

## GLOBAL MINDS FUND ANNOUNCEMENT 2021

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### Announcement and application information

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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. By integrating development issues into education and research, the Global Minds Fund (GMF) strives to foster global citizenship and solidarity in society to better respond to global challenges.

This Global Minds Fund is a new approach designed as a programme that will increase the capacity of Flemish universities in knowledge, scientific approaches and technologies to sustain, improve and expand their collaboration with partners in the South (developing countries). A further aim of the programme is to sensitize academics and students to issues related to UDC.

Ghent University has therefore drawn up rules and regulations for the Global Minds Fund. This year, the Commission for Development Cooperation issues a call for proposals for four types of intervention:

1. Operational grants for doctoral and postdoctoral fellows
2. University Development Cooperation capacity building
3. Short Research Stays
4. Sensitizing events for the Ghent University community and its partners

The Global Minds Fund is addressed to all staff and students, whether new to the field of University Development Cooperation or already active in it.

This document concerns the following type of intervention:

### Part 4:

#### SENSITIZING EVENTS

#### FOR THE GHENT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND ITS PARTNERS

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Earliest starting date of the event: 1 January 2021

Submission deadline: 15 December, 2020 5:00pm (Belgian time)

## 1. Definition & objectives

The Global Minds Fund of Ghent University provides funding for events or actions that raise awareness among the Ghent University community (students, co-workers, other Ghent University stakeholders) about the challenges of developing countries in the wider context of global problems on the one hand, and on the approaches Ghent University is taking to tackle some of these problems on the other.

The [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) identified by the United Nations will be used as *guidance for themes* within this call.

Objectives:

The open call for Sensitizing Events (SEs) aims to:

1. Raise awareness about challenges in developing countries or development cooperation topics, projects or approaches,
2. among the Ghent University community,
3. preferably in collaboration with other stakeholders (City of Ghent, NGOs, University Colleges, Province of East-Flanders, industry, etc.).

The following are possible examples:

- A Ghent University platform organises an *information session and panel discussion* on environmental sustainability in Africa, in cooperation with the city of Ghent and an ONG.
- A faculty organises a *movie night* on 'The Devil's miner' about the life of Bolivian children working in the Cerro Rico mine of Potosi.
- A professor in rehabilitation sciences invites Handicap International to give a *workshop* about 'Disabilities in the South'.
- A student organises an event to bring students from Ghent University closer to students from developing countries. (e.g. a godmother/godfather system throughout the year, or a clothing swap event, etc.).
- A student association organises a travel night and asks their fellow students from developing countries to present their country with pictures, music and local food.
- A faculty organises a 'Run for SDGs'.

Moreover, an overview of the previously selected proposals GMF Sensitizing Events can be found on the website <https://www.ugent.be/globalminds>.

Ghent University was the first Flemish university to obtain the 'Fair Trade' label in 2015 and as we seek to continue our leading role in the University Fair Trade Campaign, Fair Trade events planned during the 'Fair Trade Week' will also be eligible to apply.

## 2. Available budget

Selected proposals will be granted a contribution *up to a maximum of € 3,500 per SE*. This grant is meant as an incentive to fund eligible types of costs of necessary and relevant activities to develop and carry out the initiative selected. The Committee for Development Cooperation (COS) can however decide to award a lower budget than requested in the proposal.

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

Proposals that do not meet the eligibility criteria will be rejected.

#### Eligibility of applicants

The promoter(s) must meet the following criteria.

Professors, researchers, lecturers, ATP staff and students who are affiliated with Ghent University can apply to this call on the condition that:

- they remain affiliated with the institution for at least the scheduled duration of the project;
- they have the required skills to successfully manage and lead the project;
- they are the (co-)organiser of the initiative.

A promoter can apply for different Ghent University Global Minds calls within the same year. For each Global Minds Call, the selection committee will select the proposals that best meet the formulated objectives.

Colleagues and fellow students from the Ghent University Association (HoGent, Howest, Arteveldehogeschool) can also participate in the SE as co-promoters in proposals submitted by Ghent University promoters.

A budget holder at the central administration will be appointed for students, PhDs and ATP-staff who are promoters of an initiative. This budget holder is the person who is mandated to make financial commitments on behalf of the institution. The promoter will be responsible for implementing the initiative.

Applicants not yet active in University Development Cooperation are encouraged to apply.

#### Eligibility: implementation period

The event must be organized between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, and the grant must be spent by 31 December 2021. No budget transfers will be possible to the next year.

#### Eligibility: thematic area

There must be a link between the thematic area of the proposal and at least one of the 17 [sustainable development goals](#) identified by the United Nations. In addition, the thematic area of the proposal needs to be related to development cooperation. The application form must clearly state how these requirements are met by the proposed event. The proposal will not be eligible if this justification is not provided. The selection commission will however be responsible for determining whether the arguments are sound and sufficient.

#### Eligibility: activities and related costs

Track must be kept of the actual individual expenditures and they must be recorded in the Ghent University analytical accountancy system, with duly supporting justifications. The budget can only be used to meet the project's objectives. If there are costs related to one or more specific countries, that country (or some of those countries) should be on the VLIR-UOS list of 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.

#### 4. Application procedure

Applications for Global Minds Sensitizing Events must be submitted in English.

Applications must be submitted on the forms provided at <http://www.ugent.be/globalminds>:

Imposed formats to be submitted: Annex 1: Application form

Applications for the Global Minds Sensitizing Events must be received by 15 December 2020 (5:00 pm Belgian time).

Applications must be submitted electronically to [GMaplications@UGent.be](mailto:GMaplications@UGent.be) (please use a pdf converted from the Word document and not a scanned pdf). The document must be named as follows: "SEGM\_Titleofyourapplication\_application". Please send the application form and annexes as separate PDF files<sup>1</sup>.

#### 5. Selection

##### Selection Criteria

For a Global Minds Sensitizing Events application to be complete, it must include the application form and the supplementary documents. To be eligible, the completed proposal must be received at the central administration by the specified closing date, the initiative must be planned in 2021 and it must be a non-profit event. The proposal must be development-related and strengthen Ghent University's university development cooperation capacity.

Selection criteria:

- \* ) the extent to which this initiative will contribute to development cooperation capacity building at Ghent University;
- \* ) the degree of focus on the challenges that developing countries are facing;
- \* ) the degree of focus on (at least one of) the SDGs;
- \* ) the extent to which the applicant(s) has(have) sufficient expertise with regard to the subject of the initiative;
- \* ) the extent to which a diverse audience is addressed and is involved in the subject of the initiative;
- \* ) the degree of cooperation with international development and/or local sensitizing partners (eg Ghent / the province / Flanders).

##### Selection Commission

Projects will be selected by the Committee for Development Cooperation (COS), based on the selection criteria.

##### Selection outcome

All promoters will receive an e-mail with the selection outcome by 15 January 2021. Details on the feedback procedure will be mentioned in that e-mail. A list of the initiatives selected will be published on the Ghent University website.

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## **6. Final report**

A final financial and narrative report on the achievements of the initiative must be submitted by 31 January 2022. The reports must be sent electronically to [GMreports@UGent.be](mailto:GMreports@UGent.be)

## **7. Information**

For further general information, please contact the Research Co-ordination office, e-mail [Liesbeth.Vandepitte@UGent.be](mailto:Liesbeth.Vandepitte@UGent.be), tel. + 32 9 264 95 55.

### **Abbreviations**

GMF	Global Minds Fund
UDC	University Development Cooperation
COS	Committee for Development Cooperation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals