NEWTON-BHABHA FUND PHD PLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2020-21

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

2020-21

Overview of Change(s) From Previous Version:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Change</th>
<th>Page in version X</th>
<th>Page in version X</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Call opens: June 15, 2020
Call closes: August 16, 2020; 1600 hrs UK time; 20:30 hrs India time

www.britishcouncil.org
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Content</th>
<th>Page Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Background</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Relevance to Global Development</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Programme Overview</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Gender Equality Statement</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Outcomes</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Priority Sector</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Eligibility Criteria</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Application Guidance, Process and Funding arrangements</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Contracting and Financial Arrangements</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Support to PhD Scholars</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Reporting and Monitoring</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Diversity and Data Protection</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. Contractual Requirements</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Contact Details</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Annexure 1</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16. Annexure 2</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
1. BACKGROUND

The Newton Fund builds research and innovation partnerships with 17 active partner countries to support their economic development and social welfare, and to develop their research and innovation capacity for long-term sustainable growth. It has a total investment of £735 million from the United Kingdom (UK) Government until 2021, with matched resources from the partner countries. The UK works in partnership with India under the Newton-Bhabha Fund to deliver global development impact as its primary benefit.

The Newton-Fund is managed by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and delivered through seven UK delivery partners, including UK Research and Innovation (comprising the seven research councils and Innovate UK), the UK Academies, the British Council and the Met Office.

Tackling global challenges such as extreme weather conditions, urbanisation, access to affordable health care, food and energy security, and meeting the social and economic needs of a growing population - requires an integrated and innovative approach. The programme brings together communities from different disciplines, sectors and countries in high-quality collaborations. This is achieved by building skills of doctoral scholars through cross-border research collaborations in higher education institutions.

In India, the Newton-Bhabha Fund is supported by the UK and Indian governments through a ministerial agreement and was launched to promote science and innovation partnerships between the two countries.

For further information visit www.newtonfund.ac.uk and follow on us Twitter @NewtonFund
2. RELEVANCE TO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

For the purpose of the Newton-Bhabha Fund PhD placement programme, we define activities leading to global impact with development relevance as activities that have the potential to contribute to economic development and social welfare which benefits low income and/or vulnerable parts of the population around the world.

It is an essential requirement that the proposed work to be funded by the Newton-Bhabha Fund, be focused on applying the skills of the UK-India partnership to address global development challenges. These are challenges that are particularly relevant to developing countries, but also have wider effects. These challenges are referenced within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In order to be considered for funding under the PhD Placement Programme, all proposals must clearly demonstrate a primary focus on development and articulate a plausible route to positive impact within a short to medium term timeframe (within 10 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion cannot receive support under the PhD Placement programme.

In some disciplines, development relevance can be longer term and less direct than in other areas. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the applicant to articulate within the application, how the proposed activities will meet these criteria.

Applicants must complete the development impact section of the application form and should not expect reviewers to make assumptions about development impact that is not clearly described within the proposal.

Failure to demonstrate development impact will render your application ineligible, regardless of other success criteria. Applicants are encouraged to refer to specific SDGs (https://www.globalgoals.org/) where possible.

In order to show development relevance within the context of their proposed project, applicants are advised to include within their application reference to any local, national or international consultation, links to government policies, and existing links with government institutions and must clearly articulate the importance to relevant global challenges.
Agreements for ownership and exploitation of intellectual property generated through project activities must be consistent with the primary aim of addressing development issues.

**Transparency and reporting**

As part of the government’s commitment to transparency and in line with the Department for International Development (DFID) reporting requirements, there is a requirement to publish information about grants including project titles and summaries via the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and via DFID’s national statistics.

The purpose of publishing information via the IATI registry is to make information development related research easily accessible to governments, stakeholders and other relevant groups in beneficiary countries. All funded projects from this programme will be published in this way. Therefore, please write your project title and summary in such a way that they are meaningful and accessible to non-specialist audiences.

It is expected that the project title and summary are written in plain English and avoid the use of jargon, acronyms, puns and play of words. **Please also make clear in your project title and summary how your project is relevant to global development**, for example by identifying the development challenge(s) or relevant SDGs being addressed, the aims of the project and its beneficiaries.

3. **PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

Newton Bhabha Fund aims to develop individual capacity of PhD scholars by offering short-term (two to four months) placements at both, UK and Indian higher education or research institutions. This year’s Call for 2020, is jointly funded by the UK Government Newton-Fund and Government of India’s Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

PhD placements will be focused on research areas, which have been identified bilaterally between India and the UK. These are important for fulfilling the Newton-Bhabha Fund goals. For details, please refer to section 6. Priority Sectors.

The approach of the programme will be scholar-centered to ensure that the best possible development experience is provided. International exchanges should add value through enabling scholars to:

- learn valuable new skills or techniques for research
• access facilities or resources not readily available in their home country
• build relationships with potential new collaborators, including industry partners where relevant
• advance complementary collaborative research.

DST, in collaboration with the British Council, will support up to 35 PhD scholars from India and UK in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) from the pool of INSPIRE Fellows.

DBT in collaboration with British Council will support up to 35 PhD scholars from India and UK in Life Sciences (other than INSPIRE Fellows).

ICSSR in collaboration with British Council will support up to 30 PhD Scholars from India and UK in Social Sciences.

First tranche of grant funding is expected to be disbursed by the end of February 2021 and placements can take place between April 2021 to December 2021. Grants are paid in two installments and are made to institutions and not directly to scholars.

**British Council and partners reserve the right to not fill all positions depending on the quality of applications and assessment results.**

### 4. GENDER EQUALITY STATEMENT

To comply with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014, applications must outline how they have taken meaningful yet proportionate consideration as to how the project will contribute to reducing gender inequalities in the Gender Equality Statement section of the application form.

Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender. This should be about the project specifically – the outputs and outcomes; the make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project; and the processes followed throughout the research programme. It should not be a re-statement of your Institution’s policy, you may refer to the policy, but should show how the policy will be implemented in terms of the project.
The Gender Statement must address the below criteria, with an understanding that, depending on the nature of the research and innovation, not all questions will be applicable. If a question is not applicable, you will need to articulate the reasons why. Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and the beneficiaries of the research.

- The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond?
- The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc?
- How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
- Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

UKRI provide useful guidance on Gender Equality Statements for their grant applications. You can find this at: https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/gender-equality-and-international-development-research-and-innovation/

British Council reserve the right to reject the application if no consideration has been given to gender equality or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact to gender equality. Women scholars pursuing PhD in public funded HEIs are strongly encouraged to apply for Newton Bhabha PhD Placement Programme for 2020-21.
5. OUTCOMES

Newton-Bhabha Fund programme outcomes are to:

• develop individual capacity of students through international training and development opportunities.

• create a cadre 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.

• enable participation of UK and Indian PhD scholars in international intellectual networks, building cultural understanding, and fostering long-term sustainable research collaborations.

• create awareness of the research strengths of the UK and India.

6. PRIORITY SECTORS

UK and India have identified the following six priority areas for the Newton-Bhabha Fund:

1. Sustainable cities and urbanisation
2. Public health and wellbeing
3. Energy-water-food nexus
4. Understanding oceans
5. High value manufacturing
6. Big data

Accordingly, applications are invited in STEM, Life Science and Social Science, that can include the following subject areas:

• Biological and Medical sciences including Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Bioengineering, Bioprocesses, Bioinformatics, Systems Biology, Bio-mechanics, Neuro-biology, Planetary Health, Ecosystems and sustainability, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Medicine, Pharma and Veterinary Sciences

• Engineering and Physical sciences including Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Physical Mathematics, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Big Data and Manufacturing

• Environment, Ecology, Food and Agriculture Sciences
• Public Health and Well-being

• Applications in any Social Sciences disciplines like Economics, Sociology, Political Science, History, Anthropology, Geography, Education, Development & Policy studies, Statistics/Big Data Studies, Health Studies, Environmental Studies in line with the above priority areas.

