

Newton Bhabha Fund Researcher Link Workshop Grant Call For Applications 2020-21

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Strengthening UK-India Research and Innovation for Growth and Prosperity



PEOPLE'S STRAND (2014-22)

**£7.6m funding &
matched**

**Over 3450 students,
researchers, faculty
and scientists
reached directly**

**Enhanced Mobility
& High Quality
Publications**

**Over 130 Indian
Institutions
78 UK Institutions**

- **Newton-Bhabha** Fund established in 2014 under '**RISTA**', (*R-research, I-Innovation, S-science, T-technology, A-alliance*)
- Newton Fund is delivered in India through UKRI (comprising 7 research councils and Innovate UK), the UK Academies, the British Council and the Met Office.

Dr. Harshvardhan, Indian Minister for Science & Technology, Environment, Forest & Climate Change



Dr. Greg Clark, then Science Minister, UK





**Newton-Bhabha
Fund**

NEWTON BHABHA FUND INDIA

*“The present India-U.K. cooperation in science and technology is driven by ‘high quality’ and ‘high impact’ research partnerships. I am glad to mention that in less than two years’ time under the ‘**Newton-Bhabha**’ program we have started wide ranging collaborations covering basic science to solution science aimed at addressing societal challenges.”*

- Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

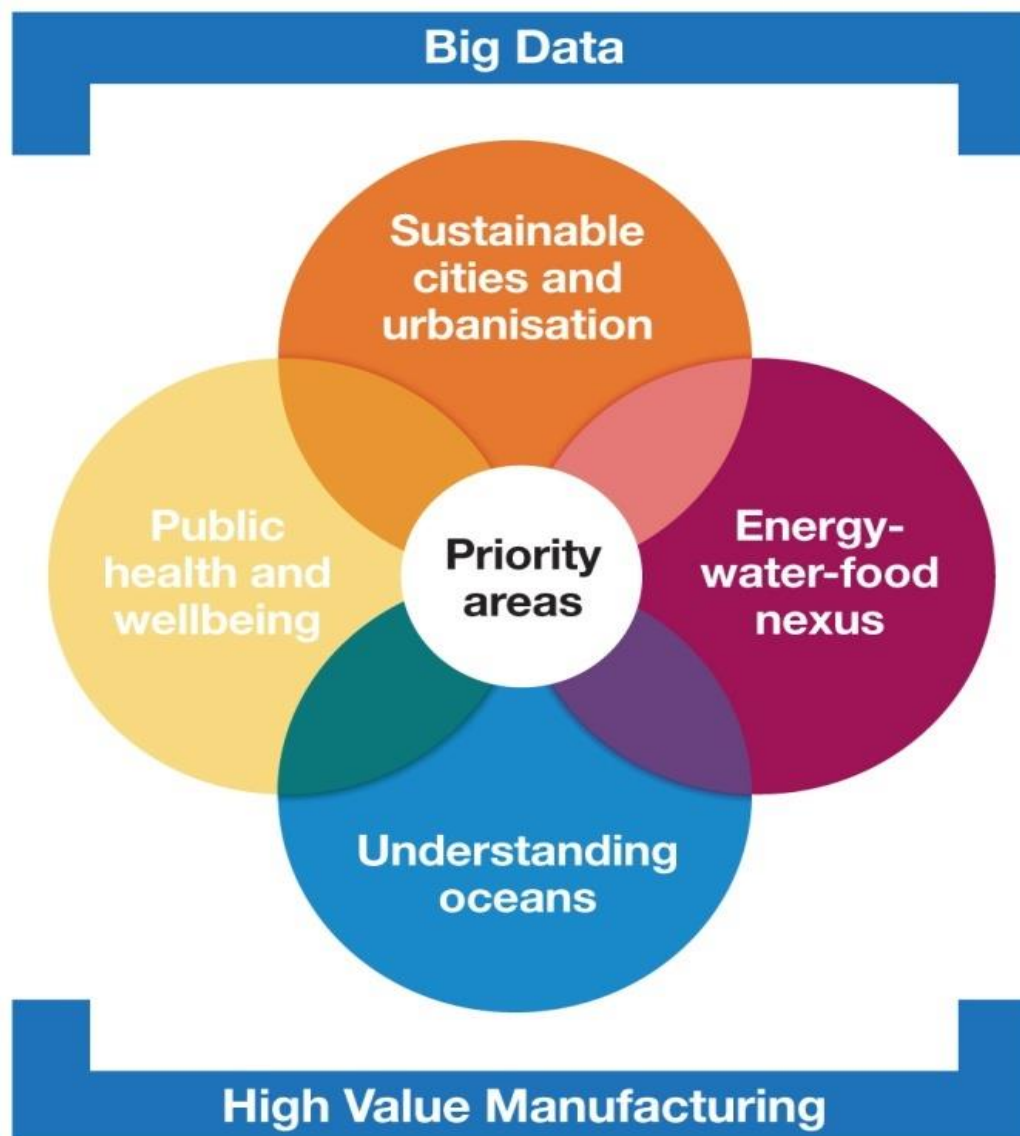


“By combining our best minds , our brightest innovators and our most forward thinking institutions, we will strengthen the living and learning bridge between our countries and achieve more together than we could alone.”

**- Sam Gyimah, MP
Former Minister of State for
Universities Science, Research
and Innovation, UK**



Priority Areas





Funding Partners

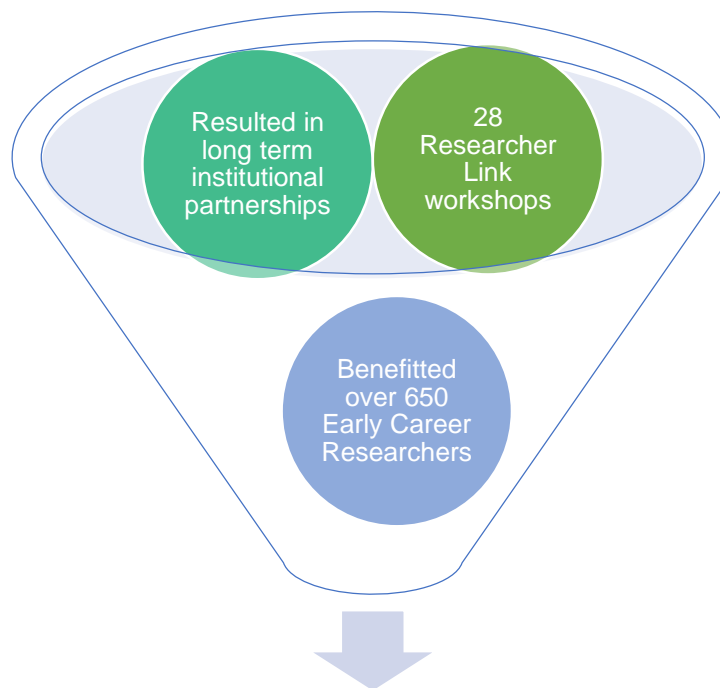


Key Programmes

Programme	Key Objectives
PhD Placement	Provides opportunity to Indian and UK PhD Scholars to spend a period of 2-5 months in UK or Indian Higher Education Institutions.
Researcher Link Workshops	Provide a Platform to stimulate initial links and support professional development between early career researchers in India and UK.
Women in Science	Generating a workforce of women to take on emerging roles in growing scientific enterprises in STEM, Science Journalism, Science Administration and Management

RESEARCHER LINK WORKSHOP GRANTS

- It promotes international development- relevant research and professional development of early-career researchers.
- Provides financial support to bring together a UK and India cohort of early career researchers in a workshop in India with a potential for long term sustainability.
- This year collaboration with Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).



