

**University of Georgia/University of Liverpool
Pump-Priming Grant Call for Proposals
And Program Guidelines
Deadline: May 17th, 2019**

Program Description

The University of Georgia (UGA) and University of Liverpool (Liverpool) are pleased to offer a limited number of pump-priming grants to catalyze research collaborations between the two institutions and to encourage joint applications for ongoing sponsored funding.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this competition, UGA and Liverpool faculty members must work together on a single short proposal within the scope of this call, which is to be submitted simultaneously to UGA and Liverpool for evaluation. The priority disciplines for this call are:

- Biological Sciences, Advanced Materials, and Humanities and Social Sciences related to issues of Heritage and Politics.

Responses to the call should address one or more of the following societal challenges:

- health and wellbeing, food security, environmental sustainability, human rights, inclusion and social justice

Funding

Awarded funds will consist of equal shares from both institutions totaling up to \$13,000 / £10,000. At UGA, the Office of Research will provide matching support for unit (department, school, or college) contributions at a 2:1 ratio (e.g., maximum \$4,334 from the Office of Research + \$2,166 from the unit). Similarly funding for the Liverpool contribution will be provided on a match funding basis (1:1ratio) between the International Development Office (IDO) and the School or Faculty.

Funds will be available to UGA and Liverpool partners over one year from the award date for videoconferencing, travel and living expenses (faculty/postdoc/student), preliminary data collection, feasibility studies, *etc.* *With an expectation that awards will be announced by 17th June.*

Proposal Content

The following proposal components must be submitted, in a single PDF if possible:

1. Completed **application form** ([available here](#)) containing the following information:
 - a. Title of collaborative project
 - b. Name, affiliation, email of UGA PI

- c. Name, affiliation, email of Liverpool PI
- d. Summary of planned collaborative project for non-expert
- e. Description of advanced planning so far executed
- f. Expected outcome of seed grant activities, listing specific second-stage funding opportunities which will be targeted as a result of the preliminary work
- g. Description of how this project fits with the research portfolio and priorities of respective institutions / units within it, priority themes and societal challenges within the call.
- h. Budget contribution table

University of Georgia	University of Liverpool
Office of Research \$	IDO £
PI's Unit \$	School or Faculty £
Total UGA \$(6,500 max)	Total Liverpool £(5,000 max)

2. **Budget**, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <http://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FRG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
3. **Letters** from UGA unit leader and Liverpool School/Faculty head confirming matching financial support for the research. The level of financial support is described in the Budget section above (1 page max, each)

Submission Instructions and Deadlines

Proposals should be submitted simultaneously to the Liverpool IDO and to the UGA Office of Research. Send a single PDF file of the proposal via email by 5:00 pm local time on **May 17th, 2019**.

To submit to the Liverpool IDO, send via email to claire.kidman@liverpool.ac.uk

To submit to the UGA Office of Research, upload proposal via the [UGA-Liverpool Pump-Priming Grant Submission Form](#).

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Initial vetting and approval of proposals will be done by committees working independently at each institution. Only those proposals found acceptable by both institutions will be considered by a joint committee making final selections electronically. The following will be considered by the review teams:

- **Quality of the proposal.** The proposed research should be highly novel compared to the broad scope of international research in the topic area. Research ideas should be of high quality and truly innovative.
- **Significance and strategic fit.** The proposal should be responsive to the research topics identified in this call for proposals, must complement the wider research portfolios of both institutions, and must provide evidence that it contributes to the key societal challenges identified in this call

- **Sustainability.** The proposal must demonstrate a high likelihood for attracting continued external funding to ensure sustainability of the partnership and should identify specific sources of continuing funding that will be pursued.

Award Conditions

UGA and Liverpool will each confirm support contingent on support by the other partner institution. When both have confirmed this support, funds will be made available to the partners by their respective institutions. Grants may be funded in an amount less than that requested at the discretion of UGA and Liverpool.

Grants are expected to have a start date of August 1st, 2019 and are expected to be spent by the June 30th, 2020.

For program questions:

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