

GCDC Postdoctoral Researcher Appointments

Call for staff-led project applications

The University of Kent has used a portion of its QR grant from the [Global Challenges Research Fund \(GCRF\)](#) to establish the Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC). The GCDC funds doctoral and postdoctoral research that supports the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) and tackles challenges of economic development and well-being faced by countries on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) [Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\) list](#).

The GCDC is delighted to invite academic staff members from across all Kent schools* to suggest six-month projects suitable for a postdoctoral researcher to conduct in the first half of 2020. Applications are required to meet a specific set of criteria to adhere to Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) stipulations and demonstrate:

- ODA compliance;
- How the project supports the specified aims and challenges of the GCRF and the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- Feasibility within the given timeframe;
- Strong projected impact and outputs;
- How the postholder will contribute to the GCDC.

The application deadline for academic staff members to suggest projects is **midnight on Monday 18 November 2019**, and a panel including the GCDC director and deputy director, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Associate Deans (Research and Innovation) will review the applications and award the projects.

**Please note that GCDC postdoctoral research awards are only available to scholars who will be based at the Canterbury or Medway campuses.*

Further guidance

Please refer to the [call document \(PDF\)](#) for further information. The document includes an appendix with specific guidance on completing the application form. Please get in touch with Grace Grussenmeyer (kentgcdc@kent.ac.uk) with any queries.

Apply

Interested academics should submit the [application form \(Word doc\)](#) by **midnight on Monday 18 November 2019** by emailing it to kentgcdc@kent.ac.uk.

Timetable

Call for staff applications circulated	Monday 21 st October 2019
Deadline for applications from academic staff	Monday 18 th November 2019
Applicants notified of outcome	By Friday 29 th November 2019
Schools liaise with HR to advertise post	Monday 2 nd December
Schools/HR shortlist and interview candidates	December 2019/January 2020
Postdoctoral researcher in post	By 1 February 2020
PI submits report on project	By 5 August 2020
PI submits follow up report on project	By 5 August 2021

Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to submit a [report \(Word doc\)](#) detailing the activities undertaken, outcomes to date and list of expenditure **by 5 August 2020 at the latest**. A longer-term follow-up report will be requested within a year, in order that the Global Challenges Advisory Group can more fully evaluate the impact of Kent's GCRF funding.

Briefing Sessions

Humanities Briefing Session

29 October from 11:30am-12:30pm in Cornwallis East, room 133

*Dr Beth Breeze, Director of the Global Challenges Doctoral Centre and Prof Gordana Fontana-Giusti, Associate Dean for Humanities (GS), will host an informal discussion on 'How to make a successful funding application to the Global Challenges Doctoral Centre'. Beth will introduce the Global Challenges Doctoral Centre and explain the scheme and Gordana will take questions about the specifics of why and how Humanities applicants could make successful applications. Gordana will also share insights from her experience being on the selection panel. More information is available on [here](#). **The session presentation slides are available [here](#).***

General Briefing Session

5 November from 1-2pm in [CESR1](#)

The GCDC director, Dr Beth Breeze, will deliver a briefing session on Tuesday, 5 November, in collaboration with Dr Andrew Massoura, Deputy Director of Research Services.

The sessions will cover:

- *The GCDC postdoctoral researcher appointment competition*
- *[The GCDC student-led scholarship competition](#)*
- *[The GCRF Partnership Development Fund competition](#)*

More information is available [here](#), and members of staff are asked to indicate their interest by emailing kentgcdc@kent.ac.uk.

The session presentation slides are available [here](#).

Queries

Please contact GCRF Officer, Grace Grussenmeyer, in the first instance: kentgcdc@kent.ac.uk.