

GLOBAL MINDS FUND

Call 2025

Research/Education Stays in the Global South for doctoral fellows

Financial guidelines

1. General guidelines

Costs that can be covered by this fund are restricted by Global Minds [VLIR-UOS guidelines](#) and general Ghent University rules.

The Global Minds fund only covers expenses related to activities that take place in Belgium or one of the countries as listed in the table below.

Africa	Asia	Latin America
Benin	Morocco	Bangladesh
Burkina Faso	Mozambique	Cambodia
Burundi	Niger	India
Cameroun		Indonesia
DR Congo	Senegal	Palestina
Ethiopia	South Africa	Philippines
Guinee	Tanzania	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Uganda	Vietnam
Kenya	Zambia	
Madagascar	Zimbabwe	

2. Eligible project expenses

The table below provides an overview of eligible budget categories as well as examples of project expenses that are allowed.

Please note that the purchase of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and derivative products is not allowed.

Budget Category	Eligibility	Examples
Investment costs	Allowed in exceptional cases with motivation	
Operational costs	Allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs for international travel (incoming & outgoing)• Accommodation (in Belgium and Global South)• Local travel costs as well as local per diems• Costs associated with dissemination of information such as workshops, seminars, events,...• Service contracts (e.g. for research assistants)• Research related costs such as lab analysis, fieldwork costs,...
Personnel costs	Not allowed	/
Scholarship costs	Not allowed	/

3. International travel: accommodation and per diem

The international per diem is a daily compensation to cover living expenses when traveling abroad.

An overview of per diems amount and hotel allowances per country can be found [here](#).

VLIR-UOS has a strict set of rules with regard to per diems. For **research stays longer than 21 days, the daily allowance is reduced to maximum 60%**, to be applied from the first day on. The maximum rates for hotels as listed on the VLIR-UOS website also apply for long stays, though VLIR-UOS expects any project to be managed in line with the general principles of economy, and find more cost-efficient options.

Please note that VLIR-UOS guidelines stipulate that an international per diem is only allowed for doctoral fellows with a research/education stay in a country other than their country of residence.

Doctoral fellows with a research/education stay in their country of residence can only receive a local per diem (maximum 25 EUR/day). In addition, accommodation costs will have to be motivated as part of the proposal.