



Call for Participants to attend Four Day Workshop

on

Urban Air Pollution in Indian and UK cities: Characterization and Prediction of Chemically Reactive Air Pollutants

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, India

Dates: 28 November 2016 – 1 December 2016

Under the Researcher Links scheme offered within the Newton Fund, the British Council and Royal Society of Chemistry, Researcher Links scheme are holding a four-day workshop on the above theme at IIT Delhi from 28 November 2016 to 1 December 2016. The workshop is being coordinated by IIT Delhi, India and University of Birmingham (UoB), UK, and will have contributions from other leading researchers. We are now inviting Early Career Researchers from the UK and India to apply to attend this workshop. The shortlisting of the participants will be done as per the guidelines given in the attached application form. All travel and accommodation expenses for the shortlisted participants will be subsidized/partially reimbursed by the Newton Researcher Links programme. The application form, with more details on the initiative, is attached. The filled-in application form should be sent to the following on or before **15th August 2016**.

For applicants in India: Prof Mukesh Khare, IIT Delhi (mukeshk@civil.iitd.ac.in)

For applicants in UK: Dr. Francis Pope, UoB (F.Pope@bham.ac.uk)

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Application Guidelines

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Discipline: Urban Air Chemistry

As part of the Newton Fund, the British Council and Royal Society of Chemistry have 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 India 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 short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and India. 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 and Royal Society of Chemistry 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 Deadline

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Eligibility Criteria

- i. Applications must be submitted using the attached Researcher Links Application Form
- ii. Application must be submitted on or before **15th August 2016**
- iii. Participants must be Early Career Researchers: *Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD and having **not more than 10 years post-PhD** research experience.* They are equivalent to the ‘Recognized Researcher’ and sometimes ‘Experienced Researcher’ categories in the EU framework for researchers’ careers
- iv. Participants must have a research or academic position (either a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship) at a recognized research institution either in the UK or in India

Quality Assessment

- i. Experience and relevance of the applicant’s research area to the workshop theme
- ii. Research publications in relevant area of urban air chemistry in peer-reviewed journals
- iii. Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
- iv. Description of the long term impact expected through the participation in the workshop
- v. Ability to disseminate workshop’s outcomes

Selection Procedure

- i. Eligibility Check
- ii. Quality Assessment

Notification of results

Only successful 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 organizers shall not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of early career researchers with special needs will be given.



RESEARCHER LINKS

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, SCI/SCOPUS publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information) – no more than ½ page of A4	

2. Abstract - Please give a summary of your area of research

3. Please describe your motivation to attend the workshop and how the workshop matches your professional development needs

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

5. Please indicate how you will disseminate the outcomes of the workshops and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired

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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 may be provided if necessary)

Native speaker		Good	
Excellent		Need Support	

7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application.

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