

# University Development Cooperation:

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

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innovation  
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# Research Coordination Office – mission

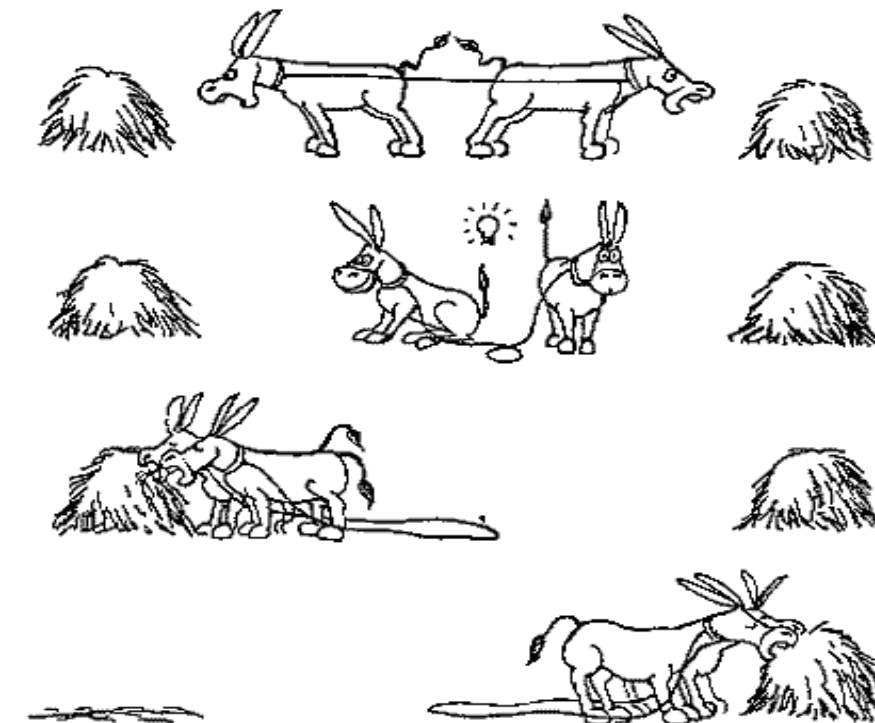
To **encourage** and **assist researchers** in their efforts to obtain financial means for their research plans by providing relevant and full **information on opportunities** (calls for proposals) and help with project writing and contract and financial management once the project is obtained





# 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!







**EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON TO CHANGE THE WORLD.**



- 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 (2015)

