

University Development Cooperation Partnerships Global South:

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

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innovation
unfold

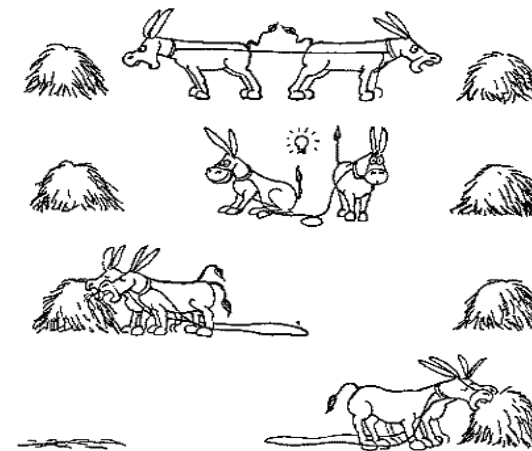
Research Coordination Office – mission

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 face: from UDC to PGS

- From development cooperation to partnerships 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 and for today Africa is the continent of the future



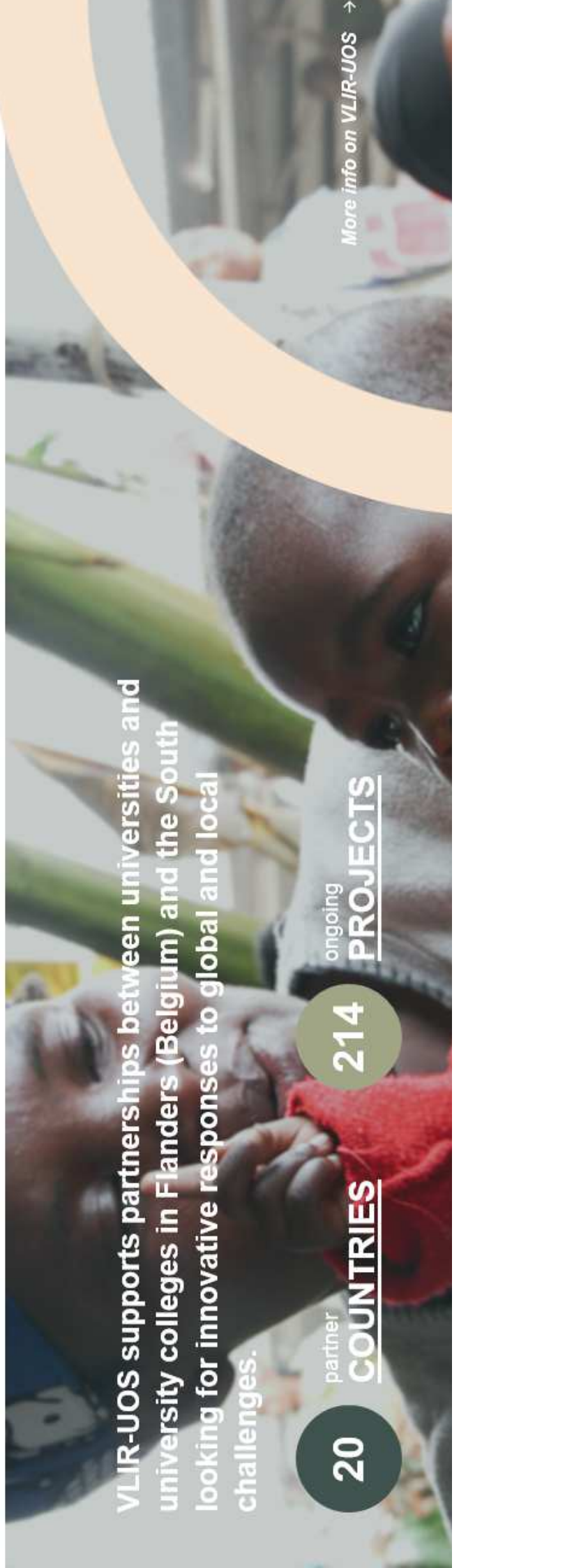
ABOUT VLIR-UOS

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
<p>NETWORK</p> <p>Institutional University Cooperation (IUC)</p>		COUNTRY
		INSTITUTION
	<p>TEAM South Initiatives</p> <p>JOINT</p>	DEPARTMENT/ FACULTY
		INDIVIDUAL
		(Individual) Scholarships

20 partner countries from 2022 onwards:

- **Africa:** [Burundi](#), [DR Congo](#), [Ethiopia](#), [Kenya](#), [Morocco](#), ([Mozambique](#)), [Rwanda](#), [Tanzania](#), [Uganda](#), [South Africa](#)
- **Asia:** [Philippines](#), [Indonesia](#), [Vietnam](#),
- **Latin America:** [Bolivia](#), [Cuba](#), [Ecuador](#), [Peru](#)

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.

