
HIGHER EDUCATION LINKS - GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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1. Background

Tackling global challenges – such as extreme weather conditions, urbanisation, access to affordable health care, food and energy security and meeting the social and economic needs of a growing population – requires an integrated approach bringing together communities from different disciplines, sectors and countries in high-quality collaborations. The British Council aims to build UK-Argentina collaborations centred on specific regional development challenges which have direct relevance to Argentina's social welfare and economic policy.

The Argentine Higher Education agenda points that universities with a regional scope, are required in the areas of human resources training, research, technological development and innovation with programs and networks in different academic areas that contribute to the creation and consolidation of science and technology parks or cities of knowledge.

Higher Education institutions (HEIs) should therefore transform the ways in which they combine teaching, training and research, transfer knowledge in applications and society. Universities must provide students with the skills, competencies and learning outcomes needed to get access to better jobs and improve their chances for social mobility.

Accordingly, HEIs need to adapt the content and the structure of their programmes as well as the forms in which they operate to truly support local socio-economic development. These institutions should prioritize the updating and profiling of teaching staff, directors of studies and research centres in order to be ready for such a task. Having access to international expertise could support this strategy and trigger international partnerships for future collaboration.

The British Council Higher Education Links Programme is designed to establish institutional links beyond the individual level, in order to open up opportunities for more sustainable, regional development academia and government collaborations engaging with the private and third sector.

2. Overview of the funding opportunity

British Council Higher Education Links provide small-scale seed funding for high quality collaborations between the UK Institutions and Argentine Universities and other Higher Education Institutions to:

- **Coordinate a workshop to be carried out in Argentina with the aim of developing a joint proposal that will help Higher Education Institutions to expand their role as platforms for regional development with a global focus.**
- **Deliver an innovative and replicable final proposal to be implemented at a regional level, enabling engagement from the wider economic or social development regional actors.**

The Higher Education Links Programme is designed to be flexible and responsive to Argentina country needs, allowing applicants to establish collaborations on specific areas linked to regional

priorities and economic or social development demands, and to bring in relevant public, private and third sector partners.

Grants range up to £10,000 to develop a proposal of a collaborative project in Argentina.

For best fit to the local context and development needs, please refer to Annex 1 specific guidance **before** you prepare your proposal. Proposals which do not take into account these guidelines **will not be considered for funding**.

3. Scope of the programme

Grants under the British Council Higher Education Links programme allow Argentine Higher Education Institutions to collaborate internationally and gain access to UK expertise, in order to strength their role in society not only as academic units but also as regional development drivers and enable them to translate their institutional efforts into economic and societal benefit.

All UK - Argentina projects funded by this programme will:

- **Establish links, or significantly develop existing links, between Argentine Higher Education Institutions and UK institutions with the potential for longer term sustainable collaborations.** A key aim of the collaboration will be to support Higher Education Institutions, as well as to stimulate longer-term links between the UK and Argentina to promote regional development.
- **Contribute to capacity building of workshop participants.** The proposal must include a description of how the workshop will contribute to the personal and professional development of the participants. Applicants should indicate how they envisage this occurring, specifying which specific development area participants will be focus on.
- **Support the development of bilateral projects aimed to achieve a specific regional development goal in Argentina.** Through this collaboration it is expected that Argentine Higher Education Institutions benefit from UK expertise on a selected priority area, and use the collaboration as a platform to integrate their institutional goals into the regional social and economic development agenda. Please see Annex 1 for a definition of the priority areas selected for this call.
- **Promote the inclusion of Higher Education Institutions in a wider regional development agenda.** We would encourage applicants to use project proposals as an opportunity to engage with the governmental, commercial and not-for-profit sectors or any other relevant actor involved in social or economic development initiatives, including universities, small- and medium enterprises (SMEs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), technology transfer offices and other not-for-profit organisations.
- **Focus on topics or themes which have relevance to the economic development and social welfare of Argentina.** Higher Education Links grants are intended to support areas relevant to the economic development and social welfare in Argentina and specific regions within the country.

