

# University Development Cooperation:

VLIR-UOS funding opportunities  
*(and some others...)*

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innovation  
unfold

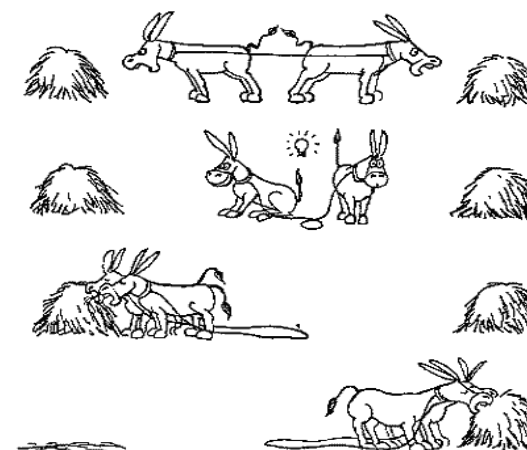
# Research Coordination Office – mission

To **encourage** and **assist researchers** in their efforts to obtain financial means for their research plans by providing relevant and full **information on opportunities** (calls for proposals) and help with project writing and contract and financial management once the project is obtained



# The changing faces of UDC:

- From development cooperation to cooperation with the South
- From “donor to recipient” to “partners”
- Strong need for the prospect of academic valorization: PhD’s are at the heart
- Balance input/output for Northern academics
- Win-win is crucial for succes
- Successful partnerships: common base even if different goals/dreams
- Personal relations, trust!





- Knowledge as **catalyst for development** : Universities are **development and innovation** players : universities have a responsibility towards the entire globe
- Internationalisation of HE can **increase the quality of graduates**: international, multi-cultural environment, world citizens
- **Unique** research questions, ecosystems, challenges,...
- Higher knowledge by input of **other views**, methods, new ideas
- Attractive to (Flemish) students, more **motivated (foreign) students**
- new **opportunities** : the Developing Countries of yesterday are the Emerging Economies of today

# DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AT UGENT (2015)





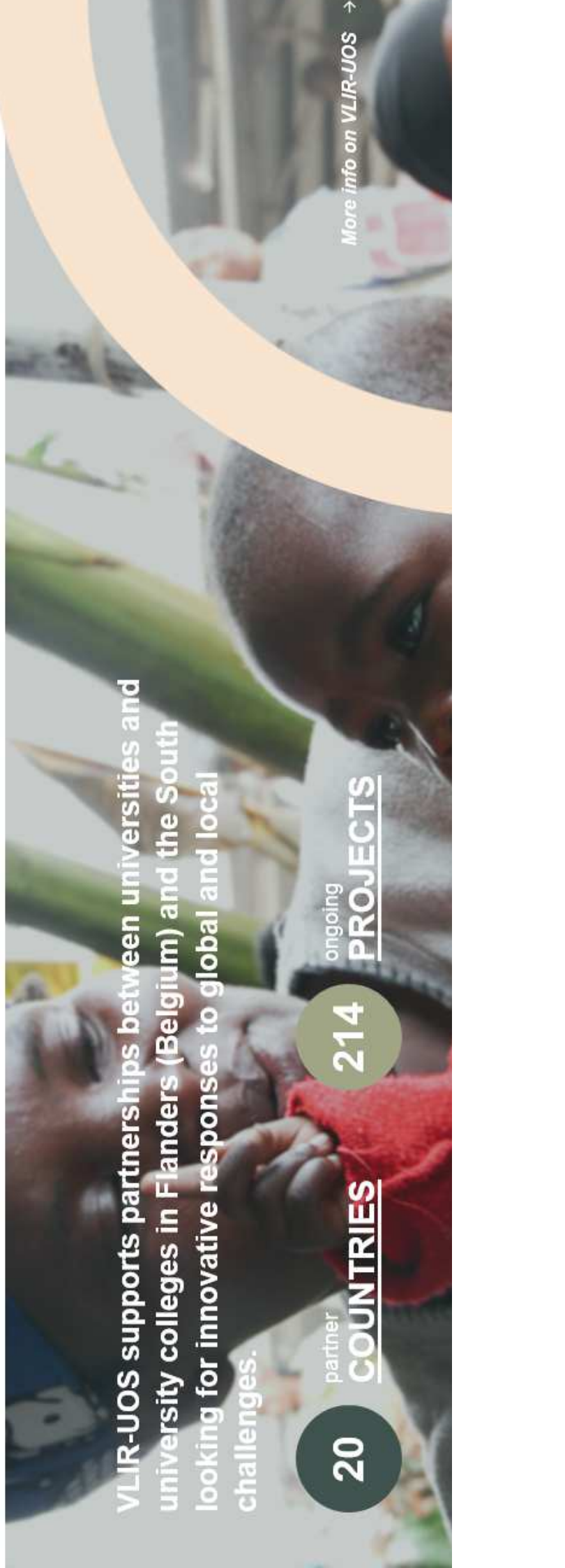
ABOUT VLIR-UOS

SCHOLARSHIPS

PROJECT FUNDING

COUNTRIES

PROJECTS



VLIR-UOS supports partnerships between universities and university colleges in Flanders (Belgium) and the South looking for innovative responses to global and local challenges.

20

partner

**COUNTRIES**

214

ongoing

**PROJECTS**

More info on VLIR-UOS →

INTERVENTION TYPE		LEVEL
NETWORK		COUNTRY
	Institutional University Cooperation (IUC)	INSTITUTION
<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           TEAM South Initiatives JOINT         </div>		DEPARTMENT/ FACULTY
		INDIVIDUAL



(Individual)  
Scholarships

## 20 partner countries:

•**Africa:** [Burundi](#), [DR Congo](#), [Ethiopia](#), [Kenya](#),  
[Morocco](#), [Mozambique](#), [Rwanda](#), [Tanzania](#),  
[Uganda](#), [South Africa](#)

•**Asia:** [Cambodia](#), [Philippines](#), [Indonesia](#), [Vietnam](#),

•**Latin America:** [Bolivia](#), [Cuba](#), [Ecuador](#), [Nicaragua](#), [Peru](#),  
[Suriname](#),



# TYPES OF VLIR-UOS PROJECTS

## **Departmental level:**

### **TEAM 4-5 year 300,000 euro**

With the TEAM intervention type VLIR-UOS funds cooperation in terms of education, research and social service between departments of a Flemish universities and one in the South.

### **South Initiatives (SI) 2 year 70,000 euro**

With the programme South Initiatives VLIR-UOS funds small scale projects with a limited budget.

### **Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking (JOINT) 2-3 year**

JOINT projects are about academic exchange and networking in broad international or national setting.

# FRESH NEWS: NEW CALL OPEN

## Open Calls

### CALL SOUTH INITIATIVES AND JOINT 2020

South initiatives are departmental projects focusing on specific development problems. JOINT stands for JOINT (Inter)national Academic Networking and its projects are about academic exchange and networking in a broad national or international setting.

#### **Deadline**

4 June 2019, before 6 PM

[Guidelines and forms for submitting a proposal](#)

# Obstacles with UDC project proposals and how to overcome them?



UDC Financers/selection systems are different/difficult for academics...

The elevator pitch?





Other options within VLIR-UOS funding

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## Scholarships

### VLIR-UOS awards scholarships and grants to

1. Applicants from 31 countries in Africa, Asia or Latin America [for a training or Master at a Belgian university \(college\)](#)
2. Flemish or European students at a Belgian university (college) [for a research stay or internship in Africa, Asia and Latin America](#)



### Calls

- Call Travel Grants 2017
- Call master and training scholarships 2017

### Events

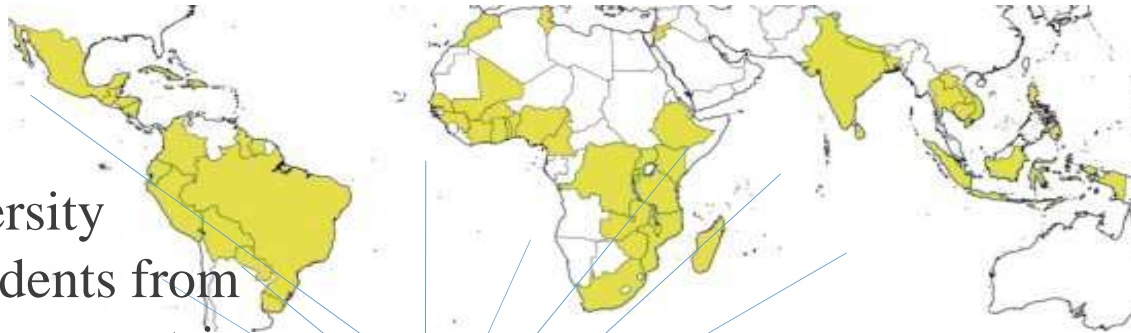
- International workshop on ochocerciasis-associated epilepsy (OAE)