Institution Building & Strengthening
of Research Ties (2015-2019)

RESEARCH LINK WORKSHOP GRANT CALL 2020-21

Not for profit Higher Education Institutions or publically funded Research Organisations

Leading and Established Researchers apply as Principal applicants

Workshop should lead to global impact - activities that have potential to contribute to SDGs

Workshop Grant up to GBP 25K- 30K

Duration –3 to 5 days, to be delivered in India between 01 February 2021 to 31 January 2022

Selected Principal applicants to appoint 2 mentors each from India and UK

Workshop will be delivered to Early Career Researchers

Priority areas and additional eligibility criteria listed in the Appendix 1 of the call

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Lead researchers (in full time employment) and meet the quality criteria for the Call can apply.
- Individual departments within a single institution can make multiple applications per call provided that the proposed activities are clearly different.
- Previous successful Newton Fund recipients are not eligible to apply as an applicant but would be welcomed as a mentor.
- Proposal must have clear sustainability plans and demonstrate how it will be imbedded post the workshop.
- 1/5th of participants from each country may be recruited from within the same institutions of the principal applicants and mentors.
- Please state DBT/ICMR as the funding partner in *Section 1. Proposal Summary* of your online application form.

IMPACT

A Building Block for Research Collaboration

650 Academic participants attended 28 workshops:

- *L V Prasad Eye Institute/University of Sheffield won £1.3 million MRC grant*
- *UCL/IIT Delhi won £3 million MRC-GIAN funding*

IIP/Uni of Surrey/Uni of Manchester won 1cr + 2.8cr DBT/EPSRC funding



HOW TO APPLY

Call is published both on the British Council, India and British Council, UK web page:

British Council, India webpage:

<https://www.britishcouncil.in/programmes/higher-education/newton-bhabha/researcher-links-workshop-grants>

British Council, UK web page

https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/current-opportunities/newton-fund-researcher-links-workshops?_ga=2.66173480.769642391.1589779515-495189498.1561447634

Call Closes: June 12, 2020, 16:00hrs UK time

INDIA WEB PAGE

Priority areas - DBT

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Priority areas - ICMR

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Eligibility criteria

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Cost component

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Application timelines

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How to apply

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PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR FULL DETAILS ON-CALL GUIDELINES AND ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.

UK WEB PAGE



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Please download and read all documents in the downloads section before starting your application. This call is open until 12 June 2020, 16:00 UK time.

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International research workshops

Newton Fund Institutional Links
Indonesia, Thailand, Turkey

Newton Fund Institutional Links
Mexico

**Newton Fund Researcher Links
Workshops**

Newton Fund Researcher Links
Travel Grants

Russia Researcher Links
Workshops (non-Newton)

Newton Fund Impact Scheme

Newton Fund Research

ONLINE APPLICATION FORM GUIDE



> [Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop applicant guidelines April 2020 v2](#)

(Adobe PDF 235KB)

> [Newton Fund Researcher Links India Workshop applicant guidelines v4 May 2020](#)

(Adobe PDF 328KB)

> [Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop application template](#)

(Microsoft Word 50KB)

> [Newton Fund grant agreement template](#)

(Adobe PDF 265KB)

> [Newton Fund Researcher Links online application guide](#)

(Adobe PDF 985KB)

> [Newton Fund eligible UK research organisations v.17](#)

(Adobe PDF 58KB)

