



Accessing Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)/ODA Funding

N8 AgriFood Workshop in partnership with the University of York

Wednesday 12th October 2016 13:00 - 17:00

King's Manor, University of York

Who should attend: Academic Staff from the N8 Research Partnership Universities (Durham, Lancaster, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield and York)

Background

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is a new five-year £1.5 billion funding stream, announced as part of the Government's 2015 spending review. It forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment, to support cutting-edge research which addresses the problems faced by developing countries. The RCUK allocation forms the largest part of this fund with the majority of this funding in a collective fund. Calls are being announced fast, and there is significant potential for N8 partner Universities to collaborate and target this development-led interdisciplinary funding.

Key participants include:

- Jennie Dodson Research & Policy Officer, UKCDS
- Brian Harris, Head of Strategy - Agriculture, Food and Environment, BBSRC
- Professor Katherine Denby, Academic Director, N8 AgriFood
- Professor Steven Banwart, academic lead for international engagement, N8 AgriFood

Why attend:

- Learn more about GCRF opportunities and ODA research priorities in the area of sustainable agriculture from UK Collaborative on Development Sciences (UKCDS) and Research Council UK (RCUK) representatives
- Identify N8 strengths and map these to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and RCUK GCRF challenge areas
- Scope the potential for large cross-institutional N8 bids in this area that could be applicable to the GCRF and other international funding sources
- Scope a position paper on how unallocated GCRF funds could be used to complement RCUK delivery plans, based on N8 strengths
- Identify collaborative opportunities and establish working groups to further explore and develop research questions and interdisciplinary teams ready for future GCRF calls (where these are between two or more N8 Universities, priority may be given for pump priming funding via N8 AgriFood)

Tickets are limited*

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*Places are limited. If necessary attendees will be selected to represent all N8 Universities and a broad range of departments/disciplines. Attendees should be prepared to represent research beyond their own group.