4. Relevance to economic development and social welfare

For the purpose of the Higher Education Links Programme, we define development relevance as collaborations that have the potential to contribute to the economic development and social welfare of low income and vulnerable populations in Argentina. In order to be considered for funding under this programme, **all proposals must clearly articulate a plausible pathway to positive impact on these populations within a short to medium-term timeframe (3-15 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion cannot receive Higher Education Links funding.**

In order to show development relevance within the context of their proposed project, applicants are encouraged to include reference to any local or national consultation, links to government policies,

and any links with government institutions.

5. Eligibility

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria in order to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

- Each proposal must have one applicant from the UK **and** one applicant from Argentina.
- Applicants in Argentina must be based at:
 - A not-for-profit Higher Education Institution with a record as a regional development promoter agent, including Universities and Research Centres.
- Applicants in the UK must be based at:
 - A not-for-profit Institution with a record as an international development promoter agent, including: Universities, Research Centres, Public Offices and NGOs.
- The proposal must clearly articulate how the Argentine Higher Education Institution will support social or economic development in a specific region and how the collaboration with the UK institution will bring value to this activity.
- Both of the Applicants Institutions (the 'Lead Institutions') must have the capacity to administer the grant.
- Organisations affiliated to UK higher education institutions (e.g. an overseas campus) may be the Argentine Lead Institution provided that other eligible higher education institutions or research organisations not directly affiliated with UK higher education institutions in the country are involved as Associated Partners.
- Organisations cannot apply as Lead Institutions in links with their affiliates.

Only one application per Argentine applicant can be eligible for funding. However, UK applicants may participate in more than one Higher Education Links funded project. They would need to demonstrate in their proposal that they and their working groups have sufficient capacity to undertake the activities.

Eligibility checks will be applied to all proposals on receipt. Please see Annex 2 for a full list of eligibility criteria. Proposals which are not led by recognised not-for-profit Institutions will be rejected during these checks. If you are unsure about your organisation's eligibility, please contact the British Council Argentina office.

6. Workshop

- **Location:** Workshop sessions will take place at the Argentine Lead Institution's main location. However, if there is a compelling reason for the workshop sessions to take place in a different venue, this should be detailed in the proposal.
- **Duration:** The minimum duration of workshop sessions is 3 days and the maximum duration is 5 days.
- **Timing:** Workshop must take place between February 20, 2018 and March 31, 2018.
- **Language:** Workshops will be held in English. Consideration should be given to non-English language speakers and interpreting services should be budgeted.

7. Final project

In order to ensure a lasting impact of projects, it is expected that each UK-AR collaboration will submit a final proposal or “Anteproyecto de Colaboración” where more specific activities will be designed in order to secure the continuation and sustainability of the collaboration.

- **Submission:** A final proposal resulting from workshop sessions must be submitted within 15 days after the workshop.
- **Digital content:** Both the workshop outcomes and the final proposal must be disseminated using digital tools, including but not limited to an exclusive website for the bi-national collaboration.
- **Impact:** Final proposals should demonstrate a positive impact on the role that Higher Education Institutions in Argentina play on the regional development agenda with a global focus.
- **Language:** Final proposals should be submitted in English.

8. Funding available

Higher Education Links grants are intended to support the direct travel and translation costs of establishing and operating UK- Argentina collaborations for regional development. The following section details the costs that can and cannot be included in budgets project proposals.

Selected proposals will be awarded for up to £10,000 to cover the travel expenses of “UK experts” and/or a “UK workshop coordinator” from UK Applicant Institutions to participate in a series of workshop sessions to be run in Argentina according to the guidelines set in Annex 1. Additionally, funds awarded may also be used to cover translation costs for bi-national working sessions and for all documents related to Higher Education Links collaborations.

Please complete the budget summary on the application form. Consider that **a condition for accessing funds from the Higher Education Links programme is that match funding is secured from applicants.** In kind contribution can be considered match funding if it falls into one of the categories specified below.

Funds will be disbursed directly to the Argentine Lead Institution(s) according to the approved budget breakdown, which may then disburse the grant to the UK Lead Institution(s) for applicable expenses. British Council will reserve the right to award only institutions that can receive grants from diplomatic entities in Argentina and only to working groups that agree to submit the deliverables required in Annex 1 of this call.

Higher Education Links grants **can cover:**

- Travel (economy class) and subsistence costs in line with British Council policies and the criteria detailed in Annex 1.
- Visa fees, vaccinations, medical insurance for travel essential to the collaboration.
- Written translations and interpretation services.

