



RESEARCHER LINKS

UK-Vietnam Researcher Links Workshop

Call for Participation

WORKSHOP TITLE: DEVELOPING A RESEARCH AGENDA TO ENSURE VIETNAM'S SECURE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT ENERGY SUPPLY: VS2RES WORKSHOP

UK coordinator: **Dr. Zeeshan Aziz, University of Salford**

Vietnam coordinator: **Prof Nguyen Chi Ngon, Can Tho University**

Discipline: **Energy Resilience, Sustainability.**

Dates and venue: **15th to 17th May 2017 at Can Tho University, Ninh Kiều, Can Tho, Vietnam.**

As part of the Newton Fund, the British Council has launched a new five-year programme to encourage international research collaboration between ambitious researchers from the UK and eighteen countries around the world.

The programme, 'British Council Researcher Links' provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and internationally to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

As part of this programme, a 'call to action' was issued in April 2015 for leading researchers to propose themes for bilateral workshops to be held in one of these countries which will bring together early career researchers to discuss their research and start to build international relationships.

Successful applicant organisations from the UK and Vietnam are now recruiting early career researchers and welcome applications to attend the above workshop.

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshop early career researchers will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a poster and short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Vietnam. There will be a focus on building up links for future collaborations and participants selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

The British Council will cover the costs related to the participation to the workshop, including: travel (both international and local), accommodation and meals. Costs for the visa will be covered; however, participants will be responsible for making all the necessary arrangements. Although this cost will not be covered by the British Council, participants are encouraged to purchase an adequate travel and medical insurance. The British Council accepts no responsibility for any problems which may occur when the participants are in-country.

Application and Deadline:

The full application below must be completed and submitted by the UK applicants to Dr Zeeshan Aziz at Z.Aziz@salford.ac.uk by **6TH February, 2017**.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ❖ Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links application form
- ❖ Application must be submitted before the above deadline
- ❖ Participants must be early career researchers in the aforementioned disciplinary areas.
- ❖ Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience, for example significant roles on funded research projects) and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience. They are equivalent to the 'Recognised Researcher' and sometimes 'Experienced Researcher' categories in the EU framework for researchers' careers. http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Towards_a_European_Framework_for_Research_Careers_final.pdf . Leading Researchers as defined by the EU Framework for researchers careers are research group leaders who are internationally recognised in their field
- ❖ Participants must have a research or academic position (a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship etc) at a recognised research institution either in the UK or in Vietnam.

Quality Assessment

- ❖ Experience and relevance of the applicant's research area to the workshop
- ❖ Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
- ❖ Description of the long-term impact expected through the participation in the workshop
- ❖ Ability to disseminate workshop's outcomes

Selection Procedure:

- ❖ Eligibility check
- ❖ Quality assessment

Notification of results:

Applicants will be notified by email 2 months prior to the workshop.

Equal Opportunities

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all its activities and this includes the avoidance of any bias in the assessment of applications due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. Participants' selection undertaken by workshop organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of early career researchers with special needs will be given.

Please see the link below for detail on British Council policies that relate to your work- adherence to these policies are British Council Requirements http://www.britishcouncil.org/new/about-us/jobs/folder_jobs/register-as-a-consultant/policies-for-consultants-and-associates/ .Please refer to brand guidelines as directed by the British Council office in the country where you will be delivering your workshop

APPLICATION FORM

1. Applicant	
Name and title	
Gender (to monitor statistic participation – this will not be considered during assessment)	
Position and institution	
Postal address	
Email	
Phone number	
Brief CV (academic career, publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information) – no more than ½ page of A4	

Abstract - Please give a summary of your area of research (no more than 300 words)

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3. Please describe your motivation to attend the workshop and how the workshop matches your professional development needs (no more than 200 words)

4. Please describe the expected impact of your participation to the workshop on your personal and professional development, including your ability to work on an international level (no more than 200 words)

5. Please indicate how you will disseminate the outcomes of the workshops and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired (no more than 200 words)

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6. Workshops will take place in English as standard. Please indicate your ability to work and communicate in English (Note, translators will not be provided)

Native speaker			
Excellent			

7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application. In particular, given key theme of workshop is ensuring Vietnam's secure, sustainable and resilient energy supply, highlight areas in which you can contribute.

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