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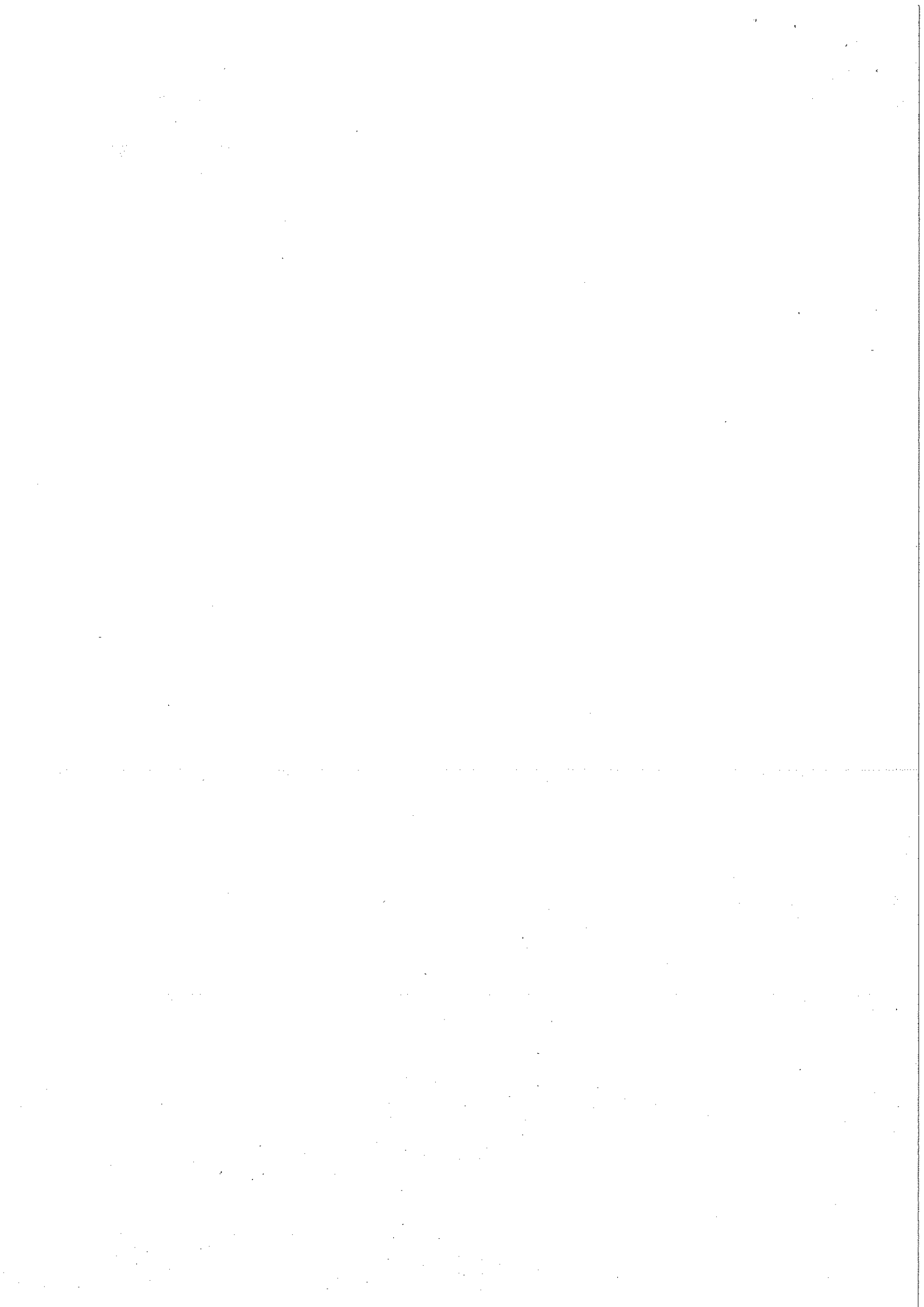
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# RESEARCHER LINKS

## TRAVEL GRANT GUIDELINES

### Overview

This element of Researcher Links is designed to provide financial support for early career researchers in the UK to spend up to three months in any partner country participating in the Researcher Links initiative, or for partner country researchers to come to the UK. The aim is to enhance and strengthen links for future collaboration, build research capacity in developing economies, and enhance the researchers' career opportunities. The call is open to all researchers meeting the requirements listed below, including, but not limited to, participants in Researcher Links workshops.

