



Funding Call Information Sheet

Overview

Oxfam Scotland and the University of the West of Scotland have worked together since 2011 within the [UWS-Oxfam Partnership](#). The Partnership is guided by a shared vision for a more equitable, sustainable, and socially just Scotland. With this Funding Call, we seek to place civil society organisations (CSO) or community groups working directly with communities that are marginalised or under-represented in decision-making in Scotland at the heart of our work.

The Funding Call will bring the CSO or community group together with UWS academic(s) to develop, shape, and deliver research. The CSO or community group will identify a research topic. These will then be matched with a UWS academic based on their expertise and interest. Where possible, the CSO or community group and academics will then be involved in designing and delivering the research with, ideally, individuals from marginalised communities directly participating in the research.

Please submit any questions or requests for clarification via: scotland@oxfam.org.uk.

Value and Duration

The Partnership will fund one project with up to £10,000.

The project will start in April 2025 and is to be delivered within 12 months.

Eligibility

The Partnership has a particular interest in supporting research that focuses on communities which are marginalised or under-represented within local/national government decision-making. As such, we invite CSOs or groups working with such communities, for example people who have low-incomes, single-parents, unpaid carers, people with a disability or those who are members of a minoritised ethnic group, to respond to this Call.

There is no restriction on the applicant organisation's annual income, but organisations should operate in Scotland.

Research Focus

We are interested in receiving proposals that address one or both of the following broad themes:

- Better [valuing the work](#) that is disproportionately undertaken by women: this includes paid and unpaid work, such as an unpaid care and domestic work';
- [Climate Justice](#): delivering emission reductions in Scotland fairly and quickly.

Application and Selection Process

A diagram summarising the application and selection process [can be accessed on the UWS-Oxfam Partnership website here](#).

Stage 1: Civil Society Organisations/Groups Submit an Expression of Interest

This Expression of Interest will tell the Partnership, in broad terms, what research topic your organisation would like to explore with academic support. The proposed research topic must align to one or both Research Focus themes above. At this point, the Partnership requires minimal detail from you. The idea is to make this first step as simple as possible for you and your organisation.

- Find the [Expression of Initial Interest](#) form [here](#).
- Deadline: 5pm, 30th September, 2024.
- Please submit the Expression of Interest to: scotland@oxfam.org.uk.

All applicants will be notified by mid-October 2024.

The Partnership will select proposals to advance to Stage 2. The selection is based on:

1. *The level of alignment to one or both Research Focus themes;*
2. *The knowledge or evidence gap the research seeks to help address; and*
3. *The degree to which the issues of a marginalised community are prioritised.*

Stage 2: Academic Statement of Interest

The selected Expressions of Interest will be shared by the UWS-Oxfam Partnership with UWS academics to identify if they could work collaboratively on the topic with the CSO or group. The academics would then set out their expertise and submit their initial thoughts to the Partnership on how they could help deliver the project.

- Find the [Academic Statement of Interest](#) form [here](#).
- Deadline: 5pm, 8th November 2024.
- Please submit the Academic Statement of Interest to: scotland@oxfam.org.uk.

All applicants will be notified by 15th November 2024.

The Partnership will select up to three potential projects and share the selected Academic Statements of Interest with the relevant CSO or group.

The following criteria will be used to select the 'best matches':

1. *To what extent do the expressions of interest respond to a clear research gap or need?*
2. *To what extent is the proposal focused on an issue facing a marginalised/under-represented community?*
3. *Can the project be delivered meaningfully within the budget?*
4. *What level of experience or commitment to collaboratively developing and delivering participatory research projects do the civil society partner and academic(s) have?*

5. *Do the civil society partner and the academic(s) have expertise in the area proposed?*

The selected organisation and academic(s) will be asked to meet to ensure initial alignment, discuss a proposed collaboration, and consider the funding criteria. They will be asked to confirm their desire to collaborate on the development of a joint proposal. If both agree, they advance to Stage 3.

- Deadline for confirming desire to proceed: 5pm, 13th December 2024
- Confirmation should be submitted to scotland@oxfam.org.uk.

Stage 3: Proposal Development

The CSO or group and academic will collaborate to develop a full project proposal. This will include consideration of the research questions and the project's scale (length, cost, outputs, outcomes).

- Find the [Collaborative Proposal Application Form](#) here.
- Deadline: 5pm, 14th February 2025.
- Please submit Collaborative Proposal Application Form to: scotland@oxfam.org.uk.

All applicants will be notified by 28 February 2025.

The Partnership will review the Collaborative Proposal Application Forms using the criteria below and select a preferred proposal:

1. *To what extent is the proposal the result of co-production/collaboration between the academic(s) and CSO?*
2. *To what extent does the project embed participative approaches at most or all stages?*
3. *To what extent will the project create lasting benefit for an under-represented/marginalised community/CSO, and contribute towards a more equitable, sustainable and socially just Scotland?*
4. *To what extent is there a clear and manageable plan for delivering the project's objectives?*
5. *Can the project be delivered meaningfully within the budget?*

The Partnership will choose a successful proposal and provide feedback. Revisions to the proposal addressing the feedback should be completed by 31 March 2025.

Stage 4: Project Delivery and Reporting

Project delivery will start in April 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, with all activities completed with 12 months.

A mid- and final Progress Report will be required at agreed milestones, and all projects will also build into their design a post-project impact evaluation 6 months after funded activities are completed.

Any outputs produced during the project will be subject to review by the UWS-Oxfam Partnership prior to publication and will be required to acknowledge the Partnership's funding.