

Information Note on Newton Fund

The Newton Fund aims to promote the economic development and social welfare of either the partner countries or, through working with the partner country, to address the wellbeing of communities. It will do so through strengthening partner country’s science and innovation capacity and unlocking further funding to support this work. It is part of the UK’s official development assistance (ODA).

The Fund was launched in 2014 and consisted of £735 million UK investment to 2021, with partner countries providing matched resources within the Fund. The Fund is being delivered through 15 UK delivery partners. They develop and run calls, and allocate and manage the money they receive as part of the Newton Fund.

UK government has bilateral cooperation with 17 active countries including Turkey through Newton Fund:

Brazil	Indonesia	Philippines
Chile	Jordan	South Africa
China	Kenya	Thailand
Colombia	Malaysia	Turkey
Egypt	Mexico	Vietnam
India	Peru	

The Newton Fund covers three range of activities:

People: increasing capacity in science and innovation, individually and institutionally in partner countries.

Research: research collaborations on development topics.

Translation: creating collaborative solutions to development challenges and strengthening innovation systems.



Website: <http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/>



Newton-Katip Celebi Fund in Turkey

In Turkey, the UK is working very closely with The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) as the main local partner under the name Katip Celebi-Newton Fund from 2014. In March 2018, Istanbul Development Agency became the second local partner of Newton-Katip Celebi Fund in Turkey.

Collaboration with TUBITAK:

TUBITAK is the leading funding agency of Turkey in the field of science, technology and innovation. From the beginning of the launch of Newton-Katip Celebi Fund in 2014 with a commitment of reserving up to £4 million budget per country. The grants under Newton-Katip Celebi Fund include the fellowships, joint research projects, PhD fellowships, mobility grants,

innovation projects, entrepreneurship trainings and workshop grants. On the UK side, 8 different delivery partners have provided grants under Newton Fund and on Turkey side, TUBITAK, the main local partner has provided match funding. In total, both sides have provided £26 million for 431 projects. The Fund has reached 135 institutions from 50 cities in Turkey.

a. UK Delivery Partners

- British Council
- InnovateUK
- Royal Society
- Royal Academy of Engineering
- British Academy
- Academy of Medical Sciences
- Research Councils UK

Collaboration with Istanbul Development Agency (IDA):

Istanbul Development Agency (IDA) is a government agency and one of the 26 development agencies in Turkey covering the region of Istanbul. IDA provides grants to public institutions, private sector and non-governmental organizations in Istanbul with the aim of mobilizing the sustainable regional development potential of the region.

IDA has become the second local partner of Newton Fund in 2018 and agreed to collaborate with Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) on Creative Industries. A scoping workshop entitled 'Development through the Creative Industries in Turkey' organised jointly by the AHRC and the Istanbul Development Agency (IDA) in October 2019 in Istanbul. This event convened approximately 60 academic experts and key stakeholders from the UK and Istanbul region, provided a platform for initial partnership building and explored the opportunities and challenges of enhanced collaboration.

Following the workshop, AHRC has launched a networking grant and support 3 projects in 2020. For the time being, both institutions are discussing the ways to launch a call for proposals for research projects.

Newton Fund In-Country Team Turkey



- In-country teams within Newton partner countries – promote the Newton Fund and build strong partnerships in-country
- Work with all partners - in-country and UK delivery partners
- Based in the Embassies, Consulates or High Commissions
- Promote the UK as the partner of choice
- Specific named Newton Fund partnerships in-country – brand awareness of equal partnership