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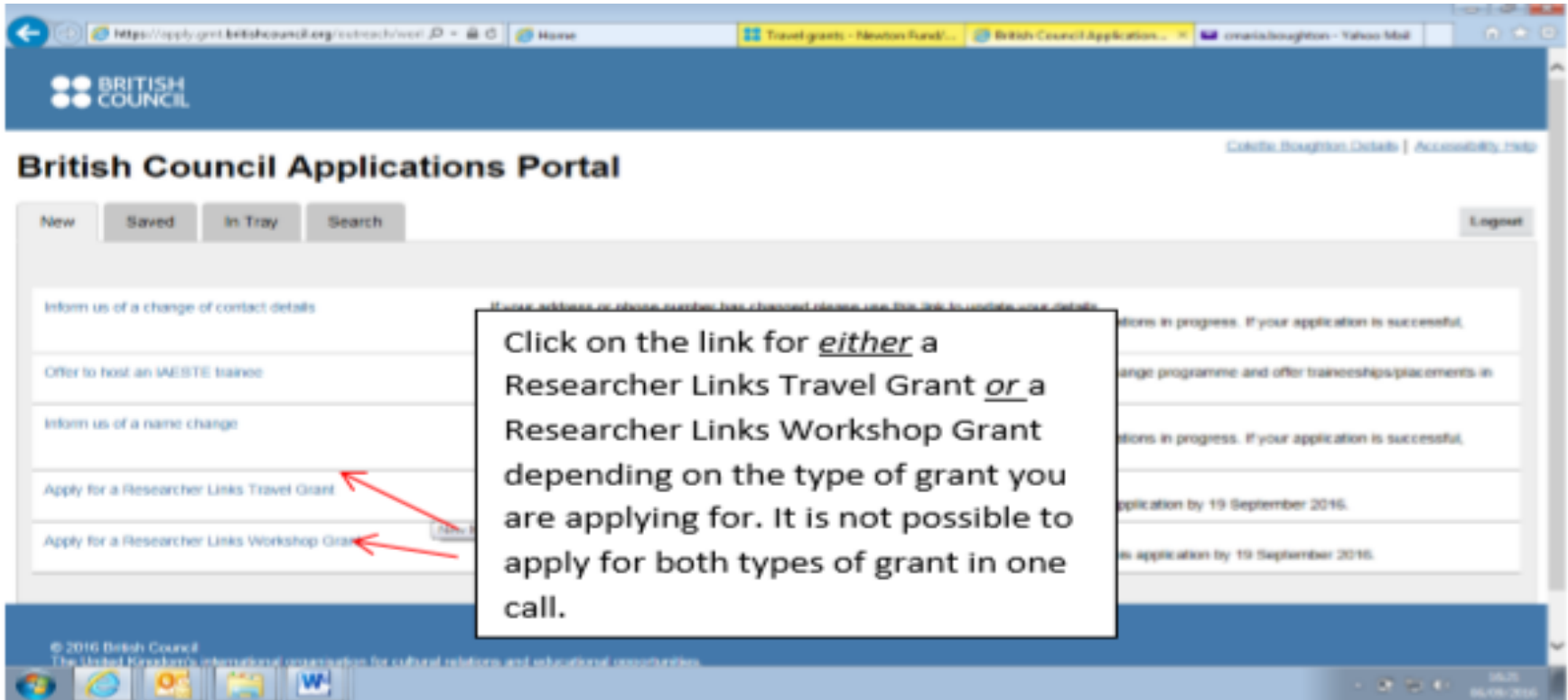
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BRITISH COUNCIL APPLICATION PORTAL



Step 13 - You should be taken to the initial page for the type of grant you started applying for. You can then make your way through the application. Good luck with your application!

HOW TO FILL THE FORM

Instructions on how to fill out the form

This application form can be saved at any time before completing or submitting it. In order to save the form and complete it later, click on the 'Save' button at the top or bottom of the page. The form is also automatically saved as you navigate through the pages.

Please see the guidelines provided in the links above for further information.

Your application ID is shown below. Please use this ID in all correspondence with British Council.

Application ID

Contact

If you have any queries about this call or if you encounter any technical issues with the online [application](#) please contact the Researcher Links Team:

UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org Please specify that your query relates to the Researcher Links Workshop Grants call.

APPLICATION FORM - DETAILS

- Summary Details – Workshop title, Name of the agency for whose priority areas you are applying for, Institution details, personal details etc
- Proposal summary – Immediate and longer term benefits of the workshop, specific strengths of applicants and their institutions that allow them to organize and maximize the outputs of the workshop
- Aims – Objectives of the workshop
- Participants – Successful Principal applicants will be responsible for recruiting workshop participants. Participants should be Early Career Researchers from India and UK with PhD or equivalent research experience.
- Details of the Mentors – India and UK
- Workshop details - Describe the topic(s) to be addressed in the Workshop. Include the technical background to the theme, making a case for the importance of the workshop.

