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WHO WE ARE

Established in 1972, the Aubrey Barker Fund is **dedicated to enhancing sustainable survey and land management skills in developing countries through professional education and capacity building for the lasting benefit of local communities.** We aim to make long-lasting impacts in communities, in nations and across nations through spreading awareness, capability and capacity.

Our strategy is to support the development of necessary survey and land management skills, and to ensure that they are available in all nations and communities; alongside encouraging and facilitating the sharing of these skills and knowledge with communities so that we increase our collective capacity to manage our key asset: our land. Our funding has no particular geographic focus beyond being for the support of developing countries (defined as countries designated by the World Bank as lower income, lower-middle income or upper-middle income). We will prioritise projects which positively impact the ability to measure and manage matters directly related to land.

The Property Research Trust (PRT) is an independent charity, legally based in the UK but with trustees from countries around the world and with global interests. **Our mission is to fund and support property, land and real estate research for the public good.** We commission research reports which are robust, independent and focused on the notions of public good and social responsibility within the built and natural environments. Until 2021 we were known as the RICS Research Trust but we are now fully independent.

Our primary audiences, and those we seek to influence, are property professionals around the world specialising in decision-making at any point through the property life-cycle. We also aim to help frame public policy debates, and improve knowledge more widely.

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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR A RESEARCH GRANT

Working together, we are now pleased to make a Call for applications for funding.

For this Call, we are seeking to attract bids from researchers who whose work will further knowledge and public benefit which will positively impact at least two of the following areas:

- Improving land tenure and property rights
- Improving the resilience and sustainability of settlements
- Providing additional insights into urban-related development challenges
- Improving skills and capacity among the local land and property profession to apply best practice to land and property matters
- Providing additional pathways to the effective use of technology to support effective land and property management

We expect to award up to £10,000 (ten thousand pounds sterling) of grants in this round, probably as one award.

Applicants may bid for:

- A grant of **up to £10,000** to produce an original piece of research normally based on empirical work or data modelling. For this the timescale is negotiable, but we suggest a target of about 6-12 months.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants can be individuals or teams of researchers, based in a university, commercial business, or a not-for-profit organisation. Applications must have a developing country focus (defined as being undertaken within or in partnership with a developing country¹, which will have lasting benefit to a community and/or society of one or more developing countries). Applicants with co-funding are encouraged.

Timeline for applications

A single stage applications process will apply. Closing date for applications is Friday 4th July 2025 at 1700 GMT.

All applications will be considered and those selected will be notified by email by no later than Friday 1st August 2025.

¹ Those countries defined by the World Bank as low income, lower-middle income or upper-middle income

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Criteria for selection

- Fit to the call in terms of both themes and principles.
- Evidence of innovative thinking and originality of the bid.
- Realism in relation to matching the resource base to the work anticipated.
- Track record of applicants (links to website CVs are allowed) judged in relation to the bid.
- Research skills and the ability to write clearly, to a very high standard, in the English language.
- Quality of the application in terms of its aims, methodology and proposed outcomes.
- Likelihood that the work will provide outcomes that further knowledge and/or thinking in the field and which support at least one developing country.
- Presence of matched funding is not a criterion.

The decision of the Trustees as to which applications fund is final and there is no appeal procedure against the judgement. Limited feedback will be supplied to all unsuccessful applicants, but we will not be able to enter into protracted correspondence.

Please note that that we will not fund:

- Interview transcriptions
- Travel for interviews

How to apply

Application forms are downloadable from the websites:

www.propertyresearchtrust.org and www.aubreybarkerfund.org

Questions

Any questions regarding this call prior to submission of a bid should be made by email to info@propertyresearchtrust.org and headed Research Tender Stage One.