Proposals will be accepted in any discipline/multidisciplinary area including from the natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, but some countries have specified areas which will be prioritized in the final selection process (see Annex 1).

### 1. Who can participate?

- **Early Career Researcher**

The term 'early career researcher' refers to researchers at the beginning of their research careers. We would expect early career researchers to have been awarded their PhD not more than 10 years prior to applying for the Travel Grant, but allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances. If a researcher does not hold a PhD, but has research experience equivalent to a PhD holder and works in a field where a PhD is not a pre-requisite for established research activity, they will still be considered eligible<sup>1</sup>.

**Only one application may be submitted per researcher.** Duplicate applications will not be eligible, even if they are to different countries.

- **Based in the UK or partner country**

The researcher must be based either in the UK, or in one of the partner countries listed below, and they must have a research or academic post (permanent or fixed-term) or fellowship (excluding visiting or honorary fellowship) at a recognised publicly funded research establishment, or public or private Higher Education Institution. The researchers can be of any nationality, but they must be able to secure a visa for the country which they plan to visit. Travel may only be between the UK and partner country, but can be in either direction.

**Partner Countries: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia (Social Sciences and Humanities only), South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America (Humanities and Social Sciences only), Vietnam.**

Subsequent calls may have different partner countries involved

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<sup>1</sup> For an indication of profiles for early career researchers we suggest applicants refer to the document 'Towards a European framework for research careers' ([http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research\\_policies/Towards\\_a\\_European\\_Framework\\_for\\_Research\\_Careers\\_final.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Towards_a_European_Framework_for_Research_Careers_final.pdf)). For the purpose of this call, 'Early Career Researcher' refers to researchers at the level of 'R2 –Recognized Researcher' or at the very beginning of R3 level.

## 2. Purpose of research visit

The research visits are designed to do the following:

- **Establish a new research link or significantly develop an existing link, with the potential for longer term sustainability**

The travel grants are intended to either support new links, or to significantly extend and develop existing links with the potential for longer term sustainability. Applications to return to the research group where the applicant carried out their PhD research or have previously taught will only be considered if they clearly demonstrate the latter. The proposal should include a clear description of how the individuals and research groups involved intend to sustain their collaboration. There should be an explanation of the mutual benefit to both the UK and partner country researchers and institutions.

- **Contribute to capacity building of individual researchers and research groups**

The proposal should include a description of the capacity building potential of the project (both for the individual applicant, and other potential beneficiaries), and the longer term impact that the project could achieve

- **Support development-relevant research in certain countries**

Applications in areas of research which are relevant for development goals<sup>2</sup>, will be prioritized when the research visit involves one of the following countries: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America, Vietnam.

## 3. Direction and Duration of the Travel Grants

The travel grants can be either for researchers in the UK to travel to one of the partner countries listed in Section 1, or vice versa. The duration of the research visit can be a minimum of one month, and a maximum of three months.

## 4. Timing of the Travel Grant

Research visits should take place before the end of March 2015

## 5. Funding

4.1 The maximum award that can be applied for is £7695 *NOTE: Please see annex 4 for details on budget request.* The final value of the award will be stipulated in the award letter. The British Council and partner funders will not increase the value of an award at a later stage.

4.2 The award is a contribution to cover costs relating to travel, accommodation, subsistence, visas, insurance, and a small amount for consumables.

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Additional support for applicants with special needs will be provided on a case by case basis.