## 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**

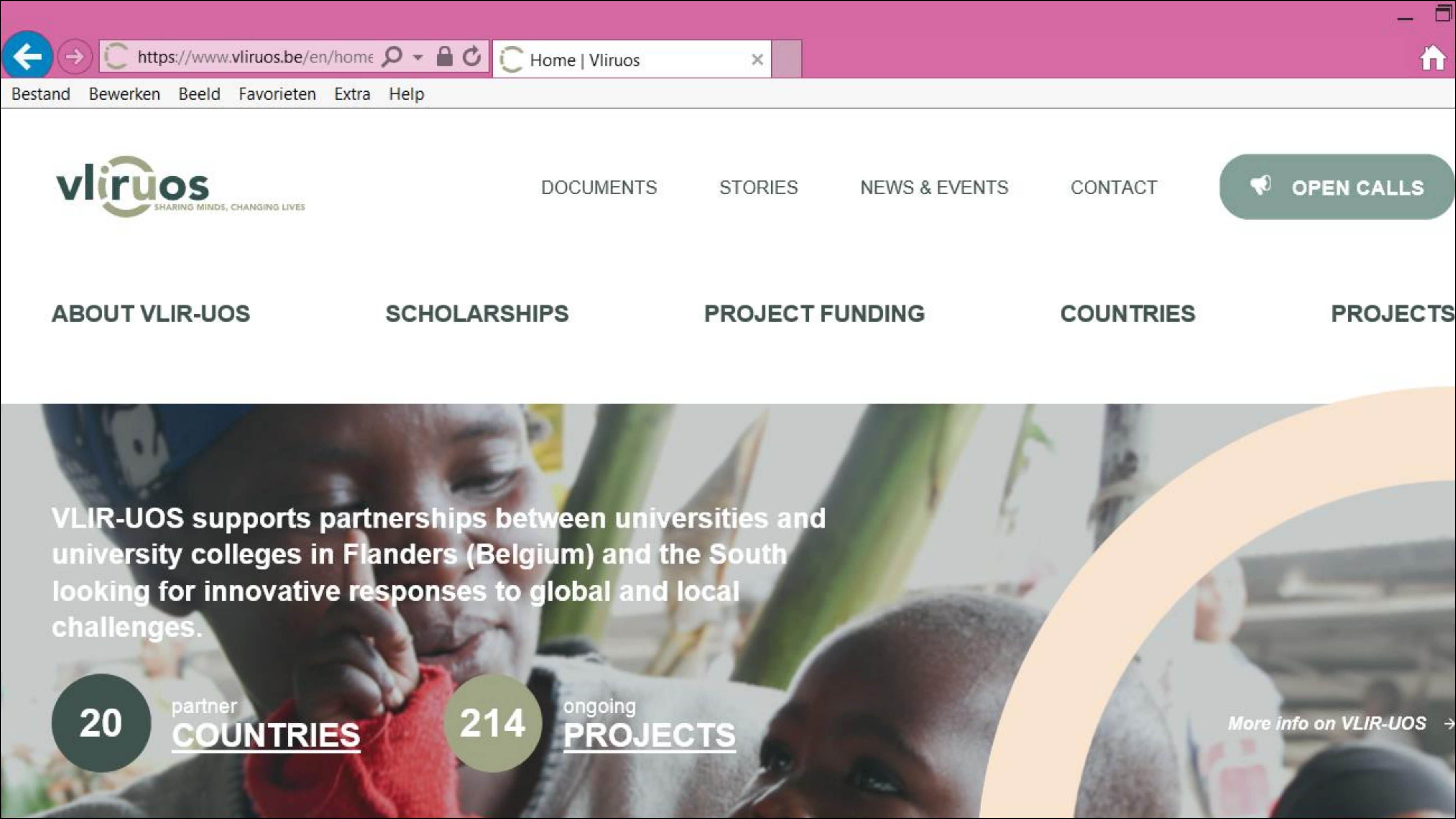


largest project budget  
**€ 521,076**



Total project budget  
**€ 17,474,892**





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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**PROJECT FUNDING**

**COUNTRIES**

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**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**

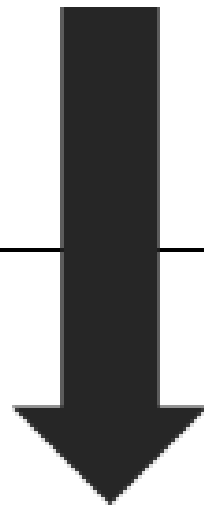
partner  
**COUNTRIES**

**214**

ongoing  
**PROJECTS**

*More info on VLIR-UOS* →

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



## 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.



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth**



**Goal 12: Responsible consumption, production**

- CROWD FUNDING
- MICROFINANCING
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- MORE EFFICIENT PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY CHAINS
- ENCOURAGE (SOCIAL) ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- ...



## Open Calls

### CALL SOUTH INITIATIVES AND JOINT 2020

South initiatives are departmental projects focusing on specific development problems. JOINT stands for JOINT (Inter)national Academic Networking and its projects are about academic exchange and networking in a broad national or international setting.

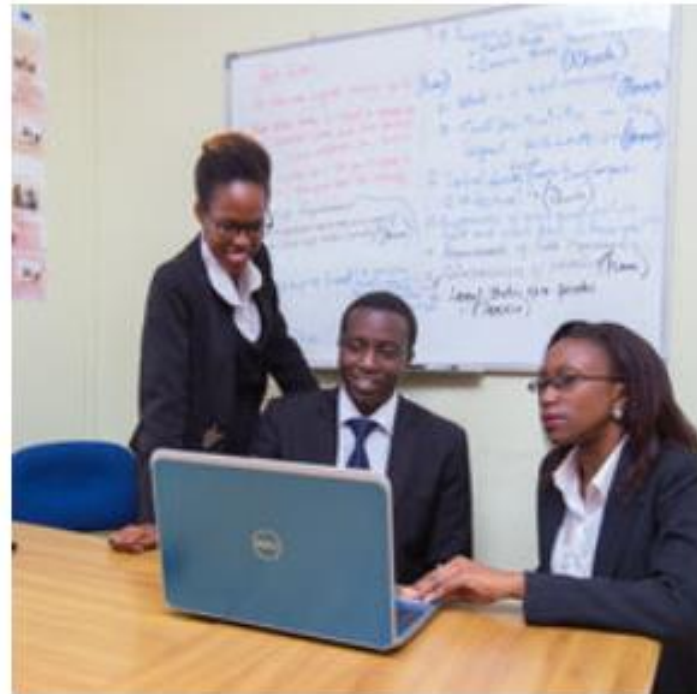
#### **Deadline**

4 June 2019, before 6 PM

[Guidelines and forms for submitting a proposal](#)

# THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



## Contact

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## Business Partnership Facility: Enterprises for SDGs

Support for 'civil society-enterprise' partnerships engaged in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in developing countries, financed by the Belgian Directorate-General for Development (DGD).