CURRENTLY OPEN CALLS VLIRUOS

Open Calls

Call for scholarships for International Master Programmes (ICP) 

Call Institutional University Cooperation (IUC) 2022

Finally... a new IUC call!

We can gladly announce the launch of the long expected new IUC call. This Call is the first step in an IUC selection and intake process that should lead to new IUC partner programmes in 2022.

In the first stage of this IUC call 2022, universities from a number of VLIR-UOS partner countries (Cambodia, Cuba, DR Congo, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam) can submit a Concept Note South for setting up a future long-term partnership (ten years) with the Flemish universities and university colleges.

Important: in this first stage the initiative is for the South only! This means that only universities from the mentioned partner countries can submit a Concept Note South to VLIR-UOS. If you want to know more about the IUC Call and process, be sure to check out the call documents.

Country	Institution	Programme title
DR Congo	Université de Lubumbashi	Challenges and opportunities for a sustainable socio-ecology in the Katangese Copperbelt Area
Kenya	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology	Strengthening Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology Capacity in Natural Resource Management, Food Security and Health
Kenya	Technical University of Kenya	Maji Ni Uhai: Building excellence on water governance for better livelihoods and climate change adaptation in Kenya
Peru	Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana	Improving health and environment of vulnerable populations in the Peruvian Amazon
Tanzania	Ardhi University	Building Capacity in Education, Research, Innovation and Societal Outreach to Foster an Inclusive and Sustainable Built Environment in a Rapidly Urbanizing City, Dar Es Salaam (SDG 11 In Dar Es Salaam)
Uganda	Gulu University	Strengthening the Capacity of Gulu University to meaningfully contribute to inclusive Refugee-Host Community Socio-Economic Transformation in Northern Uganda
Uganda	Mbarara University of Science and Technology	University as a Facet for Community Based Sustainable Solutions to Demographic Challenges in South Western Uganda (UCoBS)

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

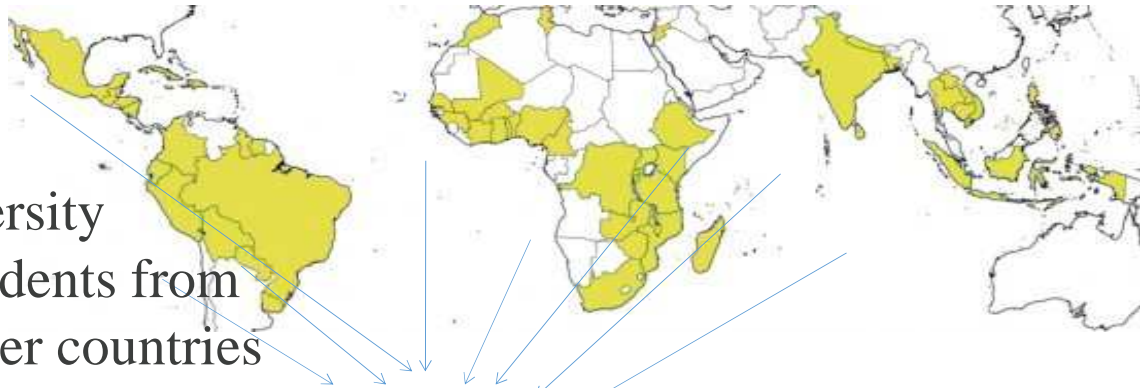
- International workshop on ochocerciasis-associated epilepsy (OAE)

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 early March!!
Check FCI**



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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.



In het Nederlands

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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

GLOBAL MINDS GHENT UNIVERSITY 2017-2021



GLOBAL MINDS GHENT UNIVERSITY: GOALS

1. To increase the capacity of Ghent University in knowledge, scientific approaches and technologies in UDC research & education
2. To improve and expand our collaboration with partners in the Global South
3. To stimulate (young) researchers new to the field to engage in UDC
4. To foster global citizenship and solidarity in society to better respond to global challenges (sensitization)



PILLARS



Annelies Verdoolaeghe



Barbara Claeys



Jean Dhont

1. Regional Platforms



Prof. Degomme



Prof. De Saeger



Prof. Vlassenroot



Prof. Boeckx

CAFRINAT
Centre of Excellence
for the African Great Lakes
Natural Capital

2. International Thematic Networks (ITN)



Prof. Dewettinck
GHENT UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY of the
WESTERN CAPE



Prof. Boeckx



Prof. Goethals

3. Strategic Institutional Partnerships (SIP)

Global Minds Ghent University: pillars

4. Open calls

1. Operational grants:

- For PhD + postdoctoral researchers, up to €12.500
- to either support and expand their ongoing research on development-related research issues or to promote the inclusion of a development cooperation dimension in their ongoing research as well as initiate university development cooperation research within their department

→ ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

2. Capacity Building:

- Permanent call 2019 to prepare UDC project proposal, up to €7.500
- Call 2020 for diverse range of initiatives (explorative missions, seminars, network events ...) for all Ghent University members, up to €7500 or €15.000 (cofinancing required)

3. Short Research Stays:

- Call for stays of max. 90 days in 2020 (allowance + insurance), plane ticket not included
- To prepare research or project proposal, write a scientific article or research paper, or a PhD finalization

4. Sensitizing Events:

- Permanent call for initiatives in 2019, up to €3.500
- Call for initiatives in 2020, up to €3.500
- www.ugent.be/sdgsessions



Permanent call 2020 is open

- Eligibility: VLIR-UOS countries:
 - **Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe.
 - **Asia:** Cambodia, Indonesia, Palestinian Territories, Philippines, Vietnam.
 - **Latin America:** Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru.
- Deadlines: 15 May/21 August/6 November 2020 5:00pm (Belgian time)
Expensens should be made before 31/12/2020 and respect general VLIR-UOS guidelines
- Important! How will your initiative strengthen the capacity in UDC of your research group and/or Ghent University in the short and long run?

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Global Minds Fund

Since 2017, the Federal Government allocates 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, to propose scientific or educational oriented initiatives.

New opportunities to build innovative responses to global and local challenges.

These are the Global Minds calls for activities in 2020:

Deadline proposals: 1 October 2019

1. Operational Grants for doctoral and postdoctoral fellows (OPG) 2020

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 2020 and 31 December 2020.

For more information and how to apply, please download the [Call for OPG 2020](#) and the [Application Form for OPG 2020](#).

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2. University Development Cooperation Capacity Building (CB) 2020

GME Ghent University provides funding for initiatives that enhance the university's research and/or teaching capacity with respect to development cooperation. This

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & the Global South at Ghent University



SESSION 4: SDG 5
Re-thinking everyday academia in dialogue with decolonial, feminist and queer critique

Prof. Tamara Shefer

March 11, 2019
 from 14:00 - 16:00

Het Pand
 Zaal August Vermeylen
 Onderbergen 1, Ghent

SESSION 5: SDG 2 @ 4
Early Childhood Education and Care: pathways to develop/strengthen the pre-primary workforce in LMICs

Dr. Jan Peeters

March 28, 2019
 from 17:00 - 19:00

Campus Dunant, Aud. 1
 H. Dunantaan 2, Ghent

SESSION 6: SDG 3 @ OTHERS
Doing the impossible just means doing it: the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases

Julie Jacobson

April 2, 2019
 from 18:00 - 19:30

Campus Merelbeke
 Auditorium 1 Maximum (entrance 22)
 Salisburylaan 133, Merelbeke

SESSION 7: SDG 2 @ 3
Sustainable Development Goals, nutrition and health: where are we now?

Habiba Hassan-Wassef

April 25, 2019
 from 17:00 - 18:30

Campus Heymans, Aud. 2
 Ottergemsesteenweg 460, Ghent

SESSION 8: SDG 1, 8, 12 @ OTHERS
The contribution of companies to the achievement of the SDG's in the Global South

Luc Bonte (Entrepreneurs for Entrepreneurs) @ Bram Callewier (Stoneasy.com)

May 6, 2019
 from 13:00 - 15:30

Campus Tweekerken, Aud. Quetelet
 Tweekerkenstraat 2, Ghent

SESSION 9: SDG 4
Education and Sustainable Development Goals

Sir Fraser Stoddart,
 Nobel Prize Laureate

May 20, 2019
 from 17:00 - 20:00

Campus Coupure, Aud. Dehoe
 Blok E, Coupure Links 653, Ghent



Registration:
www.ugent.be/sdgsessions

Global Minds Ghent University: pillars



5. Travel grants
for Ghent University master students

Other initiatives Global Minds

- Collaboration with Ondernemers voor Ondernemers: counseling & funding opportunity for Ghent University PhDs and postdocs wishing to start a business related to a VLIR-UOS country. First step:

DOCTORAL SCHOOL PLUNGE INTO YOUR OWN BUSINESS PLAN – 18, 19, 20 & 23 SEPTEMBER, 2019

EVENT ARCHIVE

NEXT EVENTS

- Preservation of m...
- DOCTORAL SCHOOL P...

WHAT: learn skills related to business and management, create your own business opportunity and develop a tailor-made business plan step by step

HOW: use a personal, practical business case to acquire the skills, that are theoretically taught.

"ideas are easy, but execution is everything"

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS



Thank you

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