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<sup>2</sup> For example, research in the following areas: Agriculture; Climate and Environment; Education; Economic Growth; Health; Infrastructure; Social Change; Governance and Conflict; Water and Sanitation; Humanitarian Disasters and Emergencies; Food and Nutrition; Energy

- 4.3 Awards given to researchers based in the UK will be paid to their home institution. The British Council will transfer the award to the UK University and the department will organise the distribution of funds to the award holder. A grant agreement will be signed between the British Council and the home institution
- 4.4 Awards for researchers based outside the UK will be paid through the local British Council office. The British Council office will contact the award holder to arrange the payment. A grant agreement will be signed between the British Council and the home institution
- 4.5 In addition the award holder must comply with ALL of the following conditions. They must:
- a) Use the award only for costs relating to travel, accommodation and subsistence, with a small amount for consumables. Researchers must make all their own travel and accommodation arrangements, including visas and insurance.
  - b) If the application is successful, the award holder must submit a full itinerary to the British Council, with travel dates and a programme of visits if applicable.
  - c) Accept full responsibility for all aspects of the visit and take out insurance for any risks associated with taking part in travelling abroad, including all unexpected and uncontrollable events. The British Council will not be liable for the consequences of any such risks or any costs incurred.
  - d) Complete and return the award report form within one month of completing the exchange programme. This should include a summary statement of expenses relating to the award.

## 6. Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

- **A completed online application form.** This can be found on the British Council Researcher Links webpage: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/science/british-council-researcher-links>. This application form must be completed online – email submissions will not be accepted. The online form allows applicants to enter information and save for a later date until final submission. There are strict character limits for each section which cannot be exceeded. Any problems with the online system should be reported to:

[UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org](mailto:UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org)

- **A signed statement of support from the head of department of the home institution, where you are currently based.** This should include information on how your institution will help you prepare for the visit, arrangements for support during your visit, cover for your post while you are away if relevant, and how the institution will support you in sustaining the link. This should be in Word or pdf format, and submitted online, together with the application form.
- **A signed letter of invitation from the head of department of the host institution, where the visit will take place.** This should include information on how the host institution will help you prepare for the visit, arrangements for support during your visit (waiving of bench fees, support for finding accommodation and any language training needed, induction to the institution etc), and how the institution will support you in sustaining the link. This should be in Word or pdf format, and submitted online, together with the application form.
- The statements of support from the two heads of department should also include 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?

Once the online application is submitted, applicants will receive a confirmation email containing the application ID number. This will be a reference number to be used in all the communications with the British Council. Applicants that do not receive the automatic confirmation will need to contact the British Council: [UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org](mailto:UK-ResearcherLinks@britishcouncil.org)

## **7. Application assessment and notification of results**

After the deadline for submission of applications the British Council will send acknowledgment of receipt by email. Applications will then be assessed against the eligibility and quality criteria (Annex 2 and 3). Applicants whose application is rejected at the eligibility stage will have 1 week to appeal against the decision.

Successful applicants will be notified approximately 10 weeks after the call deadline.

## **8. Selection Process:**

There will be a two-step selection process, first in the UK and then in partner countries with a national funding partner.

Eligible applications will be assessed by one of the 5 selection panels in the UK:

**Biological and Medical Sciences;**

**Environment, Agriculture and Food Sciences;**

**Engineering, Physical and Space Sciences;**

**Social Sciences;**

**Arts and Humanities.**

Applicants should indicate in the online application form which selection panel their proposal should be assessed by, and the subject, or subjects that their research covers. More than one subject area can be selected, but the applicant should select just one Selection Panel.

Applications will be assessed against the criteria stated in Annex 3. The ratings of the application against the quality criteria result in a total number of points out of a maximum of 70.

For countries with no minimum number of funded applications, the selection will be made on the basis of quality compared to the global ranking, with the spread across the panels being proportionate to the number of applications. For countries with a minimum number of funded applications, the UK ranking will be shared with the partner funder, and the final decision will be made in discussion with the partner. Only proposals which score above a threshold detailed in Annex 3 will be considered for funding.

