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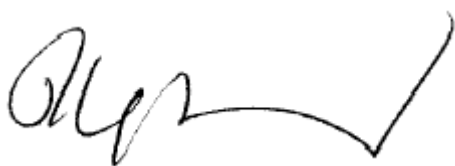
Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) QR

To	Heads of English higher education providers
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Dear Vice-Chancellor or Principal

1. You will have received a letter about ODA project funding from UKRI today. I regret to inform you that as part of wider measures to implement a reduction in Government spend on International Development, BEIS have instructed UKRI and Research England that there will no QR GCRF available for 2021-2022.
2. All HEPs currently in receipt of QR GRCF have already received their final payment of QR GCRF for 2020-21 and will not receive an allocation for the following year. Research England will undertake a standard monitoring exercise, as conducted for previous years, to confirm that the 2020-21 allocation has been spent in line with ODA eligibility rules. This exercise will be conducted at the end of academic year 2020-21.
3. At this point I am afraid that we are unable to make any statement about the likelihood of future QR GCRF allocations.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Chair