

Growth Research Programme

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DEGRP Background & Call 3 objectives

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DFID-ESRC Growth research Programme (DEGRP)

DEGRP is £20.9 million programme, launched in 2011 - aims are to fund world class scientific research on issues relating to economic growth in low income countries (LICs) with high potential for impact on policy and practice. DEGRP programme merged with DECARP (China- Africa), £4.5 million

- Calls 1 & all 2 focussed: agriculture, innovation/productivity - & finance - growth
- The programme has funded 42 projects in total (19 agriculture projects; 11 innovation projects, 7 finance projects & 5 China-Africa projects (<http://degrp.squarespace.com/projects/>)

Setting the scene

- The 2015-16 call draws on a paper published in the *voxeu* (N F Campos & S Dercon, 2014, *Gaps, cracks, and lacunae: The finance and growth nexus in low-income countries*,
- DFID undertook an extensive consultation with research and policy in 2014 and this led to the overarching lines of enquiry that frame this call

Building the evidence

- What role do international capital flows (private and public) play in LICs domestic financial development, economic growth and development trajectories?
- How can institutional frameworks support inclusive financial development and sustained economic growth?
- How can the financial system (private and public institutions) in low-income countries be a catalyst and a channel for technological diffusion?

Addressing financial growth research in LICs

- The first component of the call will support building the evidence base through high quality and innovative research on financial sector development and the growth agenda in LICs
- In the second component of the call provides additional resource for a separate work-stream to support research and policy to work collaboratively on delivering high impact research for policy

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DEGRP Call 3

Call requirements and how to apply

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DEGRP Call 3 requirements

■ Component 1: Academic scope

- DEGRP Call 3 **aims** to commission a programme that will deliver an original proposal for innovative excellent social scientific research on financial sector development and growth, with potential for high impact
- Applicants **must address** at least **two** of the three overarching questions:
 - What role do international capital flows (private and public) play in LICs' domestic financial development, economic growth and development trajectories?
 - How can institutional frameworks support inclusive financial development and sustained economic growth?
 - How can the financial system (private and public institutions) in low-income countries be a catalyst and a channel for technological diffusion?

Applicants are also welcome to incorporate any of the 10 policy relevant questions, however, this is not a requirement and will not affect the levels of top-up funding available for additional co-produced research. **Funding decisions will be made based on scientific excellence and high quality of the proposed programme.**

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Component 2: Once the grant is established

- DEGRP Call 3 also aims to maximise evidence-based policy-making
- Applicants **must demonstrate** a commitment to, and the feasibility of, working with the funders and other national and international stakeholders to develop this separate work stream
- Applicants **must also demonstrate** the skills, experience, capabilities and capacity of the team to deliver this additional work.
- Once the grant is established, additional funding of up to £500,000 will be made available for this second component.

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Other requirements:

- Applications must be b/w **£1.5- £2 million** FEC, 1-4 years duration
- Must be at **least 50% social science**
- Must focus on **low-income countries-** [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)
- **Structure and organisation:** applicants are encouraged to think imaginatively about the appropriate structure for their proposed programme.
- Must hold a seminar with key **stakeholders** at the start of the programme

Note: Only **one** programme will be funded under DEGRP Call 3

Key websites and documents:

- [Call website](#)
- [Policy-relevant questions](#)
- [Call specification](#)
- [Je-S guidance for applicants](#)
- [Costing guidance for non-UK institutions and partners](#)
- [Countries of focus \(DAC list of ODA recipients- OECD\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- See also other resources e.g. [ESRC impact toolkit](#), [ESRC Research Funding Guide](#).

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Eligibility

- UK and non-UK research institutions, including not-for-profit organisations **with demonstrable research capacity** should be eligible to apply as host organisation*
- All investigators (PI and Co-Is) and their institutions **must** have Je-S registration:
 - RCUK-recognised UK institutions (e.g. UK HEIs)
 - Je-S-registered overseas organisations
 - 'self-registered' organisations
- *please contact the call secretariat (dfid_growth@esrc.ac.uk) to discuss this further

Your proposal in Je-S

- Research organisation, project title, suitable reference
- Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators
- Project partners
- Full budget
- Impact summary
- Key attachments include:
 - Case for support (max. 12 sides of A4)
 - Justification of resources (max. 2 sides of A4)
 - Pathways to Impact (max. 2 sides of A4)
 - Data management plan (max. 3 sides of A4)
 - CVs for named researchers (max. 2 sides of A4 for each researcher)
 - Capacity building statement (1 side of A4 max)
 - Management plan (2 sides of A4 max)
 - Research Organisation (RO) support statement (1 side of A4 max)
 - Research timetable (1 side of A4 max)
 - Letters of support, where applicable

**ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE IN
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Assessment process

- Proposals submitted: initial office checks
- Review by academic assessor pool
- Applications progressing to panel can respond to assessor comments
- Assessment by panel members
- Funding recommendations made by panel
- Interviews for successful applicants
- Successful programme announced (only **one** programme will be funded)
- **If funded:** there will be checks, including detailed costings checks, within the contracting process

- Deadline for submitting proposals - **16.00 (BST) 2 July 2015**
- Opportunity to respond to assessor comments– **October 2015**
- Decisions to applicants – **December 2015**
- Interviews for successful applicant/applicants- **January 2016**
- Earliest programme grant start date – **1 March 2016**

- ESRC will also hold a web-based seminar for potential applicants to provide further guidance on the call and the application process with opportunity for Q&A.
- The webinar will take place on **10 June 2015 (time-TBC)**
- To register your interest in taking part, and to receive details on how to join the webinar, please email dfid_growth@esrc.ac.uk with your name, institution (including country), and a contact email address, using 'Webinar information request' in the email title.

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