National and partner research priorities will be considered in the final decision in addition to main programme criteria. This means that final results will not necessarily reflect the global ranking. Please see Annex 1 for priority areas by country

- 9. Call Deadline:** 23:59 GMT on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (except for applications to or from South Korea, which should be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - Applicants from South Korea will use the online application available on the NRF website: <https://ernd.nrf.re.kr/>)

## **Data protection**

As part of the online application form, the British Council will ask applicants' permission to:

- Use the information provided in the application for processing the application, making any consequential award, for the award payment, monitoring, maintenance and review of the award. In some cases information will be shared with national programme partners for the purpose of selection and monitoring of the award.
- Make information on the successful applications available to the public on their website and other publicity, and in reports and documents.
- Contact applicants in the future to inform them about future British Council opportunities

Under UK Data Protection law applicants have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on them, for which we may charge a fee, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. More information on this is available on the British Council data protection webpage: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/home-data-protection.htm>, or alternatively can it be requested to the local British Council office or the Data Protection Team [dataprotection@britishcouncil.org](mailto:dataprotection@britishcouncil.org)

## Annex 1

### Country priorities

**Only countries where the national funding partner has requested a ring-fence will there be any minimum number of awards. For all other countries selection will be on the basis of a global ranking.**

### Annex 1 Country list

#### Azerbaijan

All research areas covered. No minimum number of awards

#### Bangladesh

All research areas covered. No minimum number of awards

#### Brazil

**Please note – researchers from across Brazil may apply for this award, and UK researchers may apply to visit any group in any region of Brazil**

**Priority areas:** all research areas covered

Minimum number of awards: 5

#### Colombia

In partnership with **Colciencias**.

Priority areas: Climate Change, Nanoproduction, Biotechnology (pharmaceutical), Renewable Energy Sources, Agriculture, Tropical Botany, Environmental Sanitation, Technology Management and Innovation, Ecology, Transportation and logistics, Humanities and Social Sciences

No minimum number of awards

#### Egypt

In partnership with the **Science and Technological Development Fund (STDF)**.

Priority areas: Renewable energy, with an emphasis on solar and wind; Water, including desalination; Irrigation and groundwater management; Food and agriculture; Health, including hepatitis C, cancer and obesity, pharmacology; Information technology; Space – remote sensing and earth sciences; Education in general; Mineral resources; Veterinary medicine

No minimum number of awards

### **Indonesia**

All research areas covered  
No minimum number of awards

### **Kazakhstan**

In partnership with the **Science Committee of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan** and the **National Centre for State Scientific Technical Expertise**.

**Priority areas:** Energy; Extraction and Processing of Raw Materials; Information and Communication Technologies; Biochemistry, biotechnology and medical sciences; Fundamental research in natural sciences, politics, economics, and humanities.

Minimum number of awards: 5

### **Mexico**

In partnership with **CONACyT**.

**Priority areas:** Nanosciences and nanotechnology for advanced manufacturing (automotive / aeronautics); Biotechnology for agriculture, food industry and health; Health Care Sciences and Technology; Assessment of Research (Assessment of projects, programmes and processes in Science, Social Sciences and Technology)

**Secondary areas:** It is also possible to propose workshops in the following areas, but these are lower priority (except where there is some overlap or connection to priority areas): Water; Bar Code of Life; Complexity Science and Society; Physics of High Energies; Energy Sources; Environment and Sustainability; Nanosciences and Nanotechnology; New Trends in Medicine; Foods, Agriculture and Biotechnology; Information Technologies; Mathematical and Computational Models; Ecosystems; Poverty and Urban Development; Mexican Network on Soft Condensed Matter; Ageing, Health and Social Development; Robotics and Mechatronics; Hydrometeorology and Climate Disasters; Ethnoecology and Biocultural Heritage; Scientific Research and Space Technology; Civil Society and Quality of Democracy

#### **Additional guidelines for Mexico:**

Early career researchers should have approximately 5 years' experience after their PhD.

Minimum number of awards: 5

### **Morocco**

In partnership with **CNRST**.

**Priority areas:** Energy; Water and environment; Agriculture and nutrition; Management and development of spaces ; Health; Information technology and embedded systems; Aviation; Mechatronics and electronics; Materials and nanomaterials; Risk Management; Social and human sciences  
Technology transfer and innovation; Transport, construction and civil engineering

Minimum number of awards: 5

### **Nigeria**

All research areas covered.  
No minimum number of awards

### **Qatar**

All research areas covered  
No minimum number of awards

### **Pakistan**

In partnership with **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC)**, **Pakistan Council for Science & Technology (PCST)**, and **Pakistan Science Foundation, (PSF)**.

All research areas covered.

Minimum number of awards: 5



**Russia**

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Only  
No minimum number of awards

**South Africa**

All research areas covered  
No minimum number of awards

**South Korea**

**In partnership with National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). DEADLINE 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Early career researchers from South Korea will only be able to apply to the Researcher Links - Travel Grants if this is part of an exchange with an early career researcher from the UK. The application must be submitted using the online application available on the NRF website: <https://ernd.nrf.re.kr/>

Early career researchers from the UK can either apply as a one way visit, or as part of a two-way exchange with a researcher from South Korea. In both cases they must apply before the 15<sup>th</sup> November. UK researchers should apply using the online application form at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/science/british-council-researcher-links>.

All research areas covered  
Minimum number of awards: 5

**Thailand**

In partnership with **Thailand Research Fund (TRF)**.

**Priority areas:** Environmental and biological sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences; Technology transfer

Minimum number of awards: 12 (6 UK to Thailand; 6 Thailand to UK)

**Turkey**

**Priority areas:** IT (including cyber security), biotechnology, material sciences, advanced manufacturing, energy, Health, Creative Industries, Humanities and Social Sciences; Nanotechnology, Food Security

No minimum number of awards

**United States**

**Priority areas:** Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in an interdisciplinary environment

**Additional Guidelines:** All research should include interdisciplinary elements and objectives. Priority will be given to researchers based in the UK. UK researchers may apply to work with a US research group performing field work in a third country, as well as in the US. Preference will be given to research supporting global development goals, in the following priority areas:

- Heritage
- Languages
- Design
- Economic performance and sustainable growth, in particular transitions to a green economy;
- Development of sustainable and economically viable urban areas;
- Influencing behaviour and informing interventions, in particular innovations in health, education and social care;
- A vibrant and fair society, in particular the role of citizens, voluntary sector organisations and social enterprises in sustainable development.

**Vietnam**

All research areas covered  
No minimum number of awards

## Annex 2 – Eligibility Criteria checklist

The application has been submitted by the applicant by the published deadline	
The application has been submitted using the correct online application form	
The applicant has enclosed the 2 supplementary documents required.	
The application form is completed in full and complies with instructions given.	
The application form has been completed in English.	
The applicant has submitted only 1 application within the Travel grants – Application call November 2013	
The home institution is based in one of the countries eligible for the Researcher Links programme – Travel grants – Application call November 2013	
The host institution is based in one of the countries eligible for the Researcher Links programme – Travel grants – Application call November 2013	
The applicant is an early career researcher ( <i>The term 'early career researcher' refers to researchers at the beginning of their research careers. We would expect early career researchers to have been awarded their PhD not more than 10 years prior to applying for the Travel Grant, but allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances. If a researcher does not hold a PhD, but has research experience equivalent to a PhD holder and works in a field where a PhD is not a pre-requisite for established research activity, they will still be considered eligible</i> )	
The international mobility happens between the UK and one of the participating countries or vice versa.	
The applicant has a fellowship (excluding visiting or honorary fellowship) or a permanent or fixed-term contract with the home institution	
The home institution is a recognised publicly funded research establishment or Higher Education Institution (can include private Universities).	
The host institution is a recognised publicly funded research establishment or Higher Education Institution (can include private Universities).	