APPLICATION FORM – DETAILS CONTINUED

- Workshop Logistics - Draft agenda for the workshop, the facilities available to the organisers, how both India and UK Lead Co-ordinators will collaborate for the workshop and benefit of collaboration to each partner
- Outcomes / Impact – Share the outcomes that are expected to arise from the workshop, both in the short-term and longer term futures., Please describe a plausible route leading from the workshop outcomes to a broader impact for development within a short to medium term timeframe.
- Capacity Building and Sustainability – Please share, how will the workshop contribute to the professional development and capacity building of the participants and the wider research group(s) involved
- Gender Equality

BUDGET

5 Budget Categories:

- ***International travel*** – Covers: Economy class airfare, visa cost, travel insurance and local transport to the workshop venue for international participants.
- ***Domestic Travel*** – Covers: costs of domestic travel to the venue for all Indian workshop participants.
- ***Subsistence*** - This covers the costs of accommodation, medical insurance and daily expenses such as phone and local transport.
- ***Event cost*** - This covers the costs of venue hire and meals.
- ***Additional Workshop cost*** – Cost which are not already cover, eg: projector, flip charts and other materials needed for the organisation of the workshops (including networking and social activities). Administrative cost like printing cost, communication cost, stationary etc.

FUNDING AND GRANT RATES

Grant Rates	
International travel:	£1000 per UK participant
Domestic travel:	£100 per Indian participant
Subsistence costs per person per day:	£45
Event costs per person per day:	£30
Additional workshop costs:	£1500

PAYMENT OF THE GRANT

- **British Council to sign an agreement with UK institution to disburse the cost of International travel and DBT / ICMR to sign an award letter with Indian host institution to disburse other categories of the budget.**
- The grant will be disbursed in 2 instalments: a 90% pre-financing payment will be paid within 30 days of signature of the Grant Agreement, and 10% post-workshop payment, or a recovery, on approval by the British Council/DBT/ICMR of a final report based on actual expenditure submitted by the Principal Applicants.

ASSESSMENT OF THE WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

- Application will be assessed against the eligibility criteria shared in the call guidelines.
- Eligible proposals undergo independent external quality review by the British Council, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), as per their priority areas, on the basis of quality, fit to development needs and country priorities and the overarching Researcher Links Workshops objectives.
- Eligible workshop proposals will be assessed in the UK and India by one of five Review Panels:
- **Arts and Humanities, Biological and Medical Sciences, Engineering and Physical Sciences, Environment, Agriculture and Food Sciences, Social Sciences.** Applicants should indicate from which review panel their proposal should be assessed and the subject their research covered
- Joint selection panel will be conducted between all parties for the final decisions.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND SUBMISSION

- Please submit statement of support from both India and UK Head of Department (or equivalent) including comments on the following questions
 - Why is this research important?
 - Why do you want to make contact with this institution?
 - How will the link be sustained?
- **Submission of application** – Before submitting the form, please ensure all required fields are filled and “Pre Submission Check” have been conducted successfully.
- Please click on **SUBMIT**. Your application will be submitted and an email confirmation with your application ID will be send on your email id.
- Once you submit, you will be able to edit your application up until the deadline (email UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org to request for your application to be re-instated). However, after the deadline you will not be able to edit your application in any way.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

The programme have facilitated partner finding through UUKi until 15th May. Now the service is closed and institutions need to find their partners on their own.

Eligibility criterion (point no 5 of call guidelines, Appendix 1 and 2) is to be strictly adhered.

Duration and total funding is clearly detailed in the Call guidelines. Please refer Appendix 1 for the same.

Focus on quality, methodology and feasibility

Application must clearly demonstrate a primary focus on development and articulate a plausible route to positive impact within a short to medium term timeframe (within 10 years). Please refer to point 3 on “Relevance to global development” of the call guidelines.

KEY POINTS REGARDING SUBMISSIONS

Joint online submission has to be made by one of the lead applicant preferably UK applicant.

Please save automatically generated Application ID number for all future communication.

Application once submitted can be edited until the deadline. Email your request at UK-Researcherlinks@britishcouncil.org for your application to be re-instated. However after the deadline application will not be edited.

Newton Team does not have permission to make any changes to application.

CONTACT US

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THANK YOU