

Global Wales Partnership funding for Universities and Colleges in Wales (February 2025).

Call for Applications and Terms of Reference

Context

1. A primary objective of the Global Wales III programme is the establishment of international institutional partnerships between Welsh universities and colleges, and counterparts in priority regions. Funding has therefore been allocated to support the development of partnerships between institutions in Wales and their international partners.
2. The Global Wales priority regions are:
 - The USA
 - Canada
 - Vietnam
 - India (Telangana and Karnataka only)
 - Germany
3. This funding call opens in February 2025 with projects to be implemented from between March 2025 and June 2025.

Partnership Opportunity

4. The purpose of the Global Wales Partnership fund is to provide an opportunity for institutions in Wales to develop sustainable, long-term relationships with international partners by working together on short-term, outcomes-driven projects of mutual interest/priority.
5. Feedback from stakeholders in Wales and internationally have highlighted the following **priority areas** for development:
 - Digital transformation
 - Net zero, green energy and decarbonisation
 - Agri-tech and rural economy
 - Creative industries and media
 - Population health and biotechnology
 - Materials and manufacturing (including semiconductors)

Projects focused on these areas will be prioritised for funding, but applications focused in other areas will not be ruled ineligible.

Funding and timelines

6. Depending on the Project Model Welsh institutions are invited to bid for funding of **up to £4,000** per project to work with international partners in priority regions. Activity is expected to take place between **March and June 2025**. A Final Report must then be submitted no later than **27 June 2025**.

Please note: If final reports are not received by 27 June 2025, outstanding grant payments are not guaranteed.

Partnership Models

7. Projects should have clearly defined objectives, activities and expected outcomes (beyond simply establishing relationships and exploring areas for future collaboration). For example, projects could:

- Support capacity building and/or training,
- Focus on joint teaching/delivery,
- Deliver workshops, symposia or events.

Note: Other appropriate activities will be considered provided they are in line with the funding conditions outlined in this document.

In recognition of the relatively short timeframe for delivering projects, Global Wales will support models of partnership with the greatest likelihood of impact. Applicants will therefore be able to apply for one of the following grants:

(i) Global Wales Partnership funding – New projects

As in previous rounds, funding is awarded to deliver a new partnership **project** and associated activities related to the above **priority areas**.

Funding: Up to £4,000 per project

(ii) Global Wales Partnership funding – Project extension

This envelope is available to support the expansion of established Global Wales projects which were funded in a previous round. Applicants can use this grant to develop their projects further with the aim of widening impact and strengthening the relationships with their partner institution with the goal of delivering a longer-term, larger-scale collaboration

Funding: Up to £3,000 per project

(iii) DAAD/Global Wales partnership

Available only to institutions/individuals who participated in the delegation visit to Germany in October 2024, which was coordinated by DAAD and Global Wales, this funding is in place to support the development of connections established through the visit. Applicants can use the funding to develop a project with one of the German partner institutions who participated in the programme, ideally focussing on one of the **priority areas** outlined above. Applications should be submitted using the “new projects” application papers.

Funding: Up to £4,000 per project

Project Timescale & Deadlines

8. Partners will work to deliver their project/activities and produce a follow up report as outlined below:

Activity	Date
Call opens - Welsh partners are invited to submit applications to work with international partners	February 2025
Deadline for submission of applications from Welsh institutions to Global Wales	3rd March 2025
Notification of successful bids and partnerships confirmed	March 2025
Partnership agreements signed to confirm working arrangements, and to release funding to Welsh institutions	March 2025
Partnership work begins	March 2025
Deadline for completion/delivery of all project activity	June 2025
Reports submitted to Global Wales by Welsh institutions	27 June 2025

9. A grant agreement (issued by Universities UK) will be produced, outlining a clear project plan, project objectives and deliverables, conditions of funding, and agreed deadlines for the completion of the project, which will be signed by Welsh partners institutions and Universities Wales.
10. **Note:** Although the Grant Agreement will only need to be signed by the Welsh partner, projects are expected to be delivered by both institutions. It is therefore suggested practice that once the applications are approved, partners should sign an MoU (Memorandum of

Understanding), action plan or similar inter-institutional agreement to demonstrate commitment to the project and ongoing collaboration.

Funding and Invoicing

11. A **minimum total of £50,000** is available from Global Wales to support all partnership projects in this round. The funding will be awarded to Welsh universities and colleges who will be expected to manage the project alongside their international partners.
12. The funding must be exclusively spent on the project activities described in the application. It can be used to support travel and accommodation costs, venue hire/catering costs for hosting delegates either in Wales or overseas, and local travel expenses for the delegates participating in the visits. The Welsh Government's Taith programme (or other sources) may be used to leverage additional funding for future reciprocal visits to take place.
13. Grant payments for partnership projects will be made in **two instalments**. The first partial-payment instalment will be released upon signing of the grant agreement. Assuming the project has used its full funding allocation and achieved its objectives, the Welsh partner will receive a final payment upon completion of the project and submission of the final report. If the full grant allocation is not utilised to deliver the project, a reduced final payment/invoice will be issued.

Reporting

14. Welsh partners will be required to produce a report at the end of the project, detailing how they have worked with their international partners to achieve the project as set out in their application. Reports should be submitted to Global Wales no later than **27 June 2025**.

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15. Partners may also be asked to complete a follow up survey to assess the long-term impact of their projects.

Application Process and Selection

16. Welsh universities and colleges interested in participating in this programme, should work directly their partners of choice to develop and develop their application.

17. Completed [application forms and budget and timeline templates](#) should be returned to bill.burson@uniswales.ac.uk by **17.00 on Monday 3rd March 2025**.
18. Applications are assessed against the following **criteria** on a scale of 1 (poor) to 4 (excellent):
- **Eligibility** – Is the proposed project eligible for and within the parameters of Global Wales partnership funding?
 - **Achievability** – can the project be delivered within the budget and timescales?
 - **Quality** – Is the project of high quality and does it deliver sufficient return on investment?
 - **Benefit to Wales** – Does the project deliver benefit to Wales/Welsh institutions?
 - **Sustainability** – Will the project support long-term, sustainable partnership working between the institutions?
19. A ranked list will be produced with the highest-scoring applications receiving funding
- 20.** Applicants will be notified of the outcomes as soon as possible after the application deadline.

For further information or to discuss this call, please contact:

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