

Grassroots Action Research Micro-grants

Frequently asked questions

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1. Where do I find the application form?

You can find a link to the application in the call-out document and on our website

2. Can a research organisation lead a proposal?

As per the eligibility guidelines in the call-out document a research organisation can lead a proposal, however strong preference will be given to proposals led by non-research organisations in the Global South.

3. For how long can micro-grant activities run?

As per the call-out document, micro-grant activities can run for a total of 8 months.

4. How many organisations can be part of a proposal?

There is no limit on how many organisations can be part of a proposal

5. Can I apply from a Northern institute or organisation?

As per the eligibility guidelines in the call-out document a Northern institute may apply as a partner to a lead organisation based in the Global South, however strong preference will be given to South-South collaborations.

6. Will there be funds in the future to support the continuation of this work?

While there is no current commitment of funding for further continuation of this work, the ARA Secretariat looks to support activities carried out by ARA Members and ARA Micro-grantees. Successful applicants will also have the opportunity to showcase outputs to potential funders via the appropriate ARA mechanisms.

7. Can I submit multiple applications from the same country?

Yes, however the ARA is looking for a wide geographic spread across regions and countries to ensure a wide range of issues are identified. For this reason, multiple applications pertaining to the same country or countries are less likely to all be funded.

8. Can my budget be more then 15,000.00 GBP?

No applications above 15,000.00 GBP will be considered.

9. Can I apply in my native language?

While the ARA strives to provide information in multiple languages, applications are limited to the following languages: English, French, Spanish as per the call document.

10. What does end-user mean?

By end-user we mean the individual or group of individuals that will directly use or benefit from the research processes and outputs on the burning climate issue explored. This could be government stakeholders, community cooperatives, women's associations, citizens, farmers, fisheries, etc.

11. What does demographics mean?

By demographics we mean the characteristics or traits of a population, for example race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, disability, caste (as appropriate).

12. What is an action stakeholder or organisation?

An action stakeholder or organisation is an individual or group of individuals, whose focus is primarily towards making a societal impact on the ground. This could be a government stakeholder, a citizen, a cooperative, a grassroots organisation, whose activities are social actions to implement activities for societal impact etc.

13. What is a research stakeholder or organisation?

In this call, a research stakeholder or organisation is meant to mean an individual or organisation, whose primary function is geared towards carrying out academic research.

14. What is academic research?

Academic research is a systematic approach to stocktaking information or knowledge about a particular issue, and methodically organising and analysing information. For the Micro-grants, the ARA will not assess the rigor of the academic approach according to conventional norms, but will look at whether the suggested approach to exploring an issue or building a relationship matches the intention and scope of the project.