



## **Grand Challenge of Mental Health & Wellbeing Network and Community Building**

### **Call for Proposals**

**Deadline for applications: 17.00 GMT, 22 January 2024**

The Grand Challenge of Mental Health & Wellbeing welcomes applications for funds to support networking, co-production, community and bid building activities. Applications for funding of up to £2,500 will be considered to support activities that enable cross-disciplinary connections, work with individuals and communities with lived experience, and preparation for large-scale research bids.

Bids should be aligned with the key theme of GC MHW of accelerating intervention discovery. We define intervention as any systematic effort to bring about an improvement in the mental health and/or wellbeing of individuals or groups of individuals. Both basic and applied academic work that is critical for helping us find more effective ways to promote wellbeing and mental health will be considered and we strongly encourage applications from across different UCL faculties.

#### **FUNDING**

Applications for projects costing up to £2,500 will be considered under this call.

Due to the UCL fiscal year end of July, all expenses must be identified and invoiced by that date, with costed activities taking place by 31st July 2024.

Please note the following are exempt from funding under Grand Challenges schemes:

- Activities that will incur costs after 31 July 2024. Use of awarded funds cannot be deferred to a later date
- Equipment costs
- Studies in basic science or research that is exclusively lab-based
- Article processing costs (publication fees)
- Staff 'buy-out', maintenance fees, or bench fees

Awards can be used to support network building projects and activities, this may include (but is not limited to):

- Events
- Research or policy workshops
- Roundtables, sandpits, mini symposia or conferences
- Preparatory or exploratory research towards larger grant applications
- Public and community engagement activities
- Knowledge exchange activities

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

First Applicants must be UCL staff – either researchers in academic Faculties or Professional Services.

Second Applicants can be either UCL staff or external partners.

### **ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be assessed by panel composed of Pro-Vice Provosts (Mental Health & Wellbeing), members of Grand Challenges Working Groups from UCL Academic and Professional Services departments, and members of the Grand Challenges team.

The scoring criteria will include:

- Quality of the application and originality of topic and/or approach
- Cross-disciplinary and/or cross-boundary strengths of the collaboration
- Potential to build network that could pave way for larger grant or follow-on activities
- Extent to which the proposed activities can be delivered within the timeframe and budget.

Funding decisions will be announced in February 2024.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By submitting this form, applicants indicate their agreement if successful to:

- Provide a short report to GC at the end of the academic year to describe activities, outputs, and impact.
- Permit GC to publicise the immediate, medium, and long-term outcomes attributable to funded projects.
- Acknowledge GC support in publications or external communications, using our [visual identity guidance](#).

To submit your application, please fill in the application form and submit via the [online platform](#). If you have any questions or queries, please contact Siobhan Morris ([siobhan.morris@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:siobhan.morris@ucl.ac.uk)).