Higher Education Links match funding from applicant institutions, including in kind contributions, **can cover:**

- Operational Costs, including:
 - Workshop sessions integral to the collaboration (e.g. short-term room hire, projector, flip charts).
 - Planning and logistics, including local transportation.
 - Basic catering costs associated with events directly relating to the collaboration.
 - Consumables.

- Bank charges for transfer of funds from the Argentine Lead Institution to the UK Lead Institution to cover travel and subsistence costs (if applicable).
- Communication, publishing (including web page development by external providers, if appropriate) and other promotional activities directly related to the collaboration.
- The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity and will consider, on a case by case basis, requests for additional support for individuals involved in Higher Education Links activity, so long as sufficient justification is provided.

Higher Education Links projects **cannot cover**:

- Purchase or rental of equipment.
- Costs relating to the construction and/or procurement of physical infrastructure.
- Mobile phone rental or purchase.
- Entertainment costs.

Please contact British Council Argentina if you have questions regarding expenses that the Higher Education Links Programme can and cannot cover.

Funding, if approved, begins from signature of the Grant Agreement by the British Council. Expenses incurred by the institutions prior to the effective start date, including any costs incurred in the production of the proposal, cannot be charged to the grant.

To ensure value for money, Higher Education Links budget should cover only costs that are essential, appropriate and relevant to the collaboration. The proposal should maximise cost share through direct and indirect institutional contributions, other funding sources and private sector support. Please include in your application form the amounts for:

- Funds applicants will be contributing from their own funds, including monetary and in kind contributions.
- Funds applied for from other sources in support of the collaboration; please clarify the status of the funding applications (i.e. successful; decision pending, and indicate when you will know the outcome of any pending applications).

Match funding must be equivalent to the amount of funding requested from the Higher Education Links programme, either of cash or in kind. Please note that the origin of the matched funding cannot be the UK Government, including funds received from Funding Councils or Research Councils UK.

9. Payment of the grant

Grants for Higher Education Institutional Links workshop will be paid in 2 instalments: a 90% pre-financing payment will be paid within 30 days of signature of the “Grant Agreement”, and 10% post-workshop payment or recovery of the balance on approval by the British Council of a final report.

If the workshop has not been delivered as planned, or if fewer participants attended than originally envisaged, resulting in a reduction in costs, the final payment may be withheld and if necessary a proportion of the grant recovered. The Higher Education Links Grant Agreement will be signed by Argentina’s applicant and the grant paid to the Argentine Lead Institution. The grant recipient that signs the agreement will then be responsible for the management of the grant, including financial reporting. The final terms will be communicated to successful applicants.

Funding offered under the Higher Education Links programme is intended as a **contribution** towards the costs of the workshop. Applicants are expected to add either a financial or in-kind contribution

towards the overall cost of the workshop by dedicating financial resources and their time to the planning and delivery of the workshop.

10. Reporting

Applicants must submit follow up reports during the length of the collaboration, and a final report within 15 days after the workshop. Report templates will be sent to successful applicants as part of the grant agreement and will include financial and narrative sections. (Please see Annex 1 for more details).

Individual workshop participants will be asked to complete an online baseline survey, and a post workshop feedback questionnaire. Successful applicants will be asked to send the link to the baseline survey to their participants and also to administer the post-workshop questionnaire.

11. Ethics and integrity

It is essential that all legal and professional codes of practice are followed in conducting work supported under this Programme. Applicants must ensure the proposed activity will be carried out to the highest standards of ethics and integrity. In the application form, they must clearly articulate how any potential ethical issue (for example, if there's work with under-age students, workshop coordinators should abide to the British Council Child Protection Policy) and health and safety issues (for example, if a field visit is included in the programme, work in a laboratory in dangerous conditions or if one of the visitors falls ill during the visit) have been considered and how they will be addressed, ensuring that all necessary ethical approval and health and safety risk assessments are in place before the project commences to minimise risks. Failure to do so will result in applications being rendered ineligible and any funding already committed through this Programme being rescinded. Please contact British Council Argentina for further guidance.

12. Diversity

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all our activities. This includes avoidance of bias due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. The British Council encourages applications from people from under-represented groups. Please include requests for such support in the budget submitted with your application.