### News

- Queen Mathilde: "You make a difference"
- Agreement on the future of Belgian development cooperation: impacts for VLIR-UOS
- Website for assistance to travellers Travellers Online redesigned

### Testimonials

- International cooperation in twelve stories
- Strengthening higher education in DR Congo
- 'Tree against hunger': can Enset fight malnutrition in Ethiopia?



Basic allocation university  
+ Scholarships for students from  
a selected list of partner countries



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## ○ Scholarships and grants for Flemish/European students

### Travel grants for internships or research stays

EU students that are enrolled at a Flemish university or university college can apply for a grant for an internship or a research stay in one of the 31 scholarship countries and Suriname, or India (only in 2017). The minimum stay is 28 consecutive days.



One of the requisites for the students is to have a supervisor at the home institution and in the country of destination. The Flemish universities and university colleges are responsible for the selection and management of the grants.

Some examples of internships or research stays:

- placement in a hospital
- music education in a primary school
- research on the impact of national parks on the local population
- research into the control of agricultural pests
- research on the use of digital information channels
- research into creative ways to learn a foreign language

**Deadline 5 March!!**  
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# Ghent University Top-up Grants

Ghent University provides Top-up Grants to candidates from all countries on the OESO-DAC list, who wish to obtain a master's degree at Ghent University. In 2017 the call will only be open for new students applying for a master or master-after-master programme taught in English.

Note that the Master Grants do not exist anymore and they are replaced by the Ghent University Top-up Grants.

## Deadline and decision

There's no open call for these grants, they are now incorporated in the normal application scheme to obtain admission.

**Note:** for students that need a visa, the application deadline was the 1st of April, so you can no longer apply to study at UGent and you will not be considered for the topping up grant.



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# Special Research Fund - Doctoral Scholarships for Candidates from Developing Countries

With support from its "Special Research Fund" (BOF), Ghent University wishes to support university research groups or research centres in developing countries in their aim to grow into excellent research centres by upgrading local academic personnel. Therefore Ghent University grants PhD scholarships to promising PhD students from developing countries who wish to carry out half of their PhD research at Ghent University and half in a university in a developing country.

These grants take the form of a so called "sandwich" scholarship: the candidate obtains a scholarship for maximum 24 months to work within a span of 48 months on an alternating basis on the PhD at Ghent University ('North') and at the university or research centre in a developing country ('South'). Only for the periods the scholarship holder works at Ghent University the scholarship holder will receive a monthly income. The rest of the PhD research is done in the partner university, for which no funding is provided through this scholarship. For this part of the PhD research students must prove that they will be financed at their home university (e.g. fulltime PhD scholarship or salary).

No restrictions are imposed on the field of research, nevertheless preference will be given to topics that are relevant for development. Relevance for development measures the degree in which the action of development corresponds with the expectations of the beneficiaries, the needs of the country, global priorities and the policies of partners and donors.

The proposals must be submitted by a candidate, a promoter at Ghent University and a supervisor at the local institution.

**Before applying students need to find a professor from Ghent University who is willing to act as the supervisor (promoter) of their doctoral research and who agrees to support their application. The best way to do this is by browsing the list of faculties and research topics available on our [research directory](#).**

## Duration





## **“Sandwich” PhD Fellowships** **Special Research Fund (BOF-UGent)**

- 1. Who can apply:
  - The candidate possesses a Master degree obtained at a Belgian university or holds a foreign degree that is required by a university in the Flemish Community for mandatory enrolment as a PhD student
  - Only open to candidates from a specific set of countries based on the OECD-DAC list
- 2. Duration: 24 months (spread within a period of 48 months; sandwich principle)
- 3. Research field: all fields of research (fulltime research)
- 4. Funding: tax free PhD scholarship while at Ghent University
- 5. Bench fee: annual fixed bench fee
- 6. Deadline: in May of each calendar year, fellowships start on 1st October
- 7. Selection procedure: managed by the Research Council

Thank you

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