

GU8 Researcher Mobility Fund – Call Three

The GU8 Consortium are delighted to announce an exciting funding opportunity which aims to support collaborative, academic research between GU8 Consortium members and enhance their global research and knowledge exchange (KE) networks.

Established in 2004, the GU8 Consortium is a network of international higher education institutions based in port cities. Current members include:

- Inha University (South Korea)
- Xiamen University (China)
- Universite Le Havre, Normandie (France)
- Universiti Malaysia Perlis (Malaysia)
- University of Hull (United Kingdom)
- Universiti of Fortaleza (Brazil)

For this call we have allocated \$37k exclusively for compelling strategic proposals which require international cooperation across the network to address major industrial, economic and societal challenges in port cities and their environments. Guidance on the levels of funding available and the allocation process is provided.

This initiative aims to advance worldwide knowledge in the Consortium's three interdisciplinary areas, namely:

1. Global Business
2. Environmental sustainability and renewable energy
3. Maritime affairs and logistics

Proposals should include on practical workshops, field or archive work, bid-writing, or other active research activities and discussions; the focus should be on presenting a high-quality research idea or Knowledge Exchange concept, which aligns with the key objectives of the GU8 Consortium. Furthermore, proposals should identify multiple partners within the network.

Clarity is crucial! Proposals must outline clear pathways to desired outcomes, encompassing specific project work, joint seminars or conferences, publications, grant awards, industry contracts, and more. Anticipated outcomes should result in significant progress in sustainable, collaborative research partnership.

Individual researchers or groups are welcome to submit proposals which must be endorsed by their university. Proposals must also include a team of participants from two or more members of the Consortium and must include Early- and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR) and, where possible, PhD or masters by research students and postdocs. Interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged and highly valued.

Funding is unlikely to be prioritised for the attendance of other conference events, unless the proposal outlines a clear follow-up plan, supports early career researchers, demonstrates that no other more suitable funding sources and the application clearly outlines to benefits of attendance to the Consortium.



The call for funding is now open and will close on 24 September 2025.

Funding award decisions will be communicated to all applicants within four weeks of the call deadline. Please note that all awarded funds (and activity taken place) must be spent by 3 July 2026.

The Consortium Secretariat and the GU8 representative at your home university is available to provide guidance on whether your proposed activity aligns with this scheme, and to assist you in developing your application.

Expressions of interest in applying for funding should be sent to the Consortium Secretariat at globalstrategy@hull.ac.uk

The GU8 will also hold a webinar on Tuesday 15 July 2025 for anyone interested in applying for the Fund. [Click here to register your attendance.](#)