NGO Research and Evaluation Capacity Building Grants – Questions Received Updated 12.9.23

Question	Response
The guidelines say that the grant can be used for "training in research and evaluation for the whole organisation or for a staff member undertaking a research project who needs to upskill in a certain area." I am wanting clarification on this point; would you have to already have a research project established before the grant or could you establish a research project if successful with grant?	No, an organisation does not have to have an existing research project to apply for the grants. However, the intention of these grants is to build the capacity of an organisation to undertake research and evaluation. The funding of individual research projects will need to demonstrate how capacity will be built. - For more information about funding, please see 'Objectives and Grant Scope' in the Guidelines.
Are organisations able to partner with universities to support projects? I.e. could some of the funds be used to support a university to provide mentoring for the NGO to undertake research projects?	Yes, funds from these grants can be used for universities to support research capacity building such as a mentoring. The funds can't be used to by a NGO to pay for a university to undertake a research project.
	For more information about funding, please see 'Funding available' in the <u>Guidelines</u> .