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Going Global Partnerships

Online Researcher Connect Programme

Open call for application: 17 October 2021
Deadline for submission: 7 November 2021



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Background

Going Global Partnerships (GGP) connects universities, colleges, education policy makers, civil society organisations and industry partners in the UK and around the world. This British Council programme offers vital international opportunities - the chance to build relationships, to share ideas and good practice, to access grant funding for collaborative partnerships and more.

Through this work, the programme contributes to stronger, more inclusive, and globally connected tertiary education systems which support economic and social growth.

Context

In an increasingly competitive and global market, researchers need to communicate their research to an international audience. Without the skills to do this, researchers and research institutions can find themselves at a competitive disadvantage, affecting grant income, international presence and reputation.

In recognition of this need, and building on our vision for prosperity through internationalised education, the British Council has developed the Researcher Connect professional development course

Researchers need the communication skills to:

- publish in international journals
- promote successfully their research and represent their institution at conferences
- Apply and gain funding from national and international bodies
- Communicate effectively with the wider public and policy makers
- Build international collaborations to further their research.

Science Communication capacity building for Early Career researchers:

Researcher Connect promotes the development of excellent communication skills for international, multicultural academic contexts. The aim is to enhance the productivity of individual researchers and, in turn, provide their universities and research institutions with a competitive advantage in the fast-moving international research environment. It promotes the development of excellent communication skills for international, multicultural academic contexts.

As both British Council and Academy of Scientific research and Technology (ASRT) agrees on the important of early career researcher ability to communicate their research to the wider world. They have agreed to deliver two phases programme:

Phase 1: **Researcher Connect Online Programme**

British Council is opening a call to join the Online researcher connect workshops for early career researchers that are nominated through their Higher Education Institutes, Research Centers and Universities.



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Researcher Connect online is offered as a series of topics, delivered through an online workshop format by experienced and quality-assured trainers. It is designed specifically for early career researchers, although certain aspects would also be of benefit to more experienced members of the research community.

This phase is delivered by the British Council by providing participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context.

Phase 2: Follow up activity:

It will focus on providing the Institutions / universities which participate and their participants highly commit to attend the online Research Connect Program with support for sharing info in these aspects

This phase will be delivered by the Academy of Scientific research and Technology (ASRT)

Scope of the programme

The programme aim is to enhance the productivity of individual researchers and, in turn, provide their universities and research institutions with a competitive advantage in the fast-moving international research environment.

The Training provides participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context. Its function is the Development of critical thinking, reflective and critiquing skills.

Overview of the Opportunity:

We are opening a call to join the Online researcher connect workshops. for early career researchers that are nominated through their Higher Education Institutes, universities or research centres.

Researcher's Institution/university responsibility:

- Shall nominate 5 early career researchers from their institutions (3 on main list and 2 on reserve list)
- Should be responsible for ensuring the equal opportunity; gender balance and diversity in selecting workshops participants and must ensure that no participants are excluded from joining the Online Researcher Connects workshop on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability.
- Ensuring that all workshop participants have B2 Level English to be able to participate in the workshop.
- Will be held responsible for the 100% attendance of the workshop sessions by applicants, Participants not attending the full days of the workshops virtually will result in the participants not receiving their certificate of attendance at the end of the workshop
- Providing their applicants with any connectivity support if they need it.



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Researcher Connect Topics:

Each workshop begins with the introductory "Foundation" that builds awareness essential to all subsequent topics, each is designed to address the development needs of the participant researchers. Each topic speaks to an important aspect of the modern international research environment and has flexible content that allows our experienced trainers to adapt the course to the needs and experience of participants.

The below topics will be covered in each workshop:

- Foundation
- Abstracts
- Academic Collaboration
- Academic Writing
- Digital Researcher
- Effective Emails
- Persuasive Proposals
- Presenting with impact

More details on topics to be covered are on page (7)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Egyptian Higher Education Organization can nominate 5 participants (3 on main list and 2 on reserve list) to take part in the online workshops.
- Nominated participants by the Organization shall be Egyptian early-career researchers
 - Early-career researchers are defined as PhD holders who managed to have their PhD degree in the last 10 years of their career path.
 - Each early-career researcher should have a B2 level CEFR minimum to fully participate in the sessions
 - Hasn't studied these modules within the last 2 years
- We only accept nominations through higher Education Institutions and not through individual applicants
- Applications should be relevant to main goals of Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 (as this will be taken into consideration in the selection process).

