

UK Science and Research Funding Opportunities – THAILAND

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Instructions

This document provides a summary of funding opportunities for UK researchers to collaborate with international partners, which Thailand is one of the eligible partners. UK funding opportunities are delivered across multiple departments and organisations, and the list below (**Table 1**) is not an exhaustive list. Applicants are advised to **read the guidance note** of each call in full details, which may require Co-PI from the UK and one other country, before submitting the application. For further queries, please contact relevant UK funders / delivery partners.

Summary of upcoming events:

- International Cancer Research Symposium 2025
- Arts & Humanities Research Council Webinar for SEA

Summary of funding available:

- **Health:** 18 programmes
- **Climate:** 1 programme
- **Social Sciences:** 1 programme
- **Capacity Strengthening:** 3 programmes

Please note this document is **not** updated on a regular basis. You are encouraged to follow and subscribe to relevant e-newsletters for up-to-date notification (**Table 2**).

Upcoming events: International Cancer Research Symposium - Bridging Borders: Addressing Cancer Across South-East Asia

 14 – 15 May 2025

 The Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

Key themes:

- Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics
- Multiomics & AI in Cancer
- Tumour Ecosystem & Metastasis
- Innovative & emerging approaches
- Updates in the Pathology of the Gastrointestinal

The International Cancer Research Symposium (ICRS) marks the first collaboration between cancer researchers from the UK and Malaysia campuses of the University of Nottingham (UoN) in organising a scientific meeting. UoN's cancer research is widely recognised, with a high volume of published and cited work, and it ranks 8th outside London for cancer research citations. The collaboration with the UK campus adds another significant dimension to the event, as we are honoured to have esteemed cancer researchers from the UK campus, all of whom are members of the Centre for Cancer Sciences, joining us in shaping the exciting programmes for the event.

Find out more and register at:

www.nottingham.edu.my/conferences/icrs2025/index.aspx



INTERNATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

**Bridging Borders: Addressing Cancer
Across South-East Asia**



**14 & 15 May 2025
Kuching, Sarawak**

Upcoming events: Funding Opportunities Webinar by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council \(AHRC\)](#) UK for researchers in SEA

Are you interested in understanding the foundations of successful UK-international research projects and to explore opportunities to contribute to cutting-edge research?

This webinar is ideal for early career researchers, established academics, and anyone interested in the possibilities of international research collaborations with UK researchers.

Date and time in local time: 21st May 4pm KL time

In this informative session, AHRC will:

- Discuss key components of effective research design
- Highlight the potential for research to address global challenges
- Explore frameworks for ensuring high-quality research outcomes
- Gain an introduction to the different AHRC funding opportunities available.
- Explore the exciting roles and responsibilities of a Project Co-Lead (International) and a Project Partner.
- Learn about the eligibility criteria and processes involved in these key roles.



Hosted by AHRC, this webinar will provide practical insights and there will also be time for you to ask questions about their whole funding process. Don't miss this opportunity to take the first step towards leading or partnering in impactful research projects. **Register now to secure your spot!**

Joining or registration link : <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2d4f753b-2cbe-40d1-bf86-e62dceb8fff3@8bb7e08e-daa4-4a8e-927e-fca38db04b7e>

Upon registration, please add the event to your calendar to ensure it reflects as 4pm Malaysia time. Please note this webinar is for researchers based in **Malaysia** and regional **Southeast Asia**.

Who should join: Anyone in the arts, humanities and social sciences who are involved in research projects – either through academia / university, government and ministries, NGO's, civil society, charities

Table 1.0 – List of Funding Opportunities

Theme	Health (Fellowship for Digital Health)	Health (AI and Mental Health)
Programme name	Transformative Technologies for Healthcare and Environmental Resilience (THER)	Generative AI for anxiety, depression and psychosis
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council through Edinburgh Napier University	Wellcome
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career research to work at the University. This includes those without a permanent research-related post / academic post.	Research to validate novel targets with strong rationale to earlier intervention in anxiety, depression, and/or psychosis
Priority area / Scope	Digital Health: 1) AI for fall prevention, 2) Robotics and AI in Healthcare, 3) Exoskeleton Robots for Rehab, 4) Autonomous EV for Emergency Services, 5) AI-Driven Body Area Networks for Monitoring, 6), IoT for Healthcare for continuous monitoring, and 7) AI for digital health and precision medicine	All types of anxiety and depressive disorders (including obsessive-compulsive disorder, postpartum depression and post-traumatic stress disorder), and psychotic disorders (including schizophrenia, postpartum psychosis and bipolar disorder)
Budget	3 early-career scholarships for Thailand, including bursary, research expense and other costs	£700,000
Duration	Minimum 10 months	Up to 2 years
Briefing	N/A	Available now on website
Link	https://blogs.napier.ac.uk/ispf-early-career-fellowships/introduction/	https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/target-validation-mental-health
Deadline	Rolling basis – Apply as soon as possible	28 May 2025
Contact	Professor Dr Hongnian Yu, at H.Yu@napier.ac.uk	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry

Theme	Health (Interdisciplinary epidemics)	Health (Transdisciplinary AMR)
Programme name	Interdisciplinary research to tackle epidemic threats	Transdisciplinary research to tackle antimicrobial resistance (Phase 2)
Funder / Delivery partner	UKRI, Defra, FCDO	UKRI
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funded projects are expected to become national or international focal points for epidemic-relevant interdisciplinary research in their chosen area. (Thai as co-lead only)	Funded project for transdisciplinary research to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR); it will provide key insights and deliver informed interventions to address antimicrobial resistance. (Thai as co-lead only). Funded projects are expected to become national or international focal points for AMR research and innovation.
Priority area / Scope	Interdisciplinary research to tackle epidemic diseases of animals, humans or plants, to better understand, predict, and prevent reemergence of infection. Pathogens (for example, bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites and oomycetes) within all reservoirs are within scope, providing they have epidemic potential. This includes, but is not exclusive to: animals (aquaculture, farmed, companion and wild), humans, plants (crops, trees both horticultural and wild), natural environments, animal-human-environment interface.	To better understand, detect, and disrupt the emergence of AMR in animals, humans, and plants using One Health and Planetary Health approaches. Microbes within scope include: bacteria, virus, fungi, protozoa, helminth. Reservoirs include human, animal, plants, natural environments, human-made environments, and food chain. Areas of thematic interest included in the website.
Budget	Up to £3.75m	£1-3m
Duration	Up to 5 years	Up to 5 years
Briefing	Webinar link below	Webinar link below
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/interdisciplinary-research-to-tackle-epidemic-threats/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/notification-of-intent-transdisciplinary-research-to-tackle-antimicrobial-resistance/
Deadline	19 June 2025	Submission of Notification of Interest by 18 June 2025
Contact	tacklingepidemics@ukri.org	UKRI-AMR@ukri.org

Theme	Health (New Intervention)	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Translational research)
Programme name	Gap fund for early-stage development of new healthcare interventions	Mental Health Award: Leveraging longitudinal data to transform early intervention in mental health	Developmental pathway funding scheme: stage one
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	Wellcome	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Translational Project funding to generate critical data that builds confidence in developing a new or repurposed medicine, medical device, diagnostic test, or other medical intervention. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research to support data-driven or hypothesis-driven early identification models and advance their translational potential, aiming to create a step-change in early intervention for anxiety, depression and/or psychosis	Translational project to develop test novel therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics and other interventions. It aims improve prevention, diagnosis, prognosis or treatment of significant health needs, or develop research tools that increase the efficiency of developing interventions. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	All human diseases and medical interventions are eligible for support, both in the context of UK healthcare and addressing global health issues. Project should have already explored a new concept and generated some data in support of the approach.	Longitudinal datasets and develop innovative ways of identifying anxiety, depression and/or psychosis early	All diseases and interventions are eligible for support. Global health issues also eligible.
Budget	£50k – 300k	£1-5m	-
Duration	6 – 18 months	3 – 5 years	-
Briefing	N/A	7 May 2025	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/funding-for-early-stage-development-of-new-healthcare-interventions/	https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/mental-health-award-leveraging-longitudinal-data-transform-early-intervention	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/developmental-pathway-funding-scheme/
Deadline	9 July 2025	22 July 2025	16 July 2025
Contact	gapfund@mrc.ukri.org	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	dpfsanddcs@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Infection)	Health (Infection)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: research grant	Infections and immunity: research grant	Infections and immunity: new investigator
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research to unlock the complexity of human health and disease across the life course. This includes population health and the impact of environmental factors including the social environment on health outcomes. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research to develop scientific knowledge that extends our understanding of human infectious disease and the role of the immune system in inflammation, immune-mediated disease, and cancer. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research that increases understanding within the field of infections and immunity. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below
Budget	-	-	Typically under £1m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population-and-systems-medicine-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections-and-immunity-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections-and-immunity-new-investigator/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: research grant
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of population and systems medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of molecular and cellular medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research into basic biological mechanisms or technologies relevant to human health and disease. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below
Budget	Typically under £1m	Typically under £1m	-
Duration	Usually 3 years	Usually 3 years	Typically 3 – 5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population-and-systems-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular-and-cellular-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular-and-cellular-medicine-research/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Experimental Medicine)
Programme name	Neurosciences and mental health: research grant	Neurosciences and mental health: new investigator	Experimental medicine stage one
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research in neurosciences, mental health, and disorders of the human nervous system. This includes physiology and behaviour of the human nervous system throughout the life course in health and in illness, as well as how to treat and prevent disorders of the brain. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of neurosciences and mental health. (Thai as co-lead only).	Funding for experimental medicine projects conducted in humans, with clear pathway to clinical impact. Project will produce new mechanistic insights, including those that may identify opportunities to modify disease pathways, or enable the future development of novel therapeutic or diagnostic approaches. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Intervention or challenge in humans, with safety profiles established, which has been designed to validate a mechanistic hypothesis. The challenge may be, but is not limited to pharmacological, immunological, physiological, psychological, infectious
Budget	-	Typically under £1m	Typically £1m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years	-
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/experimental-medicine/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	1 October 2025
Contact	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	experimental.medicine@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Vaccine)	Health (Vaccine)
Programme name	Innovations to Prepare for Future Epidemics and Pandemics	Innovative analytical technologies to improve vaccine manufacturing speed and equitable access
Funder / Delivery partner	CEPI	CEPI
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to advance a broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential, including novel pathogens capable of infecting and causing disease in humans (i.e., Disease X). It supports vaccine research, development and manufacturing innovations	Funding to develop innovative analytical technologies for vaccines, with the goal to reduce vaccine development, manufacturing, and release times, lower costs, improve equitable deployment, and enhance analytical insights for vaccines such as RNA, viral vectors, or protein-based vaccines.
Priority area / Scope	Focus Area 1: advancing innovative rapid-response vaccine platforms that can transform the response to a future Disease X Focus Area 2: developing new vaccine candidates against CEPI priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential and viral families	Focus Area A: Minimizing time/cost to release/develop vaccine Focus Area B: Vaccine characterisation
Budget	Varies from 1m-5m USD depending on scope	Stage 1: 200k USD Stage 2: 800k USD
Duration	18 – 36 months depending on scope	Stage 1: 12 months Stage: 18 months
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals
Deadline	Rolling basis until 2026	Rolling basis until 1 May 2026
Contact	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net

