Q: I’m a professor from a university in Brazil, one of the eligible countries. I have a collaboration with a professor from an American university who has expertise in character development. Can I list my American colleague as the Project Director and myself as the Co-Director? The project will take place in Brazil under my supervision and her guidance?

A: To be eligible for funding the Project Director must be affiliated with an organization in one of the eligible countries listed in Appendix A of the RFP. For your proposal to be eligible you must be listed as the Project Director, and your colleague from the USA as a Co-Director or collaborator. In addition, a minimum of 50% of the project budget must be spent on activities taking place in Brazil.

Q: Would you consider funding a project that takes place in a country that is not on the list of eligible countries, but faces significant challenges related to character development?

A: Character development is a very relevant and timely issue for many societies around the world, regardless of their economic status. However, for the purposes of this RFP we have chosen to limit eligibility to Low and Middle Income Countries worldwide and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Q: My institution is a Non Government Organization located in one of the eligible countries. Am I eligible to apply for funding?

A: Yes. Eligible institutions include non government organizations, academic institutions, and private enterprises.

Q: The application guidance document states that we must show a breakdown of the expected expenditures according to specific budget categories. What are these categories and where can I find the budget template?

A: The online application form has a budget section that includes the different categories of costs (e.g. personnel, operations etc). Simply fill these categories in according to your project. There is no separate budget document that needs to be submitted.
Q: I don’t have any relevant character development publications at this time, although I have published research in another field. Am I still eligible to apply?

A: We encourage applications from both experienced and early career researchers with an interest in character development. Even if your previous research has been in a different field, we suggest that you provide a list of publications as this will help demonstrate your capacity for research to the expert reviewers.

Q: I am based at a University in the United States but I also have an affiliation/dual appointment at a University in an eligible country. Can I apply?

A: Yes, provided the University in an eligible country with which you have an affiliation permits you to hold and manage a grant, and agrees to be the host institution. Please remember the project must also take place in an eligible country and 50% of the budget must be spent there.

Q: I am a researcher from Uganda. My country is not listed in the document of eligible countries, despite being classified as low income country according to the World Bank. Can I apply?

A: Uganda is indeed an eligible country and we are updating the RFP document to reflect this.

Q: I am based at an American college but have an official affiliation with a University in Belize (one of the eligible countries). Can I still apply?

A: Yes, provided the University in Belize permits you to hold a grant with them and agrees to be the host institution. You will need to provide a letter of support from the University detailing your affiliation.

Q: If I am awarded funding, would the Templeton Foundation/GICD be owning any of the copyright or IP of my invention?

A: No. TWCF will not any of the copyright or IP of the innovation.
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Q: If I am awarded funding, would the Templeton Foundation/GiCD be owning a share in my company?

A: No. TWCF will not own a share in your company.

Q: If I am awarded funding, would the Templeton Foundation/GiCD be owning any of the IP of my research data and/or research methods?

A: No. TWCF will not own any of the research data.

Q: Can I apply for a Proof Of Concept grant as well as a Transition To Scale grant?

A: Yes, you can apply for both but they must be separate applications.

Q: What is the process for applying for Transition to Scale grant of up to one million USD?

A: Applicants for the Transition to Scale grant are requested to complete the same online application form posted on our website. After an initial review you will be asked to submit further information related to the project at a later date. Please indicate in both the project description and executive summary sections that you intend to apply for the TTS grant. The budget should also reflect the full cost of your project.

Q: How do I know if my project fits in the Proof of Concept or Transition to Scale categories?

A: Proof of concept awards offer the opportunity to test new ideas or approaches for building and measuring character strengths. Transition to Scale awards are for character development interventions which have already been developed and shown to be effective in promoting character strengths and are now ready to be implemented on a larger scale. Transition to scale applications should include a summary of and reference to the evidence based for the proposed intervention.