

University Development Cooperation:

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

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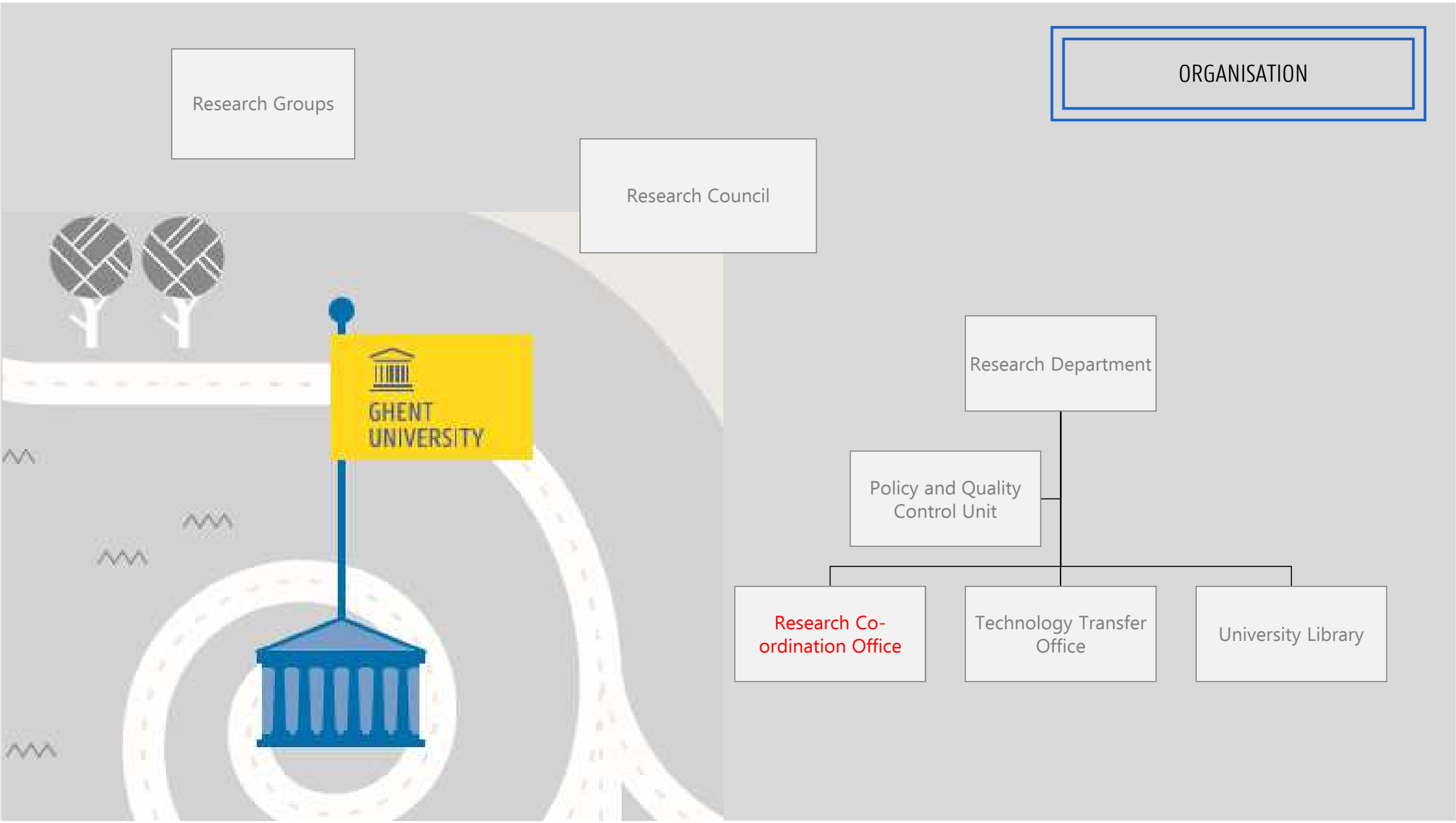
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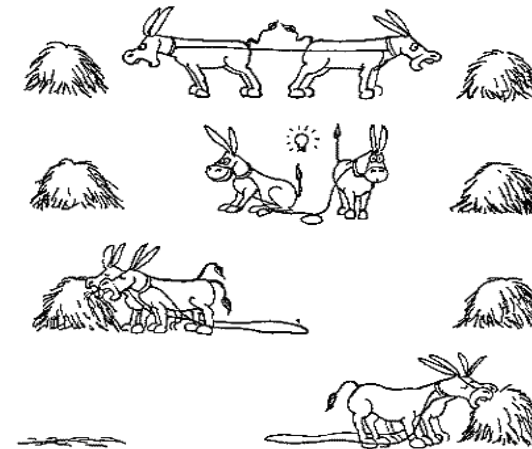
Research Coordination Office – mission