Theme	Climate	Social Sciences
Programme name	Green Transition Fund: Nature-based Solutions	90 th Anniversary British Council Fellowships
Funder / Delivery partner	UKPACT	British Council / University of Edinburgh
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for organisation to deliver technical Assistance and capacity building projects in the areas of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).	12-month Postdoctoral Fellowship at Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh.
Priority area / Scope	Must respond to one of the following pillars: Work package 5.1) Transboundary policy frameworks and platforms for collective action on NbS, Work package 5.2) NbS models and monitoring; Financing for NbS research and development, Work package 5.3) Nature-positive financing and businesses	Align with British Council overarching theme of ' a more peaceful and prosperous world built on trust ', and strategy of ' We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide. '
Budget	Up to £800,000	£2.5k bursary per month, plus travel expenses.
Duration	15 months	12 months
Briefing	8 May 2025	Fri 23 May 2025: at https://bc90webinar.eventbrite.co.uk
Link	https://www.ukpact.co.uk/asean-gtf-mee-pillar-5?hsCtaTracking=52151b37-9081-449c-a55b-e5c1e7fa0e8b%7Cc90903da-0fab-4c07-8d8b-93db477aaa27	https://www.iash.ed.ac.uk/british-council-90th-anniversary-research-fellowships
Deadline	3 July 2025	28 July 2025
Contact	https://www.ukpact.co.uk/contact-us	researchglobal@britishcouncil.org

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Networking / Mobility / Research skills	Capacity Strengthening / Networking / Mobility / Research skills	Capacity Strengthening / Networking / Mobility / Research skills
Programme name	Early-career Awards	Career Development Awards	Discovery Awards
Funder / Delivery partner	Wellcome	Wellcome	Wellcome
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for early-career researchers to develop research identity, innovative projects to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Funding for midcareer researchers to develop research and innovation to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Funding for established researchers to pursue ideas to deliver shifts in understanding related human, health, and wellbeing
Priority area / Scope	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing
Budget	£400,000	£250,000	On average £3.5m
Duration	Usually 5 years	Usually 8 years	Usually 8 years
Briefing	Webinar link below	Webinar link below	Webinar link below
Link	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-career-development-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards
Deadline	22 May 2025 (Open 3 times annually)	24 July 2025	29 July 2025
Contact	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Networking / Mobility / Research skills
Programme name	Faraday Discovery Fellowships (Open later in Aug 2025)
Funder / Delivery partner	DSIT / Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Support emerging research leaders to be based in the UK, and fund high-quality original, long-term research
Priority area / Scope	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit
Budget	Max £8
Duration	10 years
Briefing	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday-discovery-fellowships/
Deadline	Open in Aug 2025
Contact	faraday@royalsociety.org

Table 2 – Communication Channels

Funding Opportunity Finder	UUKi	https://shorturl.at/bSEx0
	UKCDR	https://ukcdr.org.uk/funding-calls/
	Gov.uk	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding
E-newsletter	ISPF	Email 'Newsletter' to ISPFenquiries@odamanagement.org
	NIHR	NIHR (list-manage.com)
	British Council Thailand	https://www.britishcouncil.or.th/en/thai-uk-education-connect
Social media	DSIT Twitter	https://twitter.com/SciTechgovuk
Linkedin	FCDO RED	https://uk.linkedin.com/company/fcdo-research-science-and-innovation