

GLOBAL MINDS FUND

Call 2025

Sensitizing Events

For the Ghent University community and its partners

Announcement and application information

Since 2017, the Federal Government allocates funds, through the office of VLIR-UOS, to the Global Minds Fund (GMF) of Ghent University. The 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. In addition, the GMF aims to create a conducive environment for Ghent university students, staff and alumni to act as critical global citizens. Each year the working group UGlobal is inviting proposals.

This call concerns:

Sensitizing Events

Starting from 1st of January 2025

Permanently open call

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, (2) sustain, improve and expand equitable partnerships with actors in the Global South, and (3) create a conducive environment for Ghent university students, staff and alumni to act as critical global citizens.

This call targets all members of the Ghent University community (students, researchers, staff, alumni) that want to organise events or actions with the objective to sensitise and engage a Ghent University audience on issues related to sustainable development challenges in the Global South.

Some 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 NGO.
- 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 the Global South 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 sustainable development-related issues.

For more inspiration, an overview of the selected proposals GMF Sensitizing Events of previous years can be found [here](#).

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.

Involving external stakeholders (e.g. city of Ghent, NGOs, universities of applied sciences and arts, Province of East-Flanders, private sector, etc.) in the organisation of an event or action is considered a plus.

2. Who can apply

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 are the (co-)organiser of the initiative.

Colleagues and fellow students from the Ghent University Association (HoGent, Howest, Arteveldehogeschool) can also participate 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.

3. Budget and conditions

Selected proposals will be granted a contribution **up to a maximum of € 3,500**. However, the working group 'UGlobal' can decide to award a lower budget than was requested in the proposal.

The promoter or budget holder is required to keep track of the actual individual expenditures and record them in the Ghent University analytical accountancy system, with duly supporting justifications. The budget can only be used to achieve the project's objectives.

No budget transfers will be possible to the next budget year.

A final report on the outcomes of the event will have to be submitted within 4 weeks after completion. The template for the report will be provided to the promoter upon approval of the proposal.

4. How to apply

This is a permanently open call, which means that for the academic year of 2024-2025, there are 2 submission deadlines left:

- 13 March 2025 (5:00 pm Belgian time) – 1 week before the UGlobal of 20 March 2025
- 12 June 2025 (5:00 pm Belgian time) – 1 week before the UGlobal of 19 June 2025

There is only one application form to be submitted, which can be downloaded [here](#).

Applications must be submitted electronically to GMapapplications@UGent.be (please use a pdf converted from the Word document and not a scanned pdf). The document for submission must be named as follows: "SE_Titleofyourevent_application".

5. Assessment

The proposals will be reviewed and selected by the working group 'UGlobal'.

The proposals will be reviewed on the basis of:

- quality and relevance of the proposed event;
- value for money with regard to the size and diversity of the target audience;
- the extent to which external stakeholder are involved in the event (this is not compulsory, but considered a plus!)

The results will be communicated as soon as possible by email.

6. More information

For more information about this call, please contact the Research Co-ordination office: Liesbeth.Vandepitte@UGent.be or Steven.Schoofs@UGent.be.