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For UK national applicants: The scheme is open only for UK scholars pursuing their PhD at a UK home institution in the area of STEM, Life Sciences and Social sciences Scholars from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are also eligible to apply. Applications will be considered from scholars from all institutions which are strong in research in the priority sectors described in the previous section. Please refer to the list of Eligible UK Organisations as part of the call announcement.

For Indian national applicants: The scheme is open only for Indian scholars enrolled at Indian HEIs with the following criteria:

1. Those applying for DST funding: eligible applicants need to be INSPIRE PhD Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) of Batch 2017
2. Those applying for DBT funding: PhD Scholars (other than INSPIRE Fellows) who are pursuing PhD in mid second or third year of Life Sciences are eligible to apply.
3. Those applying for ICSSR funding: ICSSR Doctoral Fellows or registered Ph. D scholars (full-time) pursuing PhD in second or third year of Social Sciences are eligible to apply. PhD scholar can be registered in any of the above mentioned social science disciplines or subjects(mentioned in priority area section) , however their PhD research theme must be aligned to any of the 6 Newton Bhabha priority areas, to be eligible for this grant.

For both Indian and UK scholars:

• Applicants should have a valid passport before applying.

• Applicants are required to submit their PhD thesis only after completion of the placement.

Please refer to the detailed eligibility criteria in Annex 1.
8. APPLICATION GUIDELINES, PROCESS & FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

8.1. Application guidelines

Applications should be accompanied with endorsement letters or a formal email (pdf format) from both the sending and receiving institutes, signed by Head of Department (or equivalent). The letter from the host institution must confirm that they will host the PhD scholar and provide details of all academic and country-level support, the duration of the stay and the level of bench fees they will charge. The endorsement letter should explicitly state that the support under Newton-Bhabha PhD Placement Programme will be acknowledged in publications (in any form) arising from the work undertaken during the placement.

Endorsement letters from the UK universities should outline bench fees, if any, that will be charged, and brief note on how and where it will be used. In addition, if any registration or other fees are charged, these should be disclosed to the applicant in advance.

*Please note applications without the endorsement letters or formal email will not be considered for funding.*

8.2. Application process

**Indian applicants** should submit the form online by clicking [here](#).

**UK applicants** should submit the form online by clicking [here](#).

The deadline for receipt of applications is 16 August 2020. Results are expected to be announced in November 2020.

8.3. Funding arrangements for the UK scholars

The **British Council** will fund the travel grant with a maximum of up to GBP 900 to cover the following expense as part of Newton-Bhabha Fund:

- UK scholars’ travel - international return airfare (economy class)
- visa fees to India
• travel insurance (if required)

**DST / DBT / ICSSR** will cover the following expense:

• UK scholars’ one-time arrival allowance in India – INR 10,000
• UK scholars’ stipend in India - INR 31,000 per month
• For their own convenience, UK scholars need to arrange their accommodation either in the host institution or off-site before departing to India. DST/DBT/ICSSR will release accommodation allowance @ 8% or 16% or 24% of the stipend amount of INR 31,000, based on the class of city, as per Government of India norms.
• UK scholars will be exempt from tuition fees, experiment fees and basic teaching material costs. Costs beyond the above arrangements will be borne by the scholars themselves.

### 8.4. Funding arrangements for Indian scholars

The **British Council** will cover the following expense:

• Indian scholars’ bench fees in the UK: Maximum GBP 5,000 for STEM and Life Sciences Subjects and GBP 3,000 for Social Sciences, where the UK host university cannot waive the bench fees (or consumables costs). The UK host supervisor can apply for this bench fees by stating the amount in the endorsement letter or formal email. In addition, applicant has to enter this amount in his/her application form. Amount stated in the application form will be considered for funding.
• Indian scholars’ stipend in the UK – GBP 1300 per month to cover meals, accommodation, domestic travel, etc.

