# **Catalysing New UK-US Critical Minerals Research Partnerships**

## **Travel Grants & Short-Term Exchange funding**

## **Application Form**This funding is provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and delivered in partnership with the UK Science and Technology Network.

The completed application should be emailed as an MS word document to elementalmetalhub@kent.ac.uk no later than **5pm (BST) on 15th October 2025**.
**Subject line: Catalysing New UK-US Critical Minerals Research Partnerships Application**

All individuals named on this application must be registered members of the Elemental Hub. You can register for membership and complete the[**membership form**](https://elementalhub.org/home/join-us/) **at the ELEMENTAL BBSRC Engineering Biology Mission Hub website.**

**Further information on this funding opportunity can be found here.**

**Please complete all sections (boxes are expandable)**

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| **1. Applicant Details** |
| **Full Name** |  |
| **Position/Job Title** |  |
| **Organisation/Institution** |  |
| **Address of Organisation/Institution***Include country (UK or US)* |  |
| **Department/Research Group** |  |
| **Contact Email** |  |
| **Contact Telephone Number** |  |

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| **2. Project Overview** |
| **Project/Exchange Title:** |
| *e.g. University of Kent February 2026 visit to Chicago State University* |
| **Abstract (150–200 words)***Briefly describe the short-term exchange(s) you propose to undertake with your UK/US collaborator.* |
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| **Research Theme Alignment (150–200 words)***How does your project/short-term exchange align with the theme of engineering biological solutions to strengthen critical minerals supply chains?* |
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| **3. Collaboration Details** |
| **Collaborator Name** |  |
| **Collaborator Institution** |  |
| **Address of Collaborator Institution***Include country (UK or US)* |  |
| **Role of UK/US Collaborator** |  |
| **Proposed Activity (200–300 words)***Describe the planned travel and research activities, including estimated dates, locations, duration, and objectives*.  |
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| **Expected Outcomes (150–200 words)***What are the expected scientific, technological, or collaborative outputs from this visit?* |
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| ***Networking & Impact (150–200 words)****How will this exchange strengthen UK-US research networks and partnerships in critical minerals research?*  |
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| **Future Plans *(150–200 words)****Do you plan to develop future joint proposals or research projects as a result of this collaboration? If so, please outline briefly.* |
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| **Potential for Broader Impact *(150–200 words)****Could this project catalyse further bilateral or multilateral research partnerships? Please describe.* |
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| **4. Funding Requirements *(to be awarded to applicant submitting the form)*** |

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| **Estimated Travel & Subsistence Costs** *(You will be required to keep receipts and proof of purchase in order to submit your funding claims.)* |
| **Description of Cost***Please provide a breakdown of estimated costs below at 100% fEC.* | **Estimated Total Amount (£)** *100% fEC\* incl VAT*  |
| Travel/Flights |   |
| Accommodation  |   |
| Subsistence/Meals |  |
| Local Transport and Taxis |  |
| Other relevant costs (*please detail)* |   |
| **Total costs (£) at 100% fEC (inclusive VAT)**  |   |

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| Are you seeking or receiving any other funding for this visit? **Yes/No** (Please delete)*If Yes, please specify sources & amounts below as appropriate* |
| Source | Amount |
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| **5. Curriculum Vitae of Project Lead**  |
| *Please provide a* ***cv of the applicant (maximum 2 pages)*** |

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| **6. Letter of Support from Collaborator (s) (Optional)** |
| *We strongly encourage provision of a* ***Letter of Support*** *from the Collaborator(s). This should be signed by the Collaborator and should include the Company logo, objectives of the collaboration (1 or 2 sentences).* |

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| **7. Additional Support Documents (Optional)**   |
| *Please provide additional support documents if appropriate and detail below:*  |
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| **8. Privacy Notice** |
| **Privacy notice:** Please read the ELEMENTAL BBSRC Mission Hub [Privacy Notice](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/assurance-and-data-protection).  The information you provide will only be used by the University of Kent for the purpose of the Catalysing New UK-US Critical Minerals Research Partnerships programme. By providing your information you are consenting to its use for this purpose. The University of Kent carries out the processing of personal data in accordance with the [UK Data Protection Act 1998/General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)](https://ico.org.uk/).  |

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| **9. Signature *(By signing this application form I am agreeing to the above Privacy Notice, Declaration and Compliance and I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and that I agree to the terms of the*** ***Catalysing New UK-US Critical Minerals Research Partnerships Programme).***  |
| **Applicants Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Final checklist:**

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|  ü | Please read and tick to indicate you have done the following:  |
|  | All Collaborators are members of the Elemental Hub  |
|  | The CV of the applicant is attached.  |
|  | Letter of support from the Collaborator is attached (Optional) |
|  | Additional Support Documents attached (Optional) |
|  | Applicant has signed and dated the application form  |

**To submit the application:**

Send the completed application form, short cv, letter of support, and supporting documentation (if relevant) by email to the Elemental Hub Manager no later than 5pm (BST) on 15th October 2025: elementalmetalhub@kent.ac.uk.

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Any questions? Please email the Elemental Hub Manager: elementalmetalhub@kent.ac.uk