

The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance

Call for Proposals: Project Grants
August 2025

Opening Date	12 August 2025
Closing Date	26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT
Grant Budget	Up to \$23,000
Project Duration	Up to two years

The Application Form is available online [here](#) and can be submitted at any time before the deadline

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

Overview

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The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance is an initiative funded by the Wohl Legacy and managed by the British Council in partnership with the British Embassy in Israel. The Alliance aims to strengthen collaboration between UK and Israeli academia, industry, and other players in the clean growth ecosystem by supporting binational collaboration in research and innovation.

The following notes provide guidance on eligibility and the conditions upon which 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 Programme

The programme aims to strengthen collaboration between UK and Israeli universities, research institutions, and their collaborators in fields of clean growth as defined below.

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

This **call for proposals aims to provide small grants for UK-Israel collaboration**. Proposals should aim to:

- **Promote collaborative research** at the planning stage by, for example, creating new networks, 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
- **Apply research** via activities including policy work, technology transfer, and collaborations with industry and third-sector organizations; or
- **Communicate academic research** to students, public audiences, and other relevant groups with, for example, shared courses and teaching programs and public activities.

Collaboration between academia and industry is encouraged. Not-for-profit organizations (including NGOs) and for-profit or commercial organizations are eligible to apply as **Partner Applicants**. **Proposals must include at least one applicant who is based in academia.**

Priority Themes

For the purposes of this call, clean growth refers to economic growth that mitigates our impact on the environment while building resilience to a changing climate. This definition includes the themes of food, water and energy, which 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.

In addition, proposals that address one or more of the following themes are particularly encouraged:

- **Ecosystem Restoration:** Protecting and restoring ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed by conflict.
- **Climate Resilience and Adaptation:** Enhancing the capacity of communities and ecosystems to adapt to the impacts of climate change, focusing on integrated approaches that address vulnerabilities.
- **Climate-Resilient and Regenerative Agriculture:** Converting agricultural systems to support food security under changing climate conditions through regenerative practices that improve soil health, biodiversity, and ecosystem functions.
- **Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture:** Promoting environmentally responsible and socially equitable food production methods, ensuring long-term stability, resilience, and nutritional diversity to enhance food security.
- **Climate Change Health Adaptation:** Addressing environmental health challenges while developing sustainable and resilient health systems to withstand climate impacts.
- **Waste Management:** Developing comprehensive strategies for waste reduction, recycling, and effective management to minimize environmental impact.
- **Policy Incentives for Clean Growth:** Investigating economically viable policy instruments to encourage the development and adoption of clean growth technologies and foster environmental sustainability.
- **Clean and Renewable Energy:** Advancing renewable energy sources, including decentralised systems, to ensure reliable and sustainable electricity access, particularly for self-sustaining and off-grid communities.
- **Water Scarcity Solutions:** Exploring efficient water use technologies, desalination advancements, and innovative water recycling methods to address water scarcity.

Eligibility

1. The eligibility criteria apply to both applicants. If one of the principal applicants from either country does not meet all the eligibility requirements, the proposal will not be processed.

2. Each proposal must include two principal applicants; one based in the UK and one in Israel. One of the applicants must serve as the **primary** applicant who will submit the application online. The other applicant is considered the **partner** applicant. Both are considered principal applicants.
3. The British and the Israeli principal applicants will act as co-holders of the grant. However, the application is submitted only once by the primary applicant.
4. Principal applicants and associated researchers must hold a position in research or academic institutions in the UK or Israel that are officially recognised by both countries¹.
5. The primary applicant must be based at a UK or Israeli university, or an academic or research institution that will receive the funding, the partner applicant can be based either at an academic institution in Israel or the UK, a not-for-profit organisation (including NGOs and organisations supported by government funding) or a for-profit or commercial organisation (e.g., SMEs and startups).
6. Institutions may submit multiple applications; however, individual applicants may submit only one application.
7. Third-country collaborations are welcome, but Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants can only cover costs related to UK or Israeli partners.
8. Current Wohl Clean Growth Alliance grantees with active projects at the time of the call deadline are not eligible to apply. They may be included in proposals but not as principal applicants.
9. Former grantees whose projects have concluded by the deadline are eligible to apply as principal applicants.
10. New partnerships are strongly encouraged. Existing partnerships that have previously received Wohl Clean Growth Alliance funding may also be considered in exceptional cases.
11. Partnerships between academic and industry partners are encouraged.

¹For the UK this represents only institutions in geographic areas under the administration of the State of Israel before 5 June 1967

Application process

The Application Form is available online [here](#) and can be submitted at any time before the deadline:

Please follow the instructions provided in the Application Form to ensure that the application is completed according to the requirements of the Call.

Applications must include:

- Short CVs of up to 2 pages for both applicants;
- Institutional support letter signed by the Head of Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority, expressing support for to the proposed project, willingness to administer the funding and any in kind contribution the institution may offer.

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Evaluation and selection

Timeline

This Call is open until **26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT**. Applicants can submit and edit the applications throughout the period of this Call remaining open.

Activity	Date
Call for proposals launch	12 August 2025
Deadline for submission	26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT
Responses	January 2026
Projects commence	31 March 2026

*Dates are
indicative,

extenuating circumstances will be considered

Assessment

The evaluation will be conducted in two phases:

Phase 1 – Eligibility Checks

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During this phase, applications will be assessed to determine whether:

- The application form has been completed according to the requirements stated in this call for proposals guidelines;
- All eligibility criteria have been met;
- All mandatory documents have been submitted;
- The requested budget amount is within the given threshold;
- The duration of the proposed project is up to two years, ending before 31 March 2027.

Applications that do not meet the listed criteria will be rejected. Applicants will be notified accordingly. Appeals will not be accepted.

Phase 2 – Selection Panel

Applications that have successfully passed the first phase will be assessed by an Academic Selection Panel comprising of academic experts in the field from the UK and Israel, with representatives from the British Council and the British Embassy in Israel. Final funding decisions will be made by the WCGA steering committee, in consideration of the academic selection panel's recommendations. The committee'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.

Proposals for research-supporting activities Grants may be submitted with a maximum funding request of \$23,000.

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 paid to the principal applicant's institution. 20% of the funding will be paid 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.

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 mid-project narrative report during the course of their project, outlining progress, key activities, and any emerging outcomes or challenges. In addition, grantees must submit a final report within 30 days of the project's completion. A final report template will be sent to successful applicants and will include a short online survey, as well as a financial and narrative segment.

The Wohl Legacy 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:

- Submit mid-project and final reports.
- Support the activity of the British Embassy in Israel and the British Council Israel where relevant and appropriate;
- Attend British Embassy in Israel / 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.

Data protection

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring, and review of any grants.

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

- Relevant teams at the British Embassy in Israel;
- The Wohl Legacy;
- The Steering Committee and Advisory Board;
- The selection panel.

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Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or see our [website](#).

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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All proposals will be evaluated solely on the basis of the assessment criteria outlined above.

Safeguarding

The British Council is committed to creating a safe environment where no individual experiences harm or exploitation during their engagement with us. Our [policy](#) outlines the framework and expectations for safeguarding, emphasizing its importance and the actions we take to uphold our responsibilities. The British Council maintains a **zero-tolerance approach to inaction** in safeguarding matters. Reports are handled confidentially, and while staff are not responsible for determining abuse, they have a **mandatory duty to report** any concern or incident. All reported cases will be dealt with by the British Council Safeguarding team—professionals who are trained to handle safeguarding concerns and incidents in a professional and confidential manner, while applying the ‘do no harm’ principle to everyone involved.

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