Researcher Connect is about communication skills; it is not an English language course. All workshop participants must have B2 Level English

Main Thematic areas that this call focus on that align with Egyptian Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy 2030. 65% of workshops will be allocated to participates from STEM universities and research centres and 35% to social science.

Applications should be signed by Dean of Faculties or director of research centers



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The workshops Structure:

Each workshop:

- will run over two weeks period for 3-4 days each week and 3 hours each day .
- Workshop hours will be between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- will be delivered by 2 UK certified and professional trainers
- should contain a maximum of 30 participants
- consist of international cohorts, so participants from Egypt will be joining with participants from Morocco and Brazil in the workshops
- A certificate of completion will be sent to participants who attended 100% of the workshop sessions.

The workshops Dates:

The workshops will be offered from mid-November 2021 to mid-February 2022 (specific workshops dates are added on page 8)

The Workshop Online Platform:

The workshops will be delivered virtual over Microsoft teams.

The workshop language:

All workshop sessions will be delivered in English

How to Apply:

Institutions can apply and nominate their participants **Electronically only** within the call duration until Sunday 7th of November 2021 at 23:59 Cairo time, through filling in all the application form ([here](#))

Any problems with the online submission system should be reported to the following email address: science.egypt@britishcouncil.org.eg

Please note that Once you submit your application, you will not be able to edit your application.

You can preview an offline version of the application form ([Here](#))

Application assessment and notification of results



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Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria set in section, The British Council will inform participants about the results via email in second week of November 2021. Applicants should ensure the eligibility criteria are met as appeals are not allowed for this call. The British Council reserves the rights to reject any ineligible applications.

Deadline of the Call:

- The submission deadline is 23:59 Cairo time on 7 November 2021. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding.
- The deadline applies to all parts of your application.
- Appeals against this decision will not be accepted.
- For important dates, please refer to Appendix 2.

Diversity

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all our activities. This includes avoidance of bias due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief.

Data protection

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application.

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU GDPR).

- We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council reserve the right to publish and share anonymized aggregated information with stakeholders.
- If you are among the successful participants of Online Researcher Connect programme, we will keep your contact details, for 7 years from the end of the workshops, so that we can include you in future events and projects. For unsuccessful applicants we will keep your application details for a period of (1) year from the submission of your application to the Online researcher Connect Programme.
- Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes.
- If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.
- Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office on science.egypt@britishcouncil.org.eg



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Online Researcher Connect Programme's Topics

Abstracts

Enables learners to become critical readers and writers of abstracts through review and practice, using techniques and styles introduced throughout the course.

Academic Collaboration

Assists researchers with approaching potential collaborators, and builds their understanding of when and where collaboration may be most beneficial.

Academic Writing

Participants examine the essentials of academic writing, developing their own writing style through the acquisition of tactics, tools and relevant language techniques

Digital Researcher

Empowers researchers to strategize and use social media to make their research more accessible, more highly cited and to achieve greater impact

Effective Emails

The most common way in which researchers form networks is through the exchange of emails. This topic enables participants to understand how their emails are being read, and builds a toolkit for clear, accurate and successful communication.

Persuasive Proposals

Participants consider the use of audience-focused language and style, and the creation of logically connected inputs, outputs, goals and outcomes.

Presenting With Impact

Learners build critical awareness and reflective skills, and practice techniques for the use of voice, body language and presentation structure through creating and delivering their own oral presentations.

Key Dates

Activity	Date
Announcement of the call	17 October 2021



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Activity	Date
Closing Date	7 November 2021 23:59 Cairo Time
Applications assessment	Week 7 November 2021
Successful candidates notified	Week 14 November 2021
Workshop delivery	Late November 2021 – Late February 2022
Cascade training	Within 3 month of workshop delivery
Follow up activities	Within 6 month of workshop delivery

Workshop Provisional Dates

Workshop	Date	UK Trainer
WS1	Week 1 - Monday 15-18 November Week 2 - Monday 22 - 25 November	
WS2	Week 1 - Monday 29 November - 2 December Week 2 – 6 - 9 December	
WS3	Week 1 - Monday 13-16 December Week 2 - Monday 20-23 December	
WS4	Week 1 - Monday, 10-13 January Week 2 - Monday, 17-20 January	
WS5	Week 1 - Monday, 24-27 January Week 2 - Monday, 31 January- 3 February	
WS6	Week 1 - Monday, 7-10 February Week 2 - Monday, 14-17 February	