**DST / DBT / ICSSR** will fund the travel grant with a maximum of up to INR 1,00,000 per scholar to cover the following expense as part of Newton-Bhabha Fund

• Indian scholars’ visa fees
• Indian scholars’ international return airfares (economy class) as per Government of India (GOI) norms
• Indian scholars’ travel and comprehensive medical insurance as per Government of India norms
8.5. Evaluation criteria

Scholars should ensure their applications meet the following criteria which are the principles underlying candidate assessment:

- all questions on the application form are answered
- the activities are planned to deliver outcomes in the most effective manner
- the candidate has promising results from the “prior work” and the proposed research during placement will significantly enhance the research outcome
- candidate has outlined weekly work plan and has realistic expectations about the work proposed during the placement duration
- the application must clearly demonstrate a primary focus on development and articulate a plausible route to positive impact within a short to medium term timeframe (within 10 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion will not be able to qualify under the PhD Placement programme.
- the application should meet all criteria stated under the Section 2 “Relevance to Global Development”
- the placement will add value to the PhD research and to the activities of the two research groups
- the support offered to the researcher will ensure that the placement is as productive as possible and facilitates cascading of learning gained through the placement to PhD Scholar’s home institution.
- the research is relevant to the priority sectors of the Newton-Bhabha Fund Programme.
- the mobility programme will contribute towards developing a long term sustainable partnership between UK and Indian universities.
- the scholar will return to complete their PhD at their home university.

8.6. Evaluation process

The British Council will conduct eligibility check of the UK applications and other partners will conduct the eligibility check for the Indian applications. Eligible applications will be assessed for the Global Development Impact (GDI) Relevance by the British Council. Applications which do not meet this criteria will not be considered for funding. All GDI eligible applications will be assessed by the subject experts. Following this, a joint panel between the agencies will be
organised to take a final decision. Assessment Framework mentioned in Annexure 2 of this document will be used to assess the applications.

Applications will be screened for their relevance to the six priority sectors of the Newton-Bhabha Fund (mentioned above) and on relevance to global development impact.

Newton Bhabha Fund will be delivering “PhD Placement - Application Support Webinar”. Dates will be announced shortly on the web page.

9. CONTRACTING AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

9.1. For UK PhD scholars

The British Council will sign a Grant Agreement with the UK home institution to disburse the UK scholar’s airfare, visa fees and insurance. The UK home institution will be responsible for disbursing the grant to the respective scholar.

The British Council will disburse grant to the UK home institution after receiving the signed Grant Agreement from the UK home institution within the specified timeline which will be notified as a part of the Grant Agreement. The home institution / scholar is responsible for submitting receipts for the cost of visa, airfare and insurance along with the final report to the British Council.

DST or DBT or ICSSR (as relevant) will inform Indian host institutions of the final selection of UK scholars and will release funds towards scholars per month stipend, accommodation, one-time arrival allowance and one time medical insurance to the Indian institution followed by sending a sanction letter. Indian host institution will be responsible for disbursing the grant to the respective scholar.

9.2. For Indian PhD Scholars

The British Council will sign a Grant Agreement with UK host Institution to disburse stipend and bench fees (if any) for the Indian scholar. The grant will only be released once the British Council receives a signed Grant Agreement from the UK host institution within the specified
timeline which will be notified as a part of the grant agreement. The UK host institution will be responsible for disbursing the stipend to the respective Indian scholar.

**DST or DBT or ICSSR** will release funds for the Indian PhD scholar to his/her respective Indian home institutions followed by sending the sanction letter. Indian home institutions will disburse fund for scholar's visa, airfare and insurance as per Government of India norms. (This will also be mentioned in the sanction order).

### 9.3. Grant disbursement for both Indian and UK Scholars

Ninety per cent of the