

**Contract reference:**

Met Office tendering on behalf of BEIS.

**Expression of Interest Title:**

To register your interest, see notes at the end of this page.

Registering interest requires no proposal detail at this stage and carries no obligation to bid.

Please note that this Expression of Interest is open to UK researchers only.

**Estimated value:** The grant is currently expected to be up to

for

**Key dates**

<b>Estimated Publish of Call:</b> (Start of bidding period).	<input type="text"/> A notification email will be sent to parties who have formally registered their interest by way of clicking on the 'Register Interest' button displayed below the opportunity on the ProContract portal
<b>Estimated Bidding Period:</b>	<input type="text"/> weeks
<b>Estimated Award of Call:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Estimated Delivery Period:</b>	<input type="text"/>

**Background**

The Climate Science for Service Partnership for China (CSSP China), supported by the UK Government's Newton Fund, is a joint UK-China research programme that aims to help build the basis for services to support climate and weather resilient economic development and social welfare through strong strategic partnerships harnessing UK scientific expertise.

The Met Office anticipates holding a call for research proposals in . In preparation for the call, the Met Office is inviting expressions of interest from UK researchers.

**Summary of CSSP China project aims**

**Submissions will be sought on:**

**Rationale:**

**Required activity:**

**Anticipated outputs or results:**

## Background on the Newton Fund WCSSP Programme

The Newton Fund builds scientific and innovation partnerships with partner countries to support their economic development and social welfare, and to develop their research and innovation capacity for long-term sustainable growth. It has a total UK Government investment of £735 million up until 2021, with matched resources from the partner countries.

The Newton Fund is managed by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and delivered through 15 UK Delivery Partners, which include the Research Councils, the UK Academies, the British Council, Innovate UK and the Met Office. The Newton Fund is part of the UK's official development assistance (ODA) and therefore requires that the UK funding is awarded in a manner that fits with [ODA guidelines](#).

For further information visit the Newton Fund website ([www.newtonfund.ac.uk](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk)) and follow via Twitter: [@NewtonFund](#).

The Met Office is administering the Newton Fund through under the Weather and Climate Science for Service Partnership Programme ([WCSSP Programme](#)), comprising projects to develop partnerships harnessing UK scientific expertise to build the basis for strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities to weather and climate variability. CSSP China is a project in the WCSSP Programme.

### WCSSP Programme

**CSSP  
China  
Project**

**CSSP  
Brazil  
Project**

**WCSSP  
South Africa  
Project**

**WCSSP  
Southeast Asia  
Project**

## Eligibility

The following criteria must be met by the organisation submitting a bid against Calls supported by the Newton Fund in order to be eligible to apply or be awarded funds against this Call:

- Demonstrate how the Bid contributes to the Newton Fund aim to develop science and innovation partnerships.
- Demonstrate ODA compliance.
- Must be a UK operating and registered organisation.
- Consortium bids are eligible; a lead partner must be nominated for payment and agreement purposes and must be a UK operating and registered organisation. Details of all consortium members must be provided.
- Funding can only be used to fund new activity for the costs incurred.
- An in-country economic and societal benefit must be demonstrated.
- The activity must last the full duration of the Grant Award Term specified.
- There must be a willingness to work with Authority and other organisations and individuals associated with the WCSSP Programme.
- Be willing to work with other funding authorities to ensure delivery costs represent the most efficient use of resources to deliver the overall Programme over the Grant Award Term.
- Bidders are not expected to have in-country Partners to respond to this call. The bilateral partnership nature of the Newton Fund means that effort by in-country researchers is supported by our existing in-country partners as standard.

### How to Apply

The above Expression of Interest is advertised on the Met Office ProContract e-Tendering portal called ProContract.

To access and register your interest you will need to log onto the ProContract portal via this link: [tenders.metoffice.gov.uk](https://tenders.metoffice.gov.uk)

You may need to search for the Call reference

**You will need to register your company (if you have not already done so) and register your interest against the opportunity before you are able to access the tender documents.**

If you require guidance or 'how to' instructions – see the supplier manuals on the right hand side of the supplier home page.

### Online Discussions between Bidders and the Met Office:

There is a Discussions function on ProContract which shall be used to provide all further information regarding this opportunity including any changes to time scales, scope or clarifications. **This function must be used by bidders to submit all clarification questions.**