

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 31st, all expenses must be identified and invoiced by that date, with costed activities taking place by Friday 22nd 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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