Please contact us for further information on funding, and for more on the British Council's approach, see our Equality Policy at: https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/equality_policy_1.doc.

13. Submission process

The submission deadline is **16:00 hours. Argentina time on 18 December 2017**. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

Applicants **must** submit a completed application form. This can be downloaded at: www.britishcouncil.org.ar/programas/educacion/convocatoria-higher-education-links or www.britishcouncil.org/ar/en/programmes/education/call-higher-education-links

Submissions will be sent by email to HELlinks.Argentina@britishcouncil.org. There are strict character limits for each section which cannot be exceeded. In addition to the application form, applicants are required to send:

- Letters of support from the UK and Argentina Applicants' Institutions, on letter headed paper, signed by a Head of Department expressing specific commitment to the proposed project. Please note that supporting letters must not be signed by the applicants. The letters of support

will be accepted in English for UK institutions and in Spanish for Argentine Institutions.

Once the application is submitted, British Council Argentina will generate a unique application ID number which will be sent with the confirmation of application reception. Applicants should note this number and use it in all communications with the British Council. Applicants who have not received this ID number should contact British Council Argentina.

14. Selection process

Selection begins with an eligibility check by British Council Argentina against the eligibility criteria given in these Guidelines, including Annex 1 and the Eligibility Checklist.

Eligible proposals then undergo independent external quality assessment and scoring by at least two evaluators according to criteria specified in Annex 3.

Additionally, a review of development relevance against Official Development Assistance (ODA) definitions established by the OECD will be performed. All proposals must clearly articulate a plausible pathway to positive impact of the collaboration on the lives of low-income populations and to a contribution to the economic development and social welfare of Argentina within a reasonable timeframe (3-15 years). If the proposal is deemed not to meet this essential criterion, it will be rejected however high the quality of the proposal.

Proposals will be rated on a total score between 0 and 60. Those receiving a final score less than 30 will be considered not fundable. However, achieving an average score equal to or above the threshold does not imply that the proposal will be funded.

Applicants whose application is rejected at the eligibility stage may have 3 days to appeal against the decision. Selected proposals ID numbers will be published on the programme web page and **successful applicants will be notified on 22 December 2017 via e-mail.**

Only proposals which have clearly articulated relevance to regional economic development and social welfare (as defined in section 4) will be considered for funding.

15. Data protection

As part of the application form, the British Council will ask applicants' permission to:

- Use the information provided in the application for processing the application, making any consequential award, for the award payment, monitoring, maintenance and review of the award. Information will be shared with national Programme partners for the purpose of selection and monitoring of the award.
- Make information on the successful applications available to the public on their website and other publicity, and in reports and documents.
- Contact applicants in the future to inform them about future British Council opportunities.

Under UK Data Protection laws applicants have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on them, for which we may charge a fee, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. More information on this is available on the British Council data protection webpage (<http://www.britishcouncil.org/home-data-protection.htm>). Alternatively, it can be requested from the local British Council office or the Data Protection Team.

16. Applicant screening

In order to comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant nor any of the applicant's employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

- as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings;
- as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime;
- as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body;
- as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or
- as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.
- If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Council with all information reasonably requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches.

17. Contact details

All queries or comments about this call should be addressed to the Higher Education Links email address: **HELinks.Argentina@britishcouncil.org**

APPENDIX 1: SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Collaboration purpose:

Deliver a bi-national proposal outlining a plan to increase the Argentine Applicant contribution as a strategic player on the regional development agenda. This final proposal must be the product of a series of workshop sessions coordinated both by the Argentine Applicant and the UK Applicant. The workshop and resulting final proposals should benefit from UK Applicant experience in regional development or the priority area selected. Collaborations will contribute to link the Argentine Applicant to other relevant institutions, including other universities in the region. It is expected that the final proposal will positively impact social and/or economic development variables at a regional level as well as the participant institutions at an organizational level.

