

Newton Prize Application Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Newton Prize?

The Newton Prize is an annual £1 million fund and part of the broader Newton Fund.

The Prize recognises the excellent research and innovation supported by the Newton Fund. It aims to incentivise researchers and businesses to participate in the Newton Fund as partners with the UK, and to work on the most important challenges facing Newton countries. The concept for the Newton Prize has been developed to raise the profile of the Newton Fund, to demonstrate how UK partnerships with Newton countries are solving global challenges, and to celebrate the impacts made as a result of these international collaborations.

Am I eligible to apply for the Prize?

The Prize is open to all recipients of Newton Funding, including those with current ongoing awards or those applicants who have completed awards.

The eligible partner countries change each year. To be eligible to participate in the 2018 application cycle, projects need to have conducted work with **Brazil, Colombia, Chile or Mexico**.

Please review the full list of application questions [here](#) and the guidance notes [here](#) before starting your application.

I am applying with an award linking to Chile, are there additional requirements for my application?

Yes. Chile has graduated from the [DAC list of developing countries](#). As a result, Chile is no longer eligible for ODA funding from 1 January 2018 and therefore cannot be the primary beneficiary of any ODA spending. For Chile, it is a strict requirement that the proposed work to be funded by the Prize will be focused on addressing broader regional and global development challenges, building on existing Chilean and UK strengths and relationships to promote economic development and welfare in ODA-eligible countries such as Brazil, Argentina and Peru. Please check the Guidance Notes [here](#) for advice on submitting an application working with Chile.

What is the difference between my Newton Fund award and the Newton Prize award?

When referring to your Newton Fund award, this means the grant you received from the Newton Fund (that makes you eligible to apply for the Prize). The Newton Prize award is the prize money of up to £200,000.

Where can I find my Newton Fund award number?

We request your 'award number' as part of our eligibility checking processes, to verify the programme you received Newton Funding under. These numbers/codes should be included

in your grant/award letter received from the relevant delivery partners notifying you that you have been awarded Newton Funding. If you are unable to find your award number in this letter, please contact the relevant [delivery partner](#) who may be able to share this with you.

Who is the Lead Applicant/Who should complete the application form?

Newton Fund programmes are built on partnerships. These can be between researchers, institutions or industry partners. The Lead Applicant can be the person leading the project from one of the eligible partner countries or the person leading the project from the UK. There is an opportunity to include both a Lead Applicant from the UK and one from the Newton partner country.

When completing the application form the lead prize applicant must be the named lead recipient of the funding on the original award, i.e. the Principal Investigator (PI) or Fellow or similar and can be the UK or in-country PI or both (if applicable).

If the lead PI on an award has changed, or moved on to a different institution, applicants will need to state who the new PI is and include these details in the letter of collaborating partners. This letter will also need to confirm that the original PI is aware of the prize application and that it will be led by a different PI.

Is it mandatory to have a UK partner/continue working with the existing UK partner for the Prize proposal?

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It is not mandatory to have a formal UK partner in order to demonstrate this, but it must be clear in your application how your proposal contributes to these main aims of the prize and that you have consent from any original project partners (in the UK or elsewhere) to proceed with the application without their involvement. Please note these partners may be contacted during the eligibility checking process.

Can we add new partners to our Prize proposal?

Applicants can include new partners on their Prize proposal – these partners must be identified and their role on the project explained. You must also ensure key team members from each of the partners are identified as part of the ‘project governance’ request for collaborative projects.

Do I have to spend at least 50% of the Prize in the Partner Country?

Yes.

What is the Prize worth?

Up to £200,000.

What is ODA?

ODA stands for Official Development Aid. Prize applications will need to demonstrate that their plans for spending the prize money are ODA-compliant. More information and resources on ODA can be found [here](#).

What are the additional supporting documents that need to be uploaded as part of my application?*

All applicants need to submit:

-A completed budget (template found [here](#))

-Letter of support from your organisation (more information on this can be found in the Guidance Notes [here](#))

*And if applicable

-A collaboration letter/document (more information can be found in the Guidance Notes [here](#))

Who is my UK delivery partner?

All projects should have a UK delivery partner. These can be found on the Newton Fund website here: <http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/about/about-delivery-partners/>

Who is my partner country delivery partner or funder?

Each of the 18 Newton Fund partner countries has organisations based locally who work with them to deliver Newton programmes. You can find out who these partners are on the website here: <http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/about/about-partnering-countries/>

My project has recently started. Can I still apply for the Newton Prize?

Yes. To be eligible project work must have become active before the Prize closing date **25 May 2018**.

Where can I find the Prize Selection Criteria?

All applicants will need to address the prize selection criteria concerning impact found in the Guidance Notes Annex [here](#), please take note of question weightings which will indicate particularly important questions you/your team will need to answer.

Who manages the Prize Money and post-award financial administration?

The financial administration of the Newton Prize Award will be managed by the Department of Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in collaboration with the UK Newton Fund delivery partners.

Recipients of the award will need to spend the whole Prize by March 2020, with projects starting in April 2019.

***Programme Specific**

Royal Academy of Engineering Leaders in Innovation Fellowships

I am a Leaders in Innovation Fellowship award holder, am I eligible?

Yes. As a recipient of Newton Funding, you are eligible to apply for the Newton Prize.

Do I have to have a UK Lead Applicant?

No.

What is the duration of my programme?

1.5 years

What is my award number?

Your award number should be your application number from when you applied. All numbers start with LIFXXX with a number for the application.

What is the duration of my award?

This will be dependent on the LIF programme you attended, please select the correct one from below:

LIF1= 01.04.14 to 31.03.15

LIF2= 01.04.15 to 31.03.16

LIF3=01.04.16 to 31.03.17

LIF4= 01.04.17 to 31.03.18

What is the total amount of funding awarded to LIF grantees?

Approx. £13,000

What is my Project title?

This is the name of your product or service/ the idea you are being assisted to develop as part of the LIF programme.

If you have not found the answer to your question on this page please contact the Newton Prize Project Officer Kia Da Silva Cunha: kdasilvacunha@unesco.org.uk