

# University of Bristol International Research Partnerships

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and UoB

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# Bristol Poverty Institute - Introduction

- Established in 2017 as one of the University's seven Specialist Research Institutes (SRIs):
  - Bristol BioDesign Institute
  - Bristol Composites Institute
  - Bristol Heart Institute
  - Bristol Population Health Science Institute
  - Bristol Poverty Institute
  - Bristol Quantum Information Institute
  - Migration Mobilities Bristol

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# Bristol Poverty Institute (BPI): Introduction

- Designed to address SDG1: *End poverty in all its forms everywhere*
- Growing, developing and supporting the poverty and poverty-relevant research community at the University of Bristol and beyond
- Facilitating interdisciplinary approaches and exploring the interface of different social, political and environmental dimensions
- Translating research into evidence-informed policy and practice
- More information on the [BPI website](https://bristol.ac.uk/poverty-institute).

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# Bristol Poverty Institute - People

- **Professor David Gordon**, Director & Professor of Social Justice
- **Dr Lauren Winch**, Manager
- **Mr Joe Gillett**, Senior Administrator

## Advisory Board

- **Professor Yoav Ben-Shlomo**, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Population Health Sciences
- **Professor Sharon Collard**, Professor and Director of Personal Finance Research Centre, School of Geographical Sciences
- **Professor Esther Dermott**, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy and Deputy Dean for Faculty of Social Sciences and Law
- **Dr Tigist Grieve**, Lecturer, School for Policy Studies
- **Professor Guy Howard**, Professor and Global Research Chair Environmental and Infrastructure Resilience, Engineering
- **Professor Leon Tikly**, Professor and Global Research Chair in Education

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# Interdisciplinary work

- We have engaged almost 400 University of Bristol academics representing all six Faculties and career stages.
- Exploring how poverty intersects with topics including gender, WASH, ethnic inequalities, climate change, child development, disability, nutrition, migration, sustainable energy and fuel, health, and many more.

## BPI Interdisciplinary Research Clusters

- Child Health and Development
- Livelihoods and Debt
- Education
- Food and Nutrition
- Multidimensional Poverty Measurement

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# Examples of BPI activities

- Internal and external activities such as seminars, workshops and conferences, including:
  - Webinar series: [Poverty Dimensions of COVID-19](#)
  - Seminar/webinar series: [Interdisciplinary poverty](#)
  - Conference: [Fifty years of poverty research: What have we learned](#)
  - Online conference: [Poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals: From the Local to the Global](#)
  - Research Showcase: [Poverty research at UoB](#)
  - Find out about more of our past events [on our website](#)
- Active member of the [Global Coalition to End Child Poverty](#)
- Advanced Poverty Methods training courses:
  - 2019: [In-person training course for UK researchers](#)
  - 2021: Online training course for Latin American & African researchers
  - 2022: In-person training course for African researchers at UCT

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# Examples of current research projects

- Improving the global measurement of child and family poverty with UNICEF
- [Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures](#) (TESF)
- [Gambling Harms Research Hub](#)
- [Transforming Social Inequalities through Inclusive Climate Action](#) (TSITICA)
- Check out [our research page](#) for more info



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# BPI Network and Collaborations



# Our impact

- The University of Bristol has a long-standing global reputation for excellent and impactful poverty research
- All of the poverty research submissions to the UK Government's Research Impact Assessment in both 2014 and 2021 were deemed to be 'World Leading'.
  - More information available on the 2021 [Research Excellence Framework \(REF\) website](#).
- Some examples of our impact include:
  - [Poverty and Disaster Response in the Pacific](#)
  - [Child poverty: a new understanding](#)
  - [Revolutionising access to financial services](#)

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# Examples of UCT-UoB collaborations

- Project: Transforming Social Inequalities through Inclusive Climate Action (TSITICA).
- Project: New partnership with the Global South: building health research capacity between the Universities of Bristol and Cape Town.
- Bristol Next Generation Visiting Researcher: Accelerating Sustainable Chemical Synthesis: Photodynamic Studies in the Design of Novel Organic Photocatalysts.
- Collaboration: Square Kilometre Array (SKA) science
- Publication: Socioeconomic-Related Inequalities in COVID-19 Vulnerability in South Africa
- Active bid: Heat adaptation benefits for vulnerable groups in Africa (HABVIA)

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# UCT-UoB Cotutelle programme (1)

