

GLOBAL MINDS FUND ANNOUNCEMENT 2021

Announcement and application information

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 (COS) issues a permanent call for proposals for two types of intervention:

1. University Development Cooperation capacity building:
 - Explorative mission or visit to prepare a UDC project proposal with a partner institution, located in a country that is included in the VLIR-UOS list of countries. This call is addressed to staff who did not yet attract VLIR-UOS or other UDC funding, and to staff who already attracted VLIR-UOS or other UDC funding and wish to expand their research topic or country or region (within a VLIR-UOS country).
 - Funding of projects, students or researchers who have been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak: as the **COVID-19 outbreak** hindered collaboration with Southern partners due to travel bans, closure of labs, impossibility of data collection or field research ... , the permanent GM call 2021 covers unforeseen costs due to the COVID-19 outbreak (e.g. due to delayed travel) or additional costs of activities and reorientations intended to limit the hurdles caused by the COVID-19 outbreak within a running PhD, research or education project
2. Sensitizing events for the Ghent University community and its partners and funding for adjusted events with the intention to limit the consequences of the **COVID-19 outbreak**.

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 2:
SENSITIZING EVENTS
FOR THE GHENT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND ITS PARTNERS

Earliest starting date: 1 January, 2021 (retroactive costs possible)

First submission deadline: 7 February, 2021, 5:00 pm (Belgian time)¹

Second submission deadline: 17 May, 2021, 5:00 pm (Belgian time)

Third submission deadline: 27 August 2021, 5:00 pm (Belgian time)

Final submission deadline for proposals in 2021: 25 October 2021, 5:00pm (Belgian time)

¹ This is a permanent call with 3 deadlines in 2021. A selection committee will evaluate the received proposals and the selection will be submitted to every COS meeting in 2021. The next submission deadlines for selection are 7 February, 17 May, 27 August and 25 October 2021.

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'.
- Costs related to *webinars or virtual lectures* on development cooperation, SDG's, sensitization and so on.

Moreover, an overview of the selected proposals GMF Sensitizing Events 2017, 2018 , 2019 and 2020 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**. 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. The grant must be spent by 31 December 2021.

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 procedures

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

This is a permanent call, proposals for 2020 can be submitted until 25 October 2021 (5:00 pm Belgian time). A permanent selection committee deputed by the COS will evaluate the received proposals and pass its advice to the COS. The next submission deadlines for evaluation are 7 February, 17 May, 27 August and 25 October 2021 (5:00 pm Belgian time).

Applications must be submitted electronically to GMaplications@UGent.be (please use a pdf converted from the Word document and not a scanned pdf). The document must be named as follows: "SEPC_Titleofyourapplication_application". Please send the application form and annexes as separate PDF files².

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 2020 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.

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Selection outcome

All promoters will receive an e-mail with the selection outcome and feedback.

For proposals submitted by

- 7 February 2021, the outcome will be sent by 1 March 2021
- 17 May 2020, the outcome will be sent by 14 June 2021
- 27 August 2020, the outcome will be sent by 24 September 2021
- 25 October 2020, the outcome will be sent by 20 December 2021

A list of the initiatives selected will be published on the Ghent University website.

6. Final report

A final financial and narrative report on the achievements of the initiative, signed by the promoter, must be submitted by 31 January 2021. Reports must be presented on the required forms, which will be available on the University website <http://www.ugent.be/globalminds>. The reports must be sent electronically to GMreports@UGent.be.

7. Information

For further general information, please contact the Research Co-ordination office, e-mail Veerle.Devriendt@UGent.be, tel. + 32 9 264 30 35.

Abbreviations

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