2020 GCDC Student-led PhD Scholarships
GCRF Compliance Statement Checklist

GCDC PhD scholarships are funded by the University of Kent's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) allocation from the UK Government. To be eligible, the envisaged PhD project has to be ODA compliant. This means that the research must directly and primarily benefit the economic and social problems faced by developing countries on the OECD's DAC list.

GCDC student-led PhD applicants are asked to demonstrate how their envisaged research project is ODA compliant by providing a 500-word GCRF Compliance Statement as a part of their scholarship application form. The GCDC Student-led PhD Scholarship application form is available under 'how to apply' on this page.

Use the following checklist when writing your GCRF compliance statement:

☐ GCRF challenge areas (200 words maximum)

GCDC research projects need to fit within the wider aims and specified challenges of the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), and applicants are asked to indicate the broad challenge area and the sub-challenge area that their envisaged research project supports. The GCRF aims are, inter alia, to promote challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and to strengthen capacity for research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the UK and developing countries.

The GCRF challenge areas and sub-challenge areas are:

1. Equitable access to sustainable development
   a. Secure and resilient food systems supported by sustainable marine resources and agriculture
   b. Sustainable health and wellbeing
   c. Inclusive and equitable quality education
   d. Clean air, water and sanitation
   e. Affordable, reliable, sustainable energy
2. Sustainable economics and societies
   a. Sustainable livelihoods supported by strong foundations for inclusive economic growth and innovation
   b. Resilience and action on short-term environmental shocks and long-term environmental change
   c. Sustainable cities and communities
3. Human rights, good governance and social justice

      a.   Understand and respond effectively to forced displacement and multiple refugee crises

      b.   Reduce conflict and promote peace, justice and humanitarian action

      c.   Reduce poverty and inequality, including gender inequalities

☐ UN Sustainable Development Goals (100 words maximum)

Please outline which of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) the research project meets and how. Information about the UN SDGs is available here.

☐ Benefits to DAC-list countries (100 words maximum)

Please list the specific DAC-list countries that will be involved in and benefit from the research project (the DAC list can be found here). Please list specific countries rather than regions, continents or other broad categorisations. Only list countries that will specifically be involved in and/or directly benefit from your PhD research project.

Please outline how your research project will result in **specific** impacts on and benefits to DAC-list nations. These benefits need to be specific rather than general (e.g. 'increased uptake of x vaccine' rather than 'improved healthcare' or 'greater access to schooling for girls in y region' rather than 'female empowerment'). Benefits to DAC-list nations must demonstrably relate to specific economic and welfare development issues faced by those countries. Although the impacts of research activity can take time to occur, benefits to DAC-list nations must be the primary outcome of GCDC PhD research projects.

☐ Future impact and benefits to DAC-list countries (100 words maximum)

Please outline expected continued or new impacts and benefits for DAC-list countries stemming from your PhD research project after completion (as envisaged at this stage), being as specific as possible.