



## Water for Women WASH Research Awards – Addendum 3

**Q1. Are you able to indicate when Type 1 Awards under the WASH Research Awards are likely to open?**

Applications for Type 1 Awards will be advertised widely after June 2018.

**Q2. Our organisation does not have an Ethics Approval process, and we are not aware of such a process in our country. Can you advise on how we should address this in the application?**

An ethics approval process is a requirement for administering organisations applying under this Research Award. Project teams, administering organisations and partners must demonstrate that they are ethically sound and, where applicable, seek ethics approval from their nominated administering organisation. Ethics approval requirements in the research project target location (country/countries) must be taken into consideration and met.

**Q3. Our proposal involves cooperation with two universities from different countries, however as an NGO we will be managing the logistics and administration for the activity, and the researchers will come from our partner universities. Should we include the names and budgets of our partners into the application? And if this is possible, can we fund the travel costs, logistics, etc., for our organisation? A consortium approach is mentioned. Will this make our partnership arrangements easier?**

Consortium applications are accepted. The budgets for the staff and operations (including travel) for all partners should be included in the application. The applicant should be the lead organisation in the consortium, be accountable for all funds and be an eligible research organisation. See also Question 5 below.

**Q4. Our project has already started, and most of the costs will be generated in the first half of 2018. When do you plan to release the funds in the case of a successful application?**

The Research Award will not cover activities that occur prior to the Grant Agreement being signed with the successful organisation. As far as release of funds is concerned, it is proposed to release the first tranche of funding within 30 days of signing the Grant Agreement, subject to all contractual and financial considerations being met.

**Q5. We are a company, working in remote coastal areas on stand-alone solar powered desalination plants. Can we apply with a university already researching in this field?**

In general, private businesses are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be not-for profit institutions with research as a core component of the organisation's mandate.



**Q6. Do we need to form a partnership with the listed CSOs who are currently implementing the Water for Women Fund? If not, is the list intended to provide contacts only to assess projects in alignment with our research design?**

It is not a requirement for organisations applying under the Research Awards to partner with a CSO implementing a project through Water for Women. The Research Organisation may choose to partner with a CSO not currently funded by Water for Women, however, research proposals are expected to be in alignment with the overall objectives of the Water for Women Fund, be designed to meet current research gaps and to demonstrate relevance of the research to the work of the Fund.

**Q7. If we do get into a partnership, what would be the implications?**

An application will be assessed on its merits against the selection criteria.

**Q8. Can we pick multiple CSOs or only one?**

There is no requirement for Research Organisations to limit their partnerships to one CSO.