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

IN 8 SECTORS

24
Agriculture

17
Health

15
Environment
and ecology

14
Culture, communication
and information

10
General
programme
management

4
Infrastructure,
industry and
technology

1
Education

1
Government and
civil society

IN MORE THAN 15 PARTNER COUNTRIES

- 17  Vietnam
- 18  Ethiopia
- 9  DR Congo
- 7  Cuba
- 6  Ecuador
- 5  Tanzania
- 5  South Africa
- 4  Mozambique
- 4  Uganda
- 4  Kenya
- 1  Bolivia
- 1  Ghana
- 1  Peru
- 1  Philippines
- 3  International projects

BUDGET

 smallest project budget
€ 32,442

 average project budget
€ 203,196

 largest project budget
€ 521,076


Total project budget
€ 17,474,892



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Project funding

VLIR-UOS primarily supports partnerships between universities and university colleges. VLIR-UOS also builds bridges between higher education on the one hand and governments, NGOs and businesses in Flanders and the South on the other. That's because we cannot have an impact on society unless we cover the entire chain from knowledge to application.



Capacity building and scientific research constitute the main activity in most projects. Other activities include education renewal and improvement, policy support, service provision, organisation of trainings and conferences, university policy and management training, student exchanges, language instruction and quality care in higher education.

Overview of intervention types

Since January 2017, the VLIR-UOS portfolio was restructured in the framework of the new multiannual agreement with the Belgian Minister for development cooperation whereby interventions are financed within country programmes. Therefore we can best describe the intervention types when considering the differences between interventions in the South portfolio (consisting of country programmes and included interventions) and

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- Research: how do you get it out there?

INTERVENTION TYPE		LEVEL
NETWORK		COUNTRY
		INSTITUTION
Institutional University Cooperation (IUC)		DEPARTMENT/ FACULTY
		INDIVIDUAL
	TEAM South Initiatives	(Individual) Scholarships
	JOINT	

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: INFOSESSION NEXT CALL

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Infosessie Oproep TEAM-South Initiatives-JOINT 2019 - voor aankondiging maandag 19 maart 2018

To

Beste ICOS van de universiteiten en hogescholen,

De infosessie i.v.m. de Oproep TEAM-ZI-JOINT 2019 zal doorgaan op **maandag 19 maart – AM** (9u30-14u) in Brussel. Locatie: Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, 58-62 Rue des Tanneurs 1000 Bruxelles (www.AteliersDesTanneurs.be)

Volgende elementen zullen aan bod komen:

- Algemene info oproep TEAM-ZI-JOINT 2019
- Inleiding projectformaten (M&E aanpak)
- Algemene info financiële richtlijnen
- Informatiebronnen per land (website, GSK, ..)
- Varia (Q&A en diverse)
- Vragensessie per land (onder voorbehoud, tijdens de broodjeslunch)

Gelieve deze informatie van zodra mogelijk verder te verspreiden naar geïnteresseerde academici/kandidaat-projectpromotoren. Wij verzorgen spoedig een inschrijvingslink maar kunnen de finale oproepdocumenten wel pas rondsturen op 5 maart 2018, na de finale bespreking op het Bureau UOS van 2 maart 2018.