Collaboration priority areas:

The applicant institutions can collaborate in at least one of the following priority areas:

- **Student employability & competitiveness:** These collaborations are expected to include a workshop where the Lead Institutions will share best practices to build a final project aimed to improve student employability and to develop student competencies responding to the local and regional industry needs. If applicable, the final proposed project will focus on very specific skills (i.e. skills that are relevant to the local economy) and/or a potential revision of the institutions' curricula that could reflect the needs of the local industry. We expect that the UK expertise will bring value beyond the use of English language skills and the traditional summer training, and instead will focus on transferable skills in specific sectors that are relevant to the socio-economic regional development and on training opportunities that are not easily available in Argentina.
- **Research & development:** It is expected for Argentine Lead Institutions to host a workshop with UK Lead Institutions that have track record in R&D, innovation management and/or knowledge transfer activities to develop a final project which potentially trigger the local institutions R&D agenda for the benefit of the local and regional socio-economic development. This collaboration should help to align the R&D agenda to the local government priorities for socio-economic development. The focus is on the development of skills and capacity to align agendas and develop the link between the institution and regional priorities, with holistic impact on the regional innovation ecosystem, and not only in a specific research area. For example, strategies to align university work with local economic needs, but not a programme to develop new specific research projects.
- **Social innovation & inclusion:** There are two potential angles for this type of proposals. Firstly, proposals for social innovation projects should articulate a workshop that will focus on sharing best practices and develop a final project for social strategies improvements in the region (i.e. working with indigenous population, women, children, local entrepreneurs, homeless people, clean energies, water sanitisation, and food security). Secondly, proposals for inclusion in higher education will have to demonstrate that they will foster the inclusion of disadvantaged students in the Higher Education system in the region and ease the accessibility to higher education through different strategies like distance education, blended courses, among others.

The content of the workshop and its resulting final proposal must include innovative and replicable regional development initiatives within the global context.

Project guidelines:

Workshop

- Workshop coordinators
 - At least two workshop coordinators must be assigned to plan and implement workshop sessions. One coordinator must be based at the UK Lead Institution and one at the Argentine Lead Institution.
 - Under this call for proposals, workshop coordinators will be responsible for all organisational aspects of the workshop logistics (including travel arrangements for participants and booking of the workshop venue).
 - Both UK and Argentine Applicants can also participate in the collaboration as workshop coordinators.
- Mentors
 - Workshop coordinators are also responsible for identifying at least two (2) UK experts on the priority area selected to be involved in workshop sessions and act as mentors.
 - Mentor participation must include but is not limited to transferring expertise from international cases and providing the necessary knowledge to a successful final proposal delivery.
- Sessions
 - Workshop programme will follow a practical approach. It is recommended that each of the participants contribute to the final proposal construction.
 - Suggested structure of a workshop programme:

1. Introductory session (Mandatory)	8. Local government session
2. Argentine host session (Mandatory)	9. Final proposal design full day session (Mandatory)
3. First UK mentor session (Mandatory)	10. Administrative / academic body session
4. Second UK mentor session (Mandatory)	11. Student session (Mandatory)
5. Third UK mentor session	12. Proposal outline presentation session
6. Networking session	13. Funding strategy session (Mandatory)
7. Local industry session	14. Evaluation and reporting session (Mandatory)

- Target audience

Workshop sessions will target the following audience: (Attendance figures are a minimum requirement)

- Higher education academics (30 attendees)
- Higher education students (90 attendees)
- Higher education institutions authorities (5 attendees)
- Government authorities (3 attendees)

- Other relevant decision making authorities (5 attendees)

Final project

- Content

1. Objectives and goals to be pursued.
2. Institutions and individuals involved in the implementation process.
3. An overview of the activities and strategies to be performed.
4. Human and economic resources required.
5. A time frame for implementation of proposed solution.
6. Evaluation and methods to assure quality and suitability for the solution according objectives and desired impact.

To support the translation of the collaboration into benefit, Applicants are required to openly invite to their collaboration other Argentine based Institutions that could include:

- Other research or higher education establishments.
- Technology transfer offices.
- Local or national public offices.
- Not-for-profit organisations (including non-governmental organisations (NGOs)).
- For-profit/commercial organisations, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Project deliverables:

Selected collaborations must provide the following documents as evidence of the project progression. Templates will be sent to successful applicants as part of the grant agreement.

