



Global Minds Call 2022-2023 University Development Cooperation Career Award

Abbreviations

BAOW: Advisory Body for Development Cooperation (VUB)

IRMO: International Relations Office

RIB: Council for International Policy / Raad Internationaal Beleid

SDGs: Sustainable Development Goals

UDC: University Development Cooperation

VLIR-UOS: Flemish Interuniversity Council – University cooperation for development / Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Raad – Universitaire ontwikkelingssamenwerking

1. History and context

The Mission of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel is well defined: we actively want to contribute to a better society, in which we strive for knowledge, insight and enlightenment. We hope to achieve this through the three essential pillars that are part of a university: education, research and contribution to society. Although our university is in the heart of Europe, our efforts in these fields aren't limited to Brussels, Belgium or Europe alone.

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel has a long history of professors and staff working together with higher education institutions in countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, be it on their own initiative, or within the framework of national or international funding schemes. By doing joint research and by exchanging knowledge and skills, we actively strengthen the capacities of universities in the Global South and at VUB. At the same time, we enhance the knowledge of students, researchers and professors by working with new examples, new methods and unconventional field cases. This leads to improved quality of education at VUB and partner universities.

Through cooperation, VUB professors and their local colleagues have an impact on the local and global challenges and as such, they greatly contribute to society. This is also the idea behind the SDGs. They clearly stress that universities have a global responsibility, alongside their societal responsibility. It is in this framework that we strongly support the work we do in the field of University Development Cooperation.

2. General outline

The general objective of the University Development Cooperation Career Award is to acknowledge VUB professors and their contribution to UDC. This award will not only increase the visibility of UDC at VUB but will also raise awareness among the VUB community about the opportunities for sustainable development cooperation.

3. Award

The nominee selected by the RIB, will be honoured during an award ceremony. Moreover, the department to which the nominee belong(s)(ed) will receive 1,000 EUR to support development cooperation-relevant activities.

4. Who can submit a proposal

Everyone from the VUB community: staff, students, research groups, research departments, faculties, etc. can nominate a professor for this award. The applicant is responsible for filling in and submitting the application form and will act as a contact person during the selection process and award-giving. One can't apply on behalf of oneself.

5. Who's eligible?

The nominee needs to be an active or retired VUB academic with a proven track record in UDC:

- During his or her academic career, the nominee must have been involved in projects, research or teaching with partners from the Global South, preferably in different countries, resulting in scientific output.
- The nominee must have achieved a considerable direct or indirect impact in the partner countries, and/or in Belgium. He or she plays/played an important awareness-raising role towards the VUB community (staff, students,...) about the opportunities of working together with partners from the Global South. The nominee has, as such, inspired students or other colleagues to follow his or her example.
- The nominee has an extensive network in the South of professors, staff and students. This network is accessible to the VUB community.

6. Selection

After submission of the application file to IRMO, a first check for eligibility is performed. The BAOW evaluates the eligible applications, and formulates an advice, consisting of a ranking of the proposals based on the attributed score. This advice is passed on to the RIB, who makes the final selection.

Selection criteria:

A score on 20 will be given for:

- CV and answer to question number 3 on the application form
- Motivation (answer to question number 4 on the application form)
- Two testimonials

The average of these three scores will be the final score for each candidate.

7. Reporting

This award is organised within the awareness-raising activities of the Global Minds Programme, and will be reported as such to VLIR-UOS by IRMO

8. Frequency of the call and evaluation

An annual call is launched to the VUB community within the Global Minds call. Necessary adjustments might be made when a new call is launched. Evaluation will be implemented within the Global Minds Programme.

9. Planning

Date	Action	Responsible
01/12/2022	Launch call to the VUB community	IRMO
23/01/2023 at 5:00 PM	Deadline submission application	Applicant
21/02/2023	Pre-selection by BAOW and selection by the RIB	BAOW and IRMO RIB
Latest 2 weeks after the RIB selection.	Applicants will be notified by e-mail. IRMO will take care of the practicalities.	Latest 2 weeks after the RIB selection.
March 2023	Award ceremony	IRMO

10. Submission and contact

The application file must be submitted to icos@vub.be. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information, please contact: icos@vub.be or annabel.lieselot.van.damme@vub.be

11. Application

The following documents are required:

- Application form
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee
- Two testimonials from people within the nominee's network