

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Heritage funding opportunity

1. Is any cash match funding required?

Leverage and mobilisation of additional funds, and in-kind contributions is encouraged and can take many forms, including; financial contributions, third-party contributions, indirect costs, volunteer resources, donated services or property, and intellectual property.

In line with the Foundation's strategy, for projects led by colleagues from OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries, we will be looking for proposals that demonstrate leveraged funding and/ or strong global partnerships.

2. Is the Foundation looking for international applicants?

Yes, we are welcoming international applicants. We encourage submissions from organisations and individuals around the world whose work aligns with our Foundation's mission and heritage key themes. If you're considering applying, we'd love to hear how your project could contribute to these goals on a global scale.

3. Do your projects have any specific geographical focus? Is the location flexible?

We are interested in learning from projects that can inform a safer world, wherever that may be. The location can be flexible. We work for example with the University of the Arctic and with the International Congress of Maritime Museums both of which have members all around the world.

It is worth noting that Lloyd's Register Foundation has identified pressing safety and sustainability challenges specific to emerging ocean economies. As a result, it has built a global network of Ocean Centres in Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines.

4. Would proposals focusing on the cultural heritage associated with rivers, historical maritime trade, and traditional water-based techniques be eligible for consideration under this call, even if they are not directly related to maritime safety?

Our priority is maritime safety: increasing the understanding of its importance to the past, present and future ocean economy. Projects will need to demonstrate how they help to inform this, for example through the wider maritime system.

At Lloyd's Register Foundation, we want to make sure all voices are heard in discussions to drive interventions around risks in the new challenges and opportunities in maritime driven by changing climate, energy transition and technological innovation. Cultural heritage can play a key part in this.

5. Could a project include wreck removal in activities if connected to the heritage aspects of the call?

No this would not be considered by the call. Removal of wrecks is outside of the scope of what we can support. Knowledge to inform interventions and sharing the learnings from the wrecks and the maritime disaster could be considered as part of a bigger project, where there is a clear route to impact and link to safety.

6. Can we apply for more than one of Lloyd's Register Foundation's funding calls with different projects, or are we limited to one application across all opportunities?

Yes, your organisation can apply for more than one funding call but if successful, will only be awarded one grant per project.

7. Would a project focusing on the heritage and evolving safety practices of local, artisanal fishing communities be a good fit for this call?

We are looking for ambitious projects, new ideas that can have a big impact and potential for shared learnings. Projects that demonstrate how they can help to inform a safer world in this way are welcomed. We encourage applicants to consider collaboration with other organisations to help to scale projects. Heritage and evolving safety practices are of interest. Find out more in the Lloyd's Register Foundation Insight Report on safety in the fishing industry.

8. Is there a benefit from adopting a regional, multi-institutional approach rather than from a single institution?

Yes, we strongly encourage collaborative and cross-disciplinary, multi-institutional projects.

9. What are your guidelines on allocating funding for countries with logistical challenges, such as transportation, internet connectivity, and power supply?

As part of our Due Diligence procedures during the decision-making process, factors such as these are carefully considered and discussed at our Governance meetings. Ultimately, we aim to work closely with applicants to better understand the context and ensure that funds can be transferred safely and responsibly, particularly when working in countries facing complex challenges.

Our approach is collaborative – we seek to identify practical solutions that adhere to the Foundation's standards while enabling impactful work in regions where it's needed most.

10. Is the heritage of shipbuilding sites/shipyards histories of interest?

Yes, where it helps to deliver our Heritage Key Themes.

11. How detailed should the EOI application be?

For the EOI stage, we ask for a 2-page document that outlines your project idea, general funding request, and any other relevant information that helps us understand your project idea. This should include why you think the Foundation is the most appropriate funder.

While we don't expect a comprehensive application at this point, you should have a well-formed concept that aligns with the Foundation's Strategy and Heritage Key Themes, including your intended partnerships, indicative budget, and the activities and impact you plan to deliver.

12. What is the Foundation's policy on overheads?

The Foundation will not fund overheads unless they are critical to the delivery of the project and well justified with a full financial breakdown. Any overheads that are awarded will not be more than 10% of the total cost of the project.

13. Are action-research projects eligible?

We would need more clarification and context about your action-research project idea to determine its fit. We are looking for ambitious projects at scale that support with our strategic priorities and Heritage Key Themes.

14. Can proposals focus on protecting maritime heritage sites (e.g. seaports) and traditional livelihoods, strengthening resilience to climate change impacts (sea-level rise/storm surges)?

The resources and logistics for protecting heritage sites (capital costs) or campaigning would be out of scope. We have a grant with the World Monuments Fund that already covers work in this space so would encourage organisations to reach out to them.

Safety and resilience are key areas of interest to the Lloyd's Register Foundation where there is potential for a new project relevant to the Heritage Key Themes to increase the understanding of maritime safety.

15. Do you fund support of heritage vessels?

We do not fund the conservation, maintenance or running costs for historic vessels. We would need more context of what the project aims to achieve, do please contact us directly if you have a question relating to your project idea.

16. Are consortiums eligible to apply? For example, could a consortium include partners from different parts of the world?

Yes, consortiums are eligible to apply, especially those with global networks or partnerships that can help amplify impact.

We encourage collaborative approaches that bring together diverse expertise and perspectives.

For example, please refer to our Global Maritime Histories Programme delivered in partnership with the International Congress of Maritime Museums (ICMM).

17. Are outreach and communication projects, such as podcasts, exhibitions eligible under this proposal?

These types of activities are generally part of the outputs and deliverables for projects, ways to engage people. They would need to be part of a bigger more ambitious project within the scope of our Heritage Key Themes.

17. Would digitisation of collections such as ship plans be of interest to the Foundation?

We are looking for ambitious projects at scale that support with our strategic priorities and Heritage Key Themes. Digitisation of collections would need to form part of a larger project, with a clear route to impact.

