

## Newton Bhabha Fund PhD Placement

The British Council, in partnership with the Departments of Science and Technology (DST) and Biotechnology (DBT), invites applications for funding support for short-term placements in United Kingdom (UK) and Indian institutions between March to October 2019.

### Details

**Closing date:** 04 August 2018 - 16.00 hrs (UK time)

**Selection results:** October 2018

### Aims of the programme

The placement offer provides funding to Indian and UK PhD scholars for a period of 2 to 4 months of their research at any UK or Indian higher education institution. As a result of participating in international intellectual networks, it builds the capacity of individuals, increases cultural understanding and fosters sustainable research collaborations.

The programme further aims to:

- ) provide individual professional development through international training and development opportunities
- ) increase the number of highly trained researchers in the UK and India with international experience, able to contribute to the absorptive capacity for research and innovation and thus bring about economic and social benefits
- ) develop international joint training pathways
- ) increase awareness of the research strengths of the UK and India

### Eligibility criteria

#### UK nationals applying:

- ) scholars pursuing their PhD at a UK higher education institution. Please see list of eligible institutions under downloads section.

#### Indian nationals applying:

The scheme is open only for Indian scholars enrolled at Indian higher education institution with following criteria:

- ) INSPIRE PhD Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) of Batch 2015 - STEM and Life Sciences.
- ) PhD Scholars (other than INSPIRE Fellows) who have qualified through a national level test and are pursuing PhD in mid second or third year of Life Sciences. The following national level tests are considered: CSIR/UGC-NET, GATE, BET, ICMR-NET, ICAR-NET

*Please refer to call guidelines under download section for full details of eligibility criteria.*

## **Financial support provided**

- ) visa fee
- ) economy class international airfares (from and to country of residence)
- ) overseas medical insurance incurred by applicants
- ) in-country costs including accommodation (as per details provided in call guidelines)
- ) a stipend paid monthly
- ) bench fees (if applied for) by UK host University

## **Application procedure**

Submit your application with endorsements from both the sending and receiving relevant Heads of Department (or equivalent). In addition, the receiving institution must confirm that they will host, give details of the duration of stay and amount of bench fees, if charged (applicable only for UK host universities).

UK applicants apply [here](#)

Indian applicants apply [here](#)

## **For further information, contacts:**

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