Hurdles for UDC and how to overcome them?



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

The elevator pitch?



LOGICAL FRAME WORK MATRIX

PROJECT TITLE: Agronomic bio-fortification to improve iodine intake in Ugandan school children

THE LOGICAL FRAMEWORK/ STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Not to be completed

I. Overall Objectives (OO)				
Overall Academic Objective				
Conduct scientific research into the feasibility of agronomic iodine biofortification in Uganda				
Overall Developmental Objective				
Promote the use of agronomic iodine biofortification as an alternative approach to combating iodine deficiency in Northern Uganda				
II. Specific Research Objective (SO)		Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Source of Information (SOV)	Assumptions
Train graduate students (Masters and PhD) in the field of nutrition assesment and stakeholder analysis		At least two (2) scientific publications, One PhD and two(2) Maters trained;	1PhD defended successfully, 2 masters defended successfully, PhD and masters thesis, Scientific publications; Journal websites	Masters and PhD students start and complete their studies on time
Specific Developmental Objective				
Diseminate/promote agronomic iodine bio-fortification techiques as an alternative approach to increasing iodine consumption in Uganda		20% of target households adopt agronomic iodine biofortification, Atleast one Technical Guide developed, atleast two stakeholder Idisemination workshops conducted	List of study sites; project reports; minutes of stakeholders meetings and workshops, policy briefs	Target communities are willing to adopt agronomic bio-fortification; supply chain stakeholders are willing to take up agronomic biofortification techniques
III. Intermediate Results (IR)		Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Source of Information (SOV)	Assumptions
Research related IR				
IR 1	Stakeholders needs assessment	1.1. Round table discussions 1.2. Needs assesment surveys conducted	Survey instruments needs assessment Reports Annual reports and scientific publications national journals	Health stakeholders willing to participate in needs assessments
IR 2	Assess the prevalence of iodine deficiency in northern Uganda.	2.1 Study tools developed and tested 2.2 Field surveys conducted 2.3 Data analysed and published	Survey instruments needs assesment Reports Annual reports and scientific publications Paper in an international peer reviewed journal	stakeholders and communities willing to participate in
IR 3	Assessing the consumers WTP/WTA alternative approaches to increasing iodine intake	3.1. Study tools developed and tested 3.2. Market analysis conducted 3.3. Disemination workshop held	Annual reports Scientific paper in international journal Workshop report, annual project report	Health stakeholders willing to participate in project activities
IR 4	Assessing the cost effectiveness of agronomic iodine biofortification	4.1. Cost effectiveness study conducted	Study report, Annual project reports, and scientific publications	Health stakeholders willing to participate in project activities
IR 5	Assessing the efficiency of agronomic biofortification in increasing iodine concentration in edible plant parts	5.1 Experimental sites identified 5.2. Experiements set-up 5.3. Laboratory analysis conducted	Field reports , Annual project reports and scientific publications international and national journal	Farmers are willing to host experiemental sites, Health stakeholders willing to participate in project activities
Development related IR				
IR 6	Conducting stakeholder analysis to determine the most acceptable/feasible approach to promoting iodine biofortification	6.1. Stakeholders workshop conducted	Workshop report, project report	Health stakeholders willing to participate in project activities
IR 7	Recommendations to promote agronomic biofortification in the Ugandan chain are formulated and dissiminated to the different stakeholders	7.1. Workshops(1) for health stakeholder is organised; Audio-visual material for extension; Policy papers/briefs	Workshop report, information about the most feasible approach(es) produced and shared with stakeholders	Health stakeholders willing to participate in project activities
IV. Main activities				
IR1				
1.1.	Identification of the different health stakeholders in Uganda			
1.2.	General consultation with the health stakeholders to gain consensus and prioritizations for the intervention			
1.3.	Designing the need assesment tools and frameworks			
1.4.	Conducting needs assessment survey			