**Annex 3 - Quality criteria assessment form** (The quality assessment will be performed by panel members)

Applications scoring less than 10 points in Section 1, Section 2, or Section 3, will not be selected for funding.	Points	Max.
<b>Section 1 – Research quality and relevance</b>		<b>20</b>
<p>The academic importance and timeliness of the research topic is clearly demonstrated</p> <p>The applicant has sufficient relevant experience to undertake the proposed research visit and achieve the stated objectives</p> <p>The added value given by the collaboration with the host institution is clearly described</p> <p>The benefits and relevance of the research to the UK and partner country institution are clearly described</p>		
<b>Section 2 - Proposal</b>		<b>20</b>
<p>The description of the visit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clear, feasible and realistic objectives</li> <li>- the potential for long term impact</li> </ul> <p>There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions</p> <p>The proposed activity supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links.</p> <p>If the applicant is returning to visit the research group where she/he carried out their PHD research or previously taught, there is clear evidence that the research visit will give added value to the collaboration</p>		
<b>Section 3 – Sustainability and Capacity Building</b>		<b>20</b>
<p>The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for the applicant and other potential beneficiaries is clearly described</p> <p>The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the individuals and research groups involved intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term</p>		
<b>Section 4. Additional points for applications relevant to international development</b>		<b>10</b>

The research proposed is relevant to development aims. For example, research in the following areas: Agriculture; Climate and Environment; Education; Economic Growth; Health; Infrastructure; Social Change; Governance and Conflict; Water and Sanitation; Humanitarian Disasters and Emergencies; Food and Nutrition; Energy		
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR QUALITY ASSESSEMENT</b>		<b>70</b>

#### Annex 4 - Budget

The Researcher Links travel grant is intended to be a contribution to the travel and subsistence costs that early career researchers will incur during their activity. The accommodation and subsistence costs should be calculated using a flat rate, depending on the country of the proposed visit and the duration of the visit. The applicant should also estimate the additional **actual** costs that they will incur for travel (one return economy airfare), visa, and insurance. A small amount, up to £250, can be added for consumables (however, it is expected that the receiving laboratory or department will provide most of these resources). The maximum amounts for each part of the grant, and the maximum total grant that can be requested are shown in the table below, but it is expected that the requested budget reflects the actual costs expected to be incurred.

Applicants with special needs can request additional support to participate in the activity and this will be agreed on a case by case basis.

The amount requested in the online application cannot be increased at a later stage, so it is important that applicants include all the eligible costs at this stage.

Subsistence amounts have been calculated referring to EC Programmes and British Council local information.

Country	Maximum travel costs	Accommodation and Subsistence* (per month)	Maximum Visa costs	Maximum travel insurance costs (per month)	Maximum consumables	Maximum Total cost for a two month visit	Maximum Total cost for a three month visit
Azerbaijan	£1,000	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£4930	£6695
Bangladesh	£2,000	£1,000	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£5595
Brazil	£2,000	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£5930	£7695
Colombia	£2,000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£5530	£7095
Egypt	£1000	£1,000	£150	£65	£250	£3530	£4595
Indonesia	£2,000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£5530	£7095
Kazakhstan	£1,000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£6095
Mexico	£2,000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£5530	£7095
Morocco	£500	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£4030	£5595

Nigeria	£1000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£6095
Pakistan	£2,000	£1,000	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£5595
Qatar	£1,000	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£4930	£6695
Russia	£1,000	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£4930	£6695
South Africa	£2,000	£1,000	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£5595
South Korea	£2,000	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£5930	£7695
Thailand	£2,000	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£5530	£7095
Turkey	£500	£1,500	£150	£65	£250	£4030	£5595
United Kingdom	£2,000*	£1,700	£150	£65	£250	£5930*	£7695*
United States of America	£2,000	£ 1,700	£150	£65	£250	£5930	£7695
Vietnam	£2,000	£1,000	£150	£65	£250	£4530	£5595

\* The amount awarded for the UK will also vary depending on which country the researcher is travelling from.