On the initiative of, and with financing from the Belgian DGD, the Business Partnership Facility (BPF) awards subsidies to support and develop private sector involvement in SDGs in developing countries.

### What does the BPF support ?

The BPF supports entrepreneurial partnerships between companies and actors from the Civil Society (CSO's) contributing to SDGs in developing countries on the [list of BIO-Invest](#).

Two types of results should be achieved simultaneously:

- Social impact: for example creation and maintenance of jobs, improvement in average income for families with low incomes, access to affordable goods and services for those on low incomes (by gender), inclusion and economic development of women and young people with low incomes, positive impact on the environment through saving resources, reducing CO2 emissions and by preserving biodiversity etc.
- Economic viability: partnerships must clearly explain how supported initiatives will become sustainable, present a competitive financial performance and show signs of potential scalability and replicability.

### How does the BPF support ?

Project proposals can only be submitted online via the website of the KBF when a call for projects is open.

Twice a year an independent jury will select the best projects.

Selected projects receive non-refundable funding between €50,000 to €200,000.

The partnership receiving support must demonstrate that it provides an amount equal or more to the amount received.

In total, there is a budget of €12mio available to support projects and to manage the calls during 5 years.

The [call for projects](#) has been launched and will close on the 9th of September 2019.



# 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

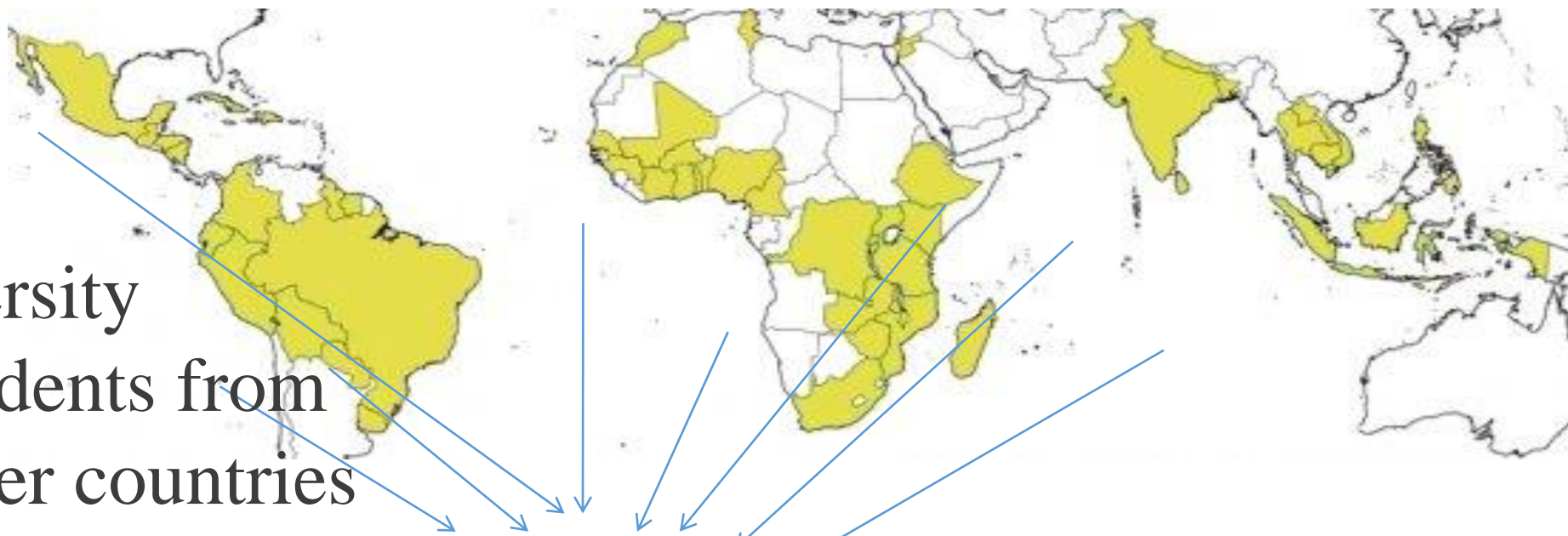
- Queen Mathilde: "You make a difference"
- Agreement on the future of Belgian development cooperation: impacts for VLIR-UOS
- Website for assistance to travellers Travellers Online redesigned

