in your browser bookmark folder
- set up a timetable to do a regular trawl of opportunities.

Responsive calls

A responsive call

- A funding agency defines an area or topic of interest and accepts proposals for funding at anytime.
- Such calls will typically have a long shelf life.



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Eligibility to apply

A funding scheme refers to the type of project, in this case a Research project. For example, the FP7 has the following funding schemes:

1. Collaborative projects
2. Networks of excellence
3. Co-ordination and Support Actions

Eligibility to apply

scheme constrains what you can apply for
small focused collaborative projects. These will
normally:

- Target a specific objective in a clearly defined overall approach;
- Have a fixed overall work plan;
- Include a research/technological development activity and /or a demonstration activity;
- Last between 18-36 months;
- Have between 6-15 participants; and
- Have an EC grant value of between €0.8 to €4 million

Internal considerations-your organization

Before deciding to respond to a call, it is a good idea to check that the proposed research strategically aligns with your organizational needs.

- Have in-house guidelines to assist staff in making a decision
- Research committee
- link to other research, teaching or consultancy



Internal considerations-your organization

If you do bid,

1. Do you already have the resources to undertake the research in-house?
2. Will you need to hire new staff?
3. In essence, the fundamental question you need to answer is does your organisation have the capacity to deliver the research on time? on budget and to the right quality?

Internal considerations-your organization

4. Think of the commercial proposition.

Can you deliver the research as described above within the financial resources that the client is prepared to commit?

5. Finally, you should consider the cost of preparing a bid and weigh this against your chances of winning.

Thank you