

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Researcher Link Workshop Call

Call opened: April 20, 2020; Call Closes: June 12, 2020

Q1. Is current UKIERI grant holder from the UK institution eligible to apply?

A1. Yes, they are eligible to apply.

Q2. Can a PhD Student from India apply for this call?

A2. PhD Students are not eligible to apply as an Applicant. However, they can apply as Early Career Researchers that are chosen by the Lead Researchers to participate in the workshop.

Q3: Are mentors essentially required to be previously successful Newton Bhabha fund receivers? or any established and leading researchers can be mentors?

A3: No, it is not a requirement. Any leading or established researchers can be mentors.

Q4: am working on the application of AI/ML techniques to solar radiation forecasting. Is this a possible area to be covered under this call?

A: Yes this will fall under Energy-Food-Water nexus and will be eligible. Please demonstrate how it is able to have a global development impact.

Q5: Is it applicable to young faculty or meant for senior persons?

A5: -Young faculty who is leading or an established researcher can apply. Please refer Euraxess framework to understand the definitions of these categories. Link: https://cdn5.euraxess.org/sites/default/files/policy_library/towards_a_european_framework_for_research_careers_final.pdf

Q6: What subject areas are accepted as part of this call?

A6: Subject areas are defined by DBT (Department of Biotechnology) and ICMR (Indian Council for Medical Research) as Priority Areas for this call for applications. These are mainly from Bio-technology and Medical sciences realms as per the mandates of Indian funding partners. Please refer to the same in the call guidelines.

Q7: Please tell who will be the co-ordinator? whether co-ordinator and principal applicants are same?

A7: Lead Coordinator and Principal Applicant are the same. Principal applicant is used in the context of the key person applying for this call as a co-applicant with their Indian / UK counterpart. Once an applicant is successful with the award, they are called as lead coordinators who would deliver the workshop. One term is used prior to the results and other term after the results are out. They have to be leading or established researchers as defined in Euraxess framework.

Q8: Are support letters and permission letters same which are to be uploaded while submitting the application?

A8: Yes, they are same.

Q9: Can a postdoc apply for this grant?

A9: Only Leading or Established Researchers from not for profit higher education institute are eligible to apply. However, Post Docs can apply to be nominated to participate in the workshop as early career researcher.

Q10: Is a previous Researcher Links grant holder (with another partner country other than India) eligible to apply for this call?

A10: No, previous year Researcher Link Grant Holder is in eligible to apply however they are welcome to be as a Mentor in the workshop.

Q11: Can principal applicant and mentor be from same department?

A11: Yes, they can be from the same department. We allow for 1/5th or 3 researchers (out of 20), including lead coordinators, mentors or early career researchers who can be from the same department or university.

Q12: Only a single mentor from each country is allowed. Is it correct? Can we have more?

A12: Two mentors each from India and UK are eligible to participate in the workshop.

Q13: Can I take digital signatures on Support letter and endorsement letter from the head of the institute?

A13: Yes, in the current situation support letter with digital signatures or a formal email are accepted.

Q14: Is it necessary that UK applicant only can submit application?

A14: Any one applicant needs to submit the application.

Q15: Do we need to take your permission prior start applying for the workshop?

A15: It is advised to take required permissions from the relevant university authorities before applying for the workshop.