Going Global Partnerships

Researcher Connect Online

Open call for application: 27 October 2022
Deadline for submission: 12 November 2022

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
- Successfully promote 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.

Researcher Connect Online Programme

British Council is opening a call to join the Online researcher connect workshops for early career researchers. 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.

These workshops are delivered by the British Council and will provide participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context.

Aim

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.
- To build capacity for early career researchers (up to 5 years) and recent PhD graduates with inclusive participation based on gender, ethnicity, and geographical difference.
- To improve your communication and research skills and the quality of the research as a whole.
- To increase the number of (joint) international journals and to strengthen research collaboration through this series of online training workshops.

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 and critiquing skills.

Overview of the Opportunity:

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

- Participants must have B2 Level of English to be able to participate in the workshop.
- Participants must attend 100% of the workshop sessions, 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

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 (5-6)

Eligibility Criteria:
- Participants should be Egyptian early-career researchers

- Early-career researchers are defined as up to 5 years experienced researchers, and recent PhD graduates with inclusive participation based on gender, ethnicity and geographical difference.

- Each early-career researcher should have a B2 level CEFR minimum to fully participate in the sessions (spoken and written)

- Hasn't studied these modules within the last 2 years

- Applicants must assure line manager approval for getting the training and should provide their line manager details, name, position, and email address.

- 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

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 **1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.**
- Will be delivered by 2 UK certified and professional trainers
- Should contain a maximum of 30 participants
- A certificate of completion will be sent to participants who attended 100% of the workshop sessions.

The workshops Dates:

The first workshops will be offered from 5 December 2022 to 15 December 2022.

The Workshop Online Platform:

The workshops will be delivered virtual through Zoom.

The workshop language:

All workshop sessions will be delivered in English

How to Apply:

Applicants should apply **Electronically only** within the call duration until 12 November 2022 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: EgyptGGP@britishcouncil.org
Please note that once you submit your application, you will not be able to edit your application.

Application assessment and notification of results

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria set in page 3; The British Council will inform participants about the results via email a week prior to the selected workshop date. 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 12 November 2022. 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:

Your information will be used in connection with further communication on the activities related to the programme.
The legal basis for processing your information is in agreement with our terms and conditions.

We receive and collect your personal information in response to your expression of interest in applying for this Researcher Connect programme.

Personal information collected will be passed to:
- British Council and selection body for the screening and selection process
- A cohort of researchers joining the programme together with you if you are selected.
- Trainers who will be leading in the delivery of the programme and working together with you, if you are selected
- Other cohorts of researchers from Researcher Connect programme, if you are selected.

Your consent to your personal information being shared with the British Council, selection board and the trainers and your email addresses being shared with the fellow participants (if selected) is necessary. Otherwise, you will not be able to participant in the Researcher Connect programme.

The personal information requested shall be kept with the British Council and the details of selected applicants will be passed to the trainers of this programme for design, delivery and the monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

We would like to use the information you provide to process this application and to send details of activities, services and events (including social events) which we think are of interest by email and newsletters. Based on filling application and consent to the privacy notice, we will process your personal information. You may unsubscribe at any time by contacting EgyptGGP@britishcouncil.org

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	27 October 2022
Closing Date	12 November 2022, 23:59 Cairo Time
Applications assessment	Week 12November 2022
Successful candidates notified	Week 27 November2022
Workshop delivery	December 2022 –January 2023

Workshop Dates

Workshop	Date	UK Trainer
WS1	Week 1 – Monday, 5 December to Friday, 9 December Week 2 – Monday, 12 December to Thursday 15 December.	Stella Mascarenhas-Keyes & Bridget Sealey