### 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

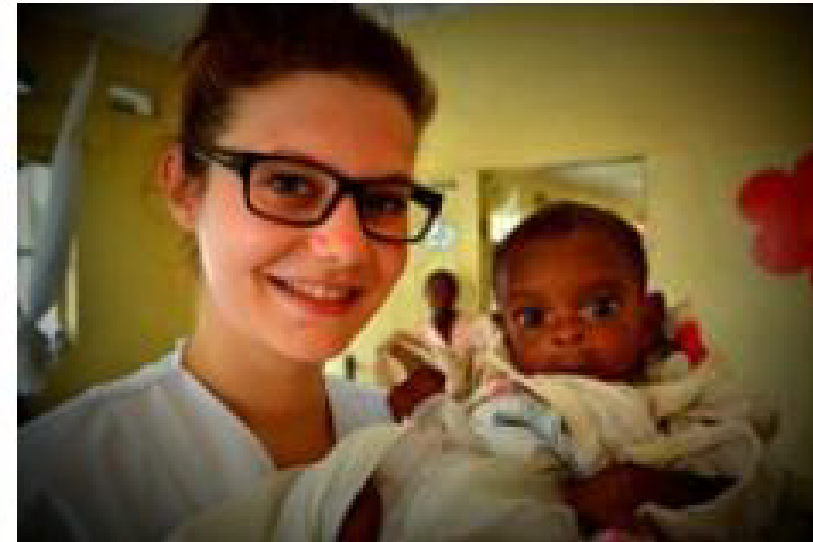




# ○ Scholarships and grants for Flemish/European students

## 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!!**  
**Check FCI**





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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

Thank you

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# GLOBAL MINDS

# GHENT UNIVERSITY

# 2017-2021

## Veerle Devriendt



**Belgium**  
partner in development



# 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 Verdoolaege



Barbara Claeys



Jean Dhont

## 1. Regional Platforms



Prof. Degomme



Prof. De Saeger



Prof. Vlassenroot

CAFRIN  
AT

Prof. Boeckx

## 2. International Thematic Networks (ITN)



Prof. Dewettinck  
GHENT UNIVERSITY



Prof. Slembrouck



Prof. Duchateau



Prof. Goethals

## 3. Strategic Institutional Partnerships (SIP)





# The AUGent Africa Platform and Flanders Investment & Trade present – “Annual Networking Event: investing in and collaborating with West Africa”

FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019

ROOM RECTOR VERMEYLEN | HET PAND | ONDERBERGEN 1, GHENT

- presentation by the ambassador of Nigeria
- contributions by the corporate sector, the NGO sector and the academic world on collaboration with West Africa
- Information on public-private partnership and EU funding in West Africa
- panel discussion with Claire Tillekaerts (CEO FIT), Daan Schalck (CEO North Sea Port), Jean Van Wetter (Director Belgian Development Agency Enabel) and Wim Van Camp (TechTransfer UGent)
- free networking lunch

Admission and reception are free but registration is required at  
<https://webappsx.ugent.be/eventManager/events/NetworkingWestAfrika>





SIP





# Global Minds Ghent University: pillars

## 4. Open calls



### 1. Operational grants:

- For PhD + postdoctoral researchers, up to €12.500
- New call for initiatives in 2020 will be launched in May/June

### 2. Capacity Building:

- Permanent call 2019 to prepare UDC project proposal is open for submission, up to €7.500
- New call 2020 for diverse range of initiatives (explorative missions, seminars, network events ...) for all Ghent University members will be launched in May, up to €15.000

### 3. Sensitizing Events:

- Permanent call 2019 is open for submission, up to €3.500
- New call for initiatives in 2020 will be launched in May, up to €3.500
- [www.ugent.be/sdgsessions](http://www.ugent.be/sdgsessions)

### 4. Short Research Stays:

- New call for stays of max, 90 days in 2020 will be launched in May, plane ticket not included

Information and list of selected projects: <https://www.ugent.be/globalmindsfund.htm>

## 5. Travel grants

for Ghent University master students



# 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. Dunantlaan 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:  
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