Global Minds Fund

Each year starting in 2017, the Federal Government will allocate funds to Ghent University through the office of the VLIR-UOS to further develop and expand its University Development Cooperation (UDC) capacity. Global Minds Fund Ghent University provides funding for initiatives that enhance the university's research and/or teaching capacity with respect to development cooperation. This call reaches out to all Ghent community members, academic and non-academic staff and students, to propose scientific or educational oriented initiatives.

These are the 3 Global Minds calls (deadline: 16 October 2017):

1) Operational Grants for doctoral and postdoctoral fellows (OPG)

Ghent University wishes to provide funding to PhD students as well as young postdoctoral fellows to either support and expand their ongoing research on development-related research issues, promote the inclusion of a development cooperation dimension in their ongoing research or initiate university development cooperation research within their department.

The amount of the grant is € 12,500 and has to be spent between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018.

For more information and how to apply, please download the [Call for OPG](#) and the [Application Form for OPG](#) .
Contact: Nancy.Terryn@UGent.be

2) University Development Cooperation Capacity Building (CB)

GMF Ghent University provides funding for initiatives that enhance the university's research and/or teaching capacity with respect to development cooperation. This call reaches out to all Ghent community members, academic and non-academic staff and students, to propose scientific or educational oriented initiatives.

Proposals can be submitted for two budget categories:

Category A up to €7,500 (e.g. explorative missions, guest lectures, staff training, ...)

Category B up to €15,000 (e.g. conference)

The budget has to be spent between 1 October 2017 and 31 December 2018.

For more information and how to apply, please download the [Call for CB](#) and the [Application Form for CB](#) .

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3) Sensitizing Events (SE)

The Global Minds Fund of Ghent University provides funding for events or actions that raise awareness among the Ghent University community (students, co-workers, other Ghent University stakeholders) about the challenges of developing countries in the wider context of global problems on the one hand and the approaches



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SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN FLANDERS, BELGIUM SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR FLEMISH/EUROPEAN STUDENTS

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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](#)

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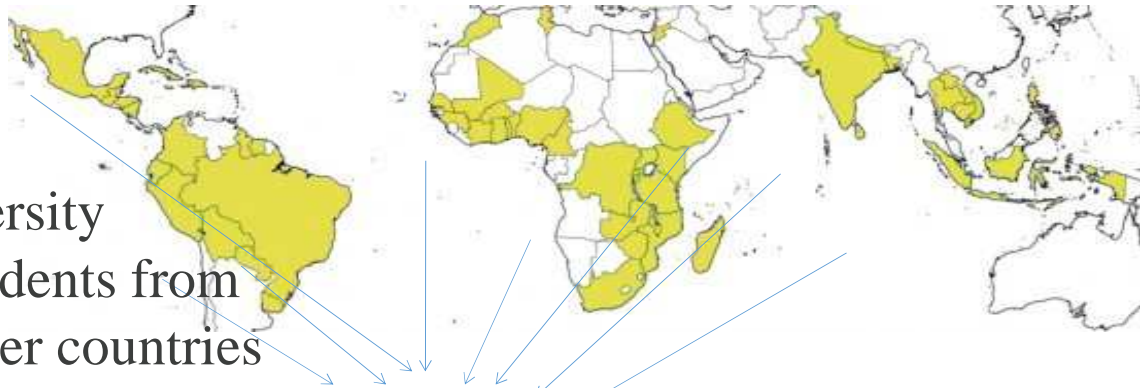
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+ Scholarships for students from
a selected list of partner countries



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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

Some types of UGent PhD fellowships



“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

Take home messages:

Save the date : 27 june UOS day at UGent –FBE Coupure

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