

The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance

Call for applications

The British Council and the Wohl Legacy are pleased to invite proposals to the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance.

Wohl Clean Growth Alliance which aims to strengthen collaboration between UK and Israeli academia by supporting binational collaboration of researchers in the fields of clean growth.

The following notes provide guidance on eligibility and conditions upon which the grants are issued. Applicants are required to complete one application form online in accordance with the guidance notes here and follow any instructions provided on the application form.

Aims of the scheme

The Programme aims to strengthen collaboration between the UK and Israeli universities, research institutions, and their collaborators in fields of clean growth (as defined below) related to **food, water and energy**.

In the long run, we hope that these collaborations will be able to address pressing global challenges and establish Britain and Israel as leading partners in these fields.

The programme is funding a **rolling call for small grants for UK-Israel collaboration** (of up to \$25,000) that meet the following criteria.

- Projects should:
 - **Promote collaborative research** at the planning stage by, for example, creating new networks, and collaborating on grant submissions and funding opportunities; or
 - **Facilitate research** through projects such as (virtual or face-to-face) meetings, symposia, new collaborations and sharing research facilities; or

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- **Apply research** via activities including policy work, technology transfer and collaborations with industry and third sector organisations; or
 - **Communicate academic research** to students, public audiences and other relevant groups with, for example, shared courses and teaching programmes, and public activities.
- Projects must fit one or more of the themes of **food, water** and/or **energy**. These are broadly and liberally defined.
 - Grants will not fund research (see funding section, below).
 - Projects must involve applicants from both the UK and Israel.

Clean Growth

For the purposes of this programme, clean growth means economic growth that mitigates our impact on the environment while building resilience to a changing climate.

Food, energy and water

For the purposes of this programme, the themes of food, water and energy are broadly defined and may include, but are not limited to: clean energy generation, storage and distribution; agriculture and food distribution; or water purification, treatment and distribution. These may be linked to scientific research, policy or commercialisation. They must be related to applied research linked to clean growth.

Eligibility

Proposals must include the details of British and Israeli lead applicants who will act as co-holders of the grant. The application itself is submitted only once by the primary applicant.

The primary applicant must be based at the UK or Israeli university or academic/research institution that will receive the funding.

Higher education institutions must be officially recognised by both countries.

There is no requirement for applicants to be nationals of the UK or Israel; they need to be affiliated with a UK or Israeli institution.

Multiple applications from institutions are acceptable; however, the same partners may submit only one application.

Third country collaborations are welcome, but Wohl Alliance Grants can only cover costs related to UK or Israeli partners.

Application process

The application form is available online and can be submitted at any time via our website: <https://www.britishcouncil.org.il/en/programmes/science/wohl-clean-growth-alliance>

For all inquiries, please e-mail israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

We encourage all applicants to contact us in advance of submission to discuss ideas.

Deadlines and timings

There is no deadline for applications. We aim to inform applicants of the outcome of their applications within three months of submission, where possible. Applications under US\$5000 will be reviewed in an expedited process.

Projects should begin within a calendar year of their funding. Projects can last up to two years.

The scheme is open until **30 June 2023**.

Assessment

Eligible applications will be anonymously peer-reviewed by academic or industry referees. Applications under US\$5000 will be exempt from the peer-review.

Applications and their accompanying reviews will be assessed by a Selection Panel made up of representatives of the Wohl Alliance coalition (including the British Council, the UK Science and Innovation Network, and other members of the Wohl Alliance). The Panel's decision is final and confidential. No appeals will be considered. The British Council is unable to enter any communication on the Panel's decisions.

The Panel will evaluate applications using the following criteria:

- Quality and relevance of the proposal to the programme's objectives: depth, content, clarity and uniqueness of the project.
- Value of collaboration: must demonstrate the added value in the UK-Israel academic, research and/or industry relations.
- Outcomes and follow ups: an outline for potential follow up steps following the project. Applicants must demonstrate that the activities proposed in their application will lead to a feasible outcome.
- Projects should have a clear path to growth, future expansion, upscaling or financial sustainability after the funding ends.
- Effectiveness and feasibility: must demonstrate how the proposed activities are feasible within the given time and budget constraints.
- Priority will be given to proposals that establish new collaborations or significantly upgrade existing collaborations between the UK and Israel.

Funding

All proposals must be submitted in USD.

Projects can be submitted for up to US\$25,000.

Grants are subject to approval of the budget submitted. The budget must outline the expenses, as well as a clear explanation for any planned co-funding expenses, where applicable.

Co-funding can be demonstrated in-cash and in in-kind contributions, and include (but are not limited to): venue hire, flights, accommodation, design transportation, advisory services, working hours of staff involved in planning of the event.

Upon signing a contract, 80% of the funds will be released to the principal applicants. 20% of the funding will be released on submission of final narrative and financial reports, up to 30 days after project completion.

All payments will be made to the primary applicant's institution (host).

Inadmissible costs:

- Research costs (including research materials or equipment);
- Student fees and/or stipends;
- Contributions towards academic salaries or pension costs.

Admissible costs include, for example:

- Travel and accommodation;
- Costs relating to hosting or participating in events;
- Consultancy, professional or legal fees;
- Licensing costs, administrative costs and fees;
- Institutional overheads of up to 10% of the value of the grant.

This is not an exhaustive list. Other costs are eligible for funding as long as they meet the aims of the Wohl Alliance, as described above.

Responsibilities of the Grantees

Grantees will provide the British Council with a report of their activity within 30 days of concluding the programme. A final report template will be sent to successful applicants and will include a short online survey, and financial and a narrative segment.

The Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation and the British Council should be acknowledged in all communication materials and pertinent publications. The logos of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance and the British Council must be included in all communication materials.

Grantees will be expected to:

- Support the activity of the Science and Innovation Network and the British Council Israel;
- Attend Science and Innovation Network/British Council events, where relevant;
- Be available for press and media work;
- Inform the British Council of any substantive changes to the project.

Other Compliance Matters

Applicants must obtain the support from all partner institutions.

Submitting the application form constitutes confirmation that the information provided is complete and accurate, and acceptance of all terms, conditions and notices contained in the Guidelines for Applicants. Subsequent discovery of any deliberate misrepresentation will automatically render the application null and void. If an award has been made, the British Council will require a full refund.

Privacy notice

The British Council is the Data Controller of the information that you provide as part of your participation in the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants programme. This means that the British Council is responsible for determining how your information is collected and used.

The legal basis for collecting your data is that the processing is necessary for the administration of your application for the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants.

By submitting your application, you understand that your information may be shared with our partners for these purposes awarding and administering the grant:

- The UK Science and Innovation Network;
- The Wohl Legacy;
- The Steering Committee; Advisory Board and Funding Panel;
- Peer reviewers.

The British Council complies with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. Other than for the purposes mentioned herein, your personal data will not be shared outside the British Council without your explicit permission.

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We will keep your information for a period of 7 years from the time of collection.