

# GLOBAL MINDS FUND

## Call 2023

### Short Training Programmes (STP)

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#### Announcement and application information

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Since 2017, the Federal Government allocates funds, through the office of VLIR-UOS, to the Global Minds Fund (GMF) of Ghent University. GMF operates as driver of change for sustainable development, by producing and valorising relevant knowledge and expertise through mutually beneficial partnerships with and between (non-)academic actors in Belgium and partner countries. Each year the Commission for Development Cooperation (COS) is inviting proposals.

This call concerns:

#### Short Training Programmes (STP)

Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024

The deadline for submission is 1st of February 2024 at 23:59 Belgian time.

## 1. Purpose of the call

The UGent Global Minds Fund provides opportunities to the whole Ghent University community to collaborate with partners in the Global South in order to address the global challenges of sustainable development. GMF is designed as an 'innovator' programme that aims to (1) increase the production and application of innovative solutions to global challenges and (2) sustain, improve and expand equitable partnerships with actors in the Global South.

The Global Minds Fund is launching a new instrument: Short Training Programmes (STP). This instrument provides researchers and lecturers affiliated with Ghent University with an opportunity to integrate issues, themes, and expertise related to sustainable development challenges in the Global South into their training and educational activities.

The overarching objective of the Short Training Programmes is to strengthen the quality and relevance of training and educational programmes at Ghent University by bringing in perspectives and expertise from the Global South. This can be achieved in two ways:

1. integrating perspectives and expertise from the Global South in **already existing** short training/education programmes such as summer/winter schools, doctoral schools, bootcamps, BIPs, microcredentials, programmes of the academies for lifelong learning,...
2. developing **new** short training/education programmes with a specific focus on topics and issues pertaining to sustainable development challenges in the Global South.

Target audiences for the short training programmes can include PhD students and master students enrolled at Flemish universities, UGent staff, or professionals and practitioners based in Belgium. The Short Training Programmes target different audiences than the International Training Programme Projects (ITP) of VLIR-UOS. More information on the ITP-call of VLIR-UOS can be found [here](#).

## 2. Who can apply?

Professors, researchers and lecturers affiliated with Ghent University can be the promoter on the condition that:

- they remain affiliated with Ghent University for at least the scheduled duration of the project;
- they are the (co-)organizer of the proposed short training programme.

ATP staff that can act as a so-called "budget holder" are also eligible to apply.

PhD-students cannot act as promoter of an STP proposal.

### **Promoters can only submit one proposal.**

If the Short training Programme is developed and implemented with a partner in the Global South, a representative of the Global South partner can be included as co-promoter. This is optional, not a requirement. The Global South partner can be a higher education institution, research/policy institute, government body, nongovernmental organisation (NGO) or community based organisation (CBO).

## 3. Additional eligibility criteria

To be eligible for this call, the proposal must meet the following requirements:

1. The proposed training/training activities need to address the broader context of sustainable development challenges in the Global South, but there are no restrictions in terms of research fields or themes.
2. The proposed training/education activities take place at Ghent University.
3. A brief curriculum vitae (CV) of international lecturer(s)/expert(s) that will be involved in the STP should be submitted together with the application form. There are no restrictions in terms of nationality/residence of the invited lecturer(s)/expert(s), but they should have demonstrable expertise in relation to the proposed STP.

## 4. Available budget and conditions

The maximum amount of the grant is € 25.000.

The grant must be spent between 1 April 2024 and 31 August 2025.

Costs that can be covered by this fund are restricted by VLIR-UOS financial guidelines and general Ghent University rules.

Only activity-related costs can be covered with the grant, which include operational as well as mobility costs. No scholarships can be covered with the grant.

With justification, personnel costs can be accepted.

More details on the financial guidelines and examples of eligible project expenses can be found [here](#).

The budget holder<sup>1</sup> is required to keep track of the actual individual expenditures and record them in the Ghent University analytical accountancy system, with duly supporting justifications.

A narrative as well as financial report will have to be submitted after project completion.

## 5. How to apply

Proposals should be submitted by 1 February 2024, 23:59 Belgian time.

Applications must be submitted by the Ghent University promoter.

Applications are submitted via [GMaplications@UGent.be](mailto:GMaplications@UGent.be) (please use a pdf converted from the Word document and not a scanned pdf).

The following documents need to be submitted:

1. application form, which can be downloaded [here](#)
2. brief curriculum vitae (CV) of visiting lecturers/experts (free format, maximum two pages)

The document must be named as follows: "Promoter's last name\_STP\_2023\_application".

## 6. Assessment

Project proposals will be reviewed and selected by a selection commission composed of members of the WOS.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria	Descriptors
Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the proposed STP engages with sustainable development challenge(s) in the Global South</li><li>• the proposal convincingly demonstrates that there is a particular need or demand for the proposed STP</li></ul>
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the proposal adequately describes the objectives and expected outcomes</li><li>• the proposed training/teaching activities are feasible and likely to contribute to the intended objectives and results</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> The budget holder is the person who is mandated to make financial commitments on behalf of the institution. This person can but is not necessarily the same person as the promoter. Promoters without financial responsibility ("*budgethouderschap*") need to appoint a budget holder or will be appointed a budget holder by the Research Co-ordination Office. The promoter will be responsible for project implementation.

Added value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the added value of the proposed STP for Ghent University and intended target audiences is adequately demonstrated throughout the proposal</li><li>• the proposal identifies potential synergies/complementarities with other initiatives, partnerships, projects or teaching activities at Ghent University</li></ul>
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All promoters will receive an e-mail with the selection outcome and feedback during the last week of February 2024.

## 7. More information

For more information about this call, please contact the GMF coordinator, Steven Schoofs, via [steven.schoofs@ugent.be](mailto:steven.schoofs@ugent.be).