Deliverable	Submission deadline
Agenda and open call to participants	10 days before workshop
Final agenda	5 days before workshop
Baseline surveys	1 day before workshop
Post workshop survey	5 days after workshop
Digital content review	15 days after workshop
Final report (Including proposal)	15 days after workshop

Grant restrictions:

Please note that the unit costs given below constitute the maximum amounts that can be requested in each category and that all budget requests will be assessed for feasibility and appropriateness. While the maximum contribution cannot be exceeded, applicants can request less, in which case the amount requested cannot be increased at a later stage.

- International travel

This is a contribution towards: travel costs to the country of the workshop for international participants (UK Workshop Mentors and Workshop Coordinators), visa costs, travel insurance and local transport to the workshop venue. It is calculated using a unit cost for each workshop participant. International economy class airfares should be booked by the workshop coordinators as far in advance as possible to minimise costs.

Workshop coordinators and workshop mentors should take out adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any issues which may occur when the participants are in-country.

- Subsistence

This covers the costs of accommodation, medical insurance and daily expenses such as phone and local transport. This is to be included in the overall budget, and not additional to the workshop grant.

Subsistence is calculated using the British Council policy:

Accommodation:

Single room: Up to \$1,958 ARS per night plus applicable taxes

Subsistence: Up to \$650 ARS per day

Grant rates:	Up to £10,000
International travel per person:	Up to £1250 per return ticket
Subsistence and accommodation costs per person:	Up to £750
Translation services:	Up to £4,000

APPENDIX 2: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Eligibility criteria checklist	
The application has been submitted by the applicant by the published deadline.	
The applicants have submitted the letters of support from each of the applicants' home institutions and each are signed by an authority of such institution.	
The application form is completed in full and complies with instructions given.	
The application form has been completed in English.	
Only one application per collaboration has been submitted.	
The workshop will take place between 20 February, 2018 and 31 March, 2018.	
The institution where the Argentine Applicant is based is a recognised publicly funded Higher Education Institution (can include private universities and research centres).	
The institution where the UK Applicant is based is a recognised publicly funded Institution (can include universities, research centres, public offices and NGOs).	
Applicants must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants will confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by signing and submitting the application form.	
The workshop participants are in line with the quotas as described in this document.	

APPENDIX 3: QUALITY REVIEW SCORING SYSTEM

Assessment of the quality and development relevance of the proposals will be performed by selected expert panel members. Proposals with an average score of less than 30 points are considered not fundable. Equally, only proposals that have clearly articulated relevance to economic development and social welfare of Argentina will be considered for funding.

Section 1: Relevance to economic development and social welfare	Score	Range
<p>The proposal clearly articulates a plausible pathway along which the collaboration may contribute to the economic development and social welfare of Argentina and lead to positive impact on the lives of people on a low income within a reasonable timeframe (10–15 years).</p> <p>Please see guidance for applicants for further details.</p>		YES/NO

Section 2: Bi-national collaboration quality and relevance	Score	Range
		0–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The collaboration proposal relevance to a specific regional development goal is clearly demonstrated. A global focus is demonstrated in the proposal. The collaboration proposal is consistent with one of the priority areas. The collaborating institutions are of appropriate recognition as economic or social development promoter agents. The workshop co-ordinators have sufficient relevant experience to lead the proposed workshop and achieve the stated objectives. The UK mentors have sufficient expertise in international development or any of the priority areas selected. 		<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>

Section 3: Workshop proposal	Score	Range
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The description of the workshop includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs. There is clear evidence that the proposed workshop supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links. The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK and Argentine Lead Institutions are clearly described. There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions. The workshop target audience is relevant to the proposed programme and the assistance expected meets the minimum requirements. The proposed agenda of the workshop is structured with interactive sessions with a potential lead to an innovative and replicable final proposal. The proposal includes a clear description of how digital communication tools will be used to disseminate workshop outcomes to potential stakeholders. 	<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>	

Section 4: Sustainability and capacity building	Score	Range
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for individuals taking part in the workshop, and for other potential beneficiaries, is clearly described. The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the workshop co-ordinators' institutions intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term. The proposal enables UK and Argentine Lead Institutions engagement from the wider economic or social development regional actors. The collaboration contributes to Argentine Higher Education Institutions to integrate their institutional goals into the regional social and economic development agenda. 	<p>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</p> <p>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</p> <p>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</p> <p>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</p> <p>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level</p>	
Total score for quality assessment (Section 2 + Section 3 + Section 4)	Score	Range
		0–60