

International Science Partnership Fund

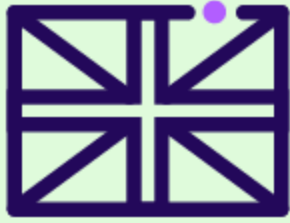
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# Putting science & technology at the heart of our international relationships

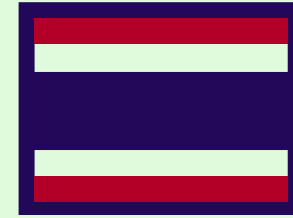
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# About British Council Thailand



## people-to-people relations



### English



### Education



### Arts

We create opportunities for young people in Thailand to meet their personal and professional dreams and aspirations underpinned by a knowledge of English and access to UK qualifications, both of which the British Council leads on through our direct English teaching and assessment and our partnership with partners

The British Council in Thailand brings together the best of Thailand and the UK's education, science, and research institutions to address global challenges and cooperate on multilateral bodies such as ISPF, Thai-UK World Class University Consortium, Alumni UK, and UK Scholarships.

We bring together UK and Thai experts to address shared challenges such as an ageing population and inequality through the power of arts and culture, and share UK expertise in festivals and soft power to support Thailand's ambitions to grow its own international cultural prominence and soft power.

# International Science Partnership Funds (ISPF)



Department for  
Science, Innovation,  
& Technology



ISPF



The International Science Partnerships Fund was set up by the UK's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology to support strategic research partnerships between the UK and other countries. Through the fund, UK research and innovation bodies can apply for calls and opportunities around four major global themes: planet, health, technology and talent.



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# Our programmes under the International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF)



## Direct Research and Innovation support

- supporting UK researchers and innovators to work with peers around the world on the major themes of our time



## Research capacity strengthening

- Funding bilateral/multilateral partnerships promoting knowledge exchange and access to new research environments to enhance the quality of UK and partner countries' research and innovation environments.



## Early Career Fellowships for Inclusion

- Enabling international collaboration and gaining access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge and expertise, creating lasting for both countries

# Research Collaboration programme

- initiate new research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments, and institutions
- develop existing collaborations at group, departmental, and institutional level
- encourage these collaborations to work with non-academic organisations and individuals to support the exchange of research and innovation expertise and the translation of research knowledge into tangible benefits



Project duration

**18 months**



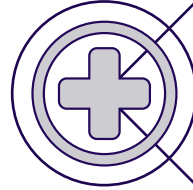
Size of Grant

**80,000**  
(100k FEC)

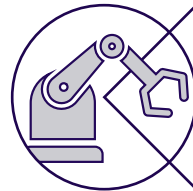
Small scale seed funding for collaborations between the UK and the participating ISPF countries/territories



**Resilient planet** – leading the green industrial revolution to protect the planet.



**Healthy people, animals, and plants** – researching and innovating for secure and healthy populations.



**Transformative technologies** – developing responsible technologies to secure our place in tomorrow's world.



**Tomorrow's talent** – nurturing talent to drive inclusion, research and innovation.

**Call Opens**

15 January 2024



**Deadline for applications**

12 March 2024, 12 noon UK time



**Review panels**

May 2024



**Outcome of selection**

June 2024



**UK Project start dates:**

1 August 2024



# Early Career Fellowships programme

- Provide the selected early career researchers with a foundation to launch their careers in research and innovation creating lasting benefits to the fellow and both the UK and the international partner country research communities through sustainable collaboration.
- To widen participation by increasing the number of opportunities for researchers including those whose backgrounds are underrepresented and who have not yet held a full-time research-related post or academic post with a research specific element.



Duration  
**6-12  
months**

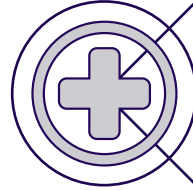


Size of  
Grant  
**180,000**  
(Per cohort  
of 3 fellows)

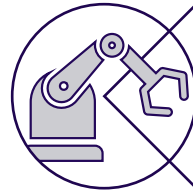
nurture talent to drive inclusion  
in Research & Innovation (R&I)



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*This is a prospective timeline and subject to change*

**Call Opens**

April 2024

**Deadline for applications**

30 June 2024

**Shortlisting**

July 2024

**Outcome of selection**

August 2024

**Programme start dates:**

September – November 2024

# Active ISPF calls from other UK delivery partners

| Delivery partner   | Calls*  | Proposed call timeline  | Link  |
|--|---|---|---|
| UKRI<br>Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) | Sustainable and Resilient Aquaculture Systems in Southeast Asia | <b>Now</b> – 9 May 2024<br><i>Requires early submission of interest by 23 February 2024</i> | <a href="https://www.ukri.org/oppportunity/sustainable-and-resilient-aquaculture-systems-in-southeast-asia/">https://www.ukri.org/oppportunity/sustainable-and-resilient-aquaculture-systems-in-southeast-asia/</a> |
| British Academy  | ODA Challenge-Oriented Grants 2024                              | <b>Now</b> – 10 April 2024  | <a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/oda-challenge-oriented-research-grants-2024/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/oda-challenge-oriented-research-grants-2024/</a>               |
| British Academy and the Royal Society  | International Fellowships 2024                                  | <b>Now</b> – 13 March 2024  | <a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/</a>   |

\*These active calls refer to those that accept applicants from Thailand



# Active ISPF calls from other UK delivery partners (cont.)

| Delivery partner                       | Calls*   | Proposed call timeline  | Link  |
|--|--|---|---|
| UKRI<br>Medical Research Council (MRC) | UKRI-Southeast Asia collaboration on infectious diseases | <b>14 March</b> – 30 May 2024<br><i>Pre-announcement: information is subject to change.</i> | <a href="https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ukri-southeast-asia-collaboration-on-infectious-diseases/">https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ukri-southeast-asia-collaboration-on-infectious-diseases/</a>                               |
| Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng)   | Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF) Advance          | Confirmed open in <b>September 2024:</b>  | <a href="https://raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/international-programmes/lif/lif-programmes/advance">https://raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/international-programmes/lif/lif-programmes/advance</a> |
| British Academy                        | International Writing Workshops                          | Mid 2024  | <a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/</a>   |
| British Academy                        | Global Professorships Award                              | Mid 2024  | <a href="https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-professorships/">https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-professorships/</a>   |

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