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For the attention of: **Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser, Chief Executive**

Dear Ottoline,

DSIT's Institutional Support Grant to Research England under the International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF)

I am writing to formally confirm that DSIT will provide an Institutional Support Grant to Research England (RE) to cover Official Development Assistance (ODA) activities under the International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF), with permission for RE to spend the allocated funding from the date of issue of this Assurance Letter.

The budget allocation offered is up to **£25,935,840** (twenty-five million nine hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred forty pounds) for the FY23/24 and **£21,073,927** (twenty-one million seventy-three thousand pounds nine hundred twenty-seven pounds) for FY24/25 as per Table 1 below. This has been assessed by DSIT to be affordable and agreed by Ministers.

Table 1 - Approved ISPF ODA QR budget allocations

FY 2023/2024 budget	FY 2024/2025 budget	Total SR budget
£25,935,840	£21,073,927	£47,009,767

These budget allocation calculations are in line with the Barnett Formula and should be allocated to Higher Education Providers based on Global Challenges Research Fund and Newton Fund historic actual returns.

Please note that UK ODA funding is governed by the International Development Act 2002 as amended and must comply with Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and UK ODA legislation. RE must also ensure funded activities are delivered in accordance with Trusted Research Practices, Managing Public Money, the Data Protection Act 2018, The Green Book 2022, Cabinet Office Guidance for General Grants Government Functional Standards, the United Nations Paris Agreement, and Global Development Impact Policy.

It is acknowledged that the reporting and monitoring terms and conditions of this allocation are subject to ongoing discussions between DSIT and RE. By accepting this funding under ISPF, you acknowledge that RE's ISPF activities will be delivered by your organisation in accordance with these terms and conditions when agreed by all parties.

Yours Sincerely,

Alexandra Jones
Director General, Science Innovation and Growth