- Collaborative PhD programme from 2019/20-2024/25
- These projects are co-created, co-supervised, split-site and co-award (Dual –not Joint – PhDs)
- Students benefit from:
  - Support from wider academic expertise
  - Opportunities to develop new, international professional networks
  - Direct access to facilities, equipment, archives, datasets, etc.
  - Access to additional training (e.g. taught courses)
  - Opportunities to develop multi/cross-/inter-disciplinary PhD projects (as each institution's PhD award can be in different – but related – subjects)
  - A distinctive Dual doctoral award endorsed by two institutions



# UCT-UoB Cotutelle programme (2)

**Nina Abrahams:** Champions & partners in NCD prevention and health promotion: Western Cape on Wellness! – Process and Impact Evaluation.

**Ryan Aylward:** Epidemiology, genetics and urinary biomarkers to predict outcomes of acute kidney injury.

**Shani de Beer:** Characteristics of, and risk factors for, infectious disease hospital admissions in children by HIV-exposure status in an era of high maternal prevention of mother to child transmission coverage.

**Tanja Gordon:** Affordability: an exploration of the missing criterion in health system decision-making.

**Kathleen Kehoe:** Burden and causes of ongoing paediatric infectious disease morbidity and mortality in the Western Cape Province of South Africa.

**Kennedy Kipkoech:** Using modelling to improve the prevention response for HIV and HCV among people who inject drugs in South Africa.

**Bongai Munguni:** Understanding the Dynamics of Spatial Multidimensional Poverty & Inequality: Education & Labour Markets in Mozambique.

**Lucinda Tsunga:** Exposure to trauma and violence across the life course: pregnancy outcomes and cardiometabolic health in adulthood.

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# Perivoli Africa Research Centre (PARC)

- PARC was established in January 2020
- PARC's mission is to help envision, model and champion a different mode of doing research with Africa and to see African institutions, constituencies, interests and terms take their rightful place in knowledge production
- PARC is working closely with UCT on the development of an Africa-centred Charter and framework for action by higher education and policy institutions to advance a transformed mode of Africa-Global North research partnership, which overcomes the power imbalances typically inherent in such collaboration.
- More information available on the [PARC website](#).

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# Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)

- Our institutions are both members of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)
- UCT and PARC are joint chairs of the WUN Global Africa Group, whose focus for 2020-2022 is *New approaches for Africa Research Collaboration, Cooperation and Dissemination*
- Co-chairs:
  - Dr Divine Fuh (UCT)
  - Professor Isabella Aboderin (UoB)

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# Bristol Illustrious Visiting Professorship (BIVP)

- Designed to bring eminent global research and educational leaders of the highest calibre to UoB to engage with our academic and wider communities
- A series of visits, meetings, public lectures and other engagements over the course of a year
- By invitation only due to the prestige of the appointments
- More information on the [IRP webpages](#)

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# Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng, our inaugural BIVP

- Appointed from October 2021 – October 2022
- Launch Event and Public Lecture both available to [watch online](#)
- Extended visit to Bristol during April-June 2022, including:
  - Meeting with members of the UoB Executive Team to discuss institutional strategies and priorities.
  - Discussing opportunities for greater collaboration between our institutions, including students, academics, and administration.
  - Engaging with our research centres and Institutes on shared interests, including legacies of slavery and issues at the intersection of climate change, health and social justice.
- Additional visit planned for October 2022

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## Part 3: Opportunities for future collaboration

Funding and partnership opportunities with  
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# International Research Partnerships Portfolio

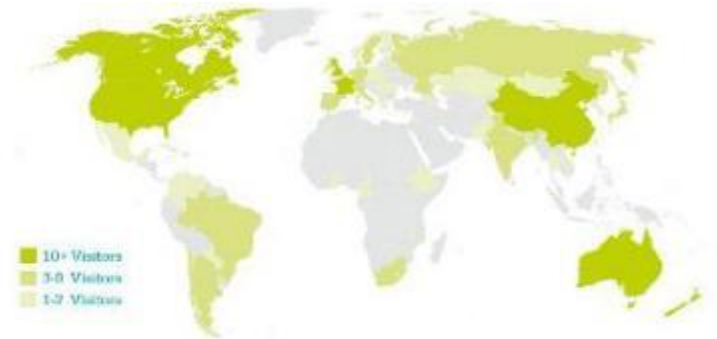
- [Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorships](#)
- [Bristol 'Next Generation' Visiting Researcher Programme](#)
- [Bristol International Research Collaboration Activities](#)

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# Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorships (BBMDVPs)

- Originally launched in 1970s
- BBMDVP awards bring high-profile global scholars to UoB for visits of 1-3months
- World-leading curiosity-driven research
- [More information on our website](#)



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# Bristol Next Generation Visiting Researcher Programme

- Launched in 2019 to complement BBMDVP programme
- Designed to support the next generation of research and/or next generation of future research leaders
- Visits of 1-6weeks exploring exciting, innovative new research spaces
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# Practicalities

## BBMDVP and Next Generation schemes both include:

- Economy return travel to Bristol from home country
- <£25/day subsistence and incidentals
- Accommodation in central Bristol
- Support from the academic host's department

## Additional details

- Next deadlines:
  - Next Generation: 23 September 2022 (confirmed)
  - BBMDVP: January 2023 (anticipated)
- Follow-on Fund also available for previous award holders to continue to build and strengthen links

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# Bristol International Research Collaboration Activities (BIRCA)

- Provides a space for collaboration in a range of formats
- Can be virtual, in-person, or a combination thereof
- International partners must be involved in co-production and co-delivery of all activities
- Up to £3000 for a single activity, or £5000 for a series
- Eligible costs include T&S for collaborators, where appropriate, translation services, venue hire and catering, and admin support.
- Knowledge exchange not dissemination
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# International Strategic Fund (ISF)

- Designed to support UoB researchers in establishing or advancing sustainable international research partnerships.
- Projects should lead to longer-term collaborations and high quality research outcomes and impacts.
- Any UoB academic or researcher who wishes to develop sustainable research collaborations with an international partner may apply.
- Rolling deadline, activities must be completed by 31 July 2023
- Currently the webpage is only accessible for UoB staff, but you can contact [rd-international@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:rd-international@bristol.ac.uk) for more information

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# International Office

- The University of Bristol has both education and research partnerships.
- We are in the process of joining up our international research and education partnerships activities, and have some exciting new developments underway.
- The [Global Opportunities](#) team provide programmes and support for both inbound and outbound international study
- The International Partnerships Team support and develop institutional and governmental partnerships, including education pathways through the [Global Transfer Programme](#). They also manage the [Think Big](#) Scholarship programme.

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# Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)

- WUN Research Development Fund enables collaborative working among members
- Deadline for submissions to WUN central is October 24
- Current theme is sustainable development (broadly defined)
- Previous successful collaborative projects between UCT and UoB from this scheme:
  - Innovating the Mathematics Curriculum
  - The impact of COVID-19 on the mental health and wellbeing of academics and students around the world

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# External funding opportunities for UCT-UoB partnerships (1)

## UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

- UKRI is an umbrella organisation encompassing the seven UK Research Councils (Arts and Humanities, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences, Economic and Social, Engineering and Physical Sciences, Medical, Natural Environment, and Science and Technology) plus Research England and Innovate UK.
- UKRI disburses funding from the UK government across a wide range of subjects.
- Many schemes allow for up to 30% of grant costs to be used for international Co-Investigators, including the responsive mode 'standard grants' for investigator led research projects available through AHRC, ESRC and MRC.
- Some actively encourage more equitable international collaboration, allowing for a greater proportion of international research costs and/or Principal Investigators.

## UK Government

- We understand the UK Government is currently exploring options for future funding schemes to grow and develop our internationally focussed research.
- Part of their ambition for the UK to become a 'Science and Technology Superpower' by 2030
- Expected announcements in early 2023.

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# External funding opportunities for UCT-UoB partnerships (2)

## Wellcome Trust

- International researchers can either partner with UK institution or apply independently to some of their schemes
- This includes, for example, their '[Discovery Research](#)' initiative which features a range of schemes tailored to ECRs, MCRs and established researchers

## Leverhulme Trust

- Leverhulme [Research Project Grants](#) allow for international co-applicants
- They also have some visiting researcher schemes, including [visiting professorships](#) and [international professorships](#) (N.B. the latter is currently closed)

## British Academy

- [British Academy Visiting Fellowships](#) allow for overseas researchers to base themselves at a UK Higher Education Institution for 3-6months.
- The programme is open to academics at any career stage, and in any discipline within the humanities and social sciences

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- [International Research Partnerships website](#)
- [Research Development International website](#)
- [International Strategic Fund \(ISF\)](#)
- [Perivoli Africa Research Centre \(PARC\)](#)
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