

## *Place: Equality & Prosperity*

Conceptions of prosperity and experiences of inequalities are inextricably intertwined with place. Place-based prosperity has become a key policy priority for national, regional and local government in the UK and elsewhere in recent years. However, considering these issues at local and hyper-local levels is needed now more than ever with the COVID-19 pandemic starkly highlighting - and exacerbating - health, economic, educational, and social inequalities.

Recent conflicts and political events have also served as a sharp reminder of the place-based dimension of human rights and how hard-fought struggles for equality can dissipate rapidly. This year's call will therefore also welcome applications that consider issues of displacement.

The special initiative of Place: Equality and Prosperity will support projects that adopt a place-based lens to engage with local communities - whether in London, the UK, or internationally - generate solutions to societal challenges and allow for sharper focus on the intersection of specific geographies with wider structural inequalities.

The theme of *Place: Equality & Prosperity* provides opportunity for researchers across UCL to identify topics that require cross-disciplinary attention.

For example, topics that could be incorporated and addressed under this theme could include:

- place and race
- place-based health inequalities
- societal recovery from covid-19
- vaccine nationalism
- digital inequalities and conceptions of 'place/space' in a digital world
- 'levelling up' agendas
- rurality and land use
- displacement
- human rights
- equality as a component of global governance / localised governance
- fostering cultural understanding and attitudes toward wellbeing in different cultures
- climate justice
- equitable and local-led solutions toward sustainability

Applications for projects costing up to £10,000 will be considered under this call.

Due to the UCL fiscal year end of July 31<sup>st</sup>, all expenses must be identified and invoiced by that date, with costed activities taking place by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

Please note the following are exempt from funding under Grand Challenges schemes:

- Activities that will incur costs after 31 July 2022. Use of awarded funds cannot be deferred to a later date
- Equipment costs
- Studies in basic science or research that is exclusively lab-based
- Article processing costs (publication fees)
- Staff 'buy-

- Extent to which the proposed activities can be delivered within the timeframe and budget

Funding decisions will be announced between late January and mid-February 2022, to enable access to awarded funds between 1 March and 31 July 2022.

By submitting this form, applicants indicate their agreement if successful to:

- Provide a short report to GC at the end of the academic year to describe activities, outputs, and impact.
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