Network Grants; Met Office

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Global Challenges Research Fund Networking Grants

The awards provide up to £25,000 over 1 year to hold networking events, supporting collaborations between developing countries and the UK looking at global challenges.

See https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/gcrf-networking-grants for past examples.



Observations

The scheme is run by AMS (through their FlexiGrant) on behalf of all the academies (**confusingly** the RS documentation tells you to look at *their* FlexiGrant scheme, but its wrong):

https://acmedsci.flexigrant.com/

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 21 March 2018 (two rounds/year are planned)

The overseas researcher must be the lead applicant and therefore must start the application. The UK-based researcher must then be added as a co-applicant.

Apparently, both need ORCIDs not difficult to get, but necessary to start the process: https://orcid.org/register.



Observations (2)

JHDs experience with FlexiGrant is that one should

- Warm up both UK and overseas HoD in advance, and find out if theyre going to be away at signature time, and use acting HoD details if necessary
- Check admin procedures: central university needs to sign off (at least at UK end)
- Note that signoff requires a COMPLETE grant, so allow several days for the procedure.



Met Office (not here because of the weather)

"We are interested in involvement, but we are not in a position to lead (and strictly speaking probably not eligible to do so).

The main challenge for us is that we have a limited amount of staff time available, and lots of potential routes to involvement, so we are having to be quite ruthless in prioritising our involvement to avoid overcommitting."



Climate Products

"We have various sets of regional downscaled projections — where these are available is determined by where we have worked in the past. These have been produced using our regional climate modelling capability, which is a key tool for providing detailed information on regional to local scales. Alongside the modelling side of things, we also have an extensive network of in-country contacts, often through national meteorological and hydrological services, and lots of experience in stakeholder engagement in country."



Products

Existing data sets

Global projections
Regional projections for some regions
Observations

Briefing reports

Derived products

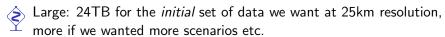
Statistical analysis Maps and graphs Weather generator

New data sets and products

Additional ensembles of regional projections Higher resolution local projections Marine and coastal projections Impact assessments Stakeholder focussed analysis

Notes on the product in ZED-I

- + 12km or 25km resolution, out to 2100.
- Typically based on a 360-day year
- Coordinate frame chosen so equator passed through centre of region of interest
- + Conversion routines available
- ++ Great cooperation



- Met office will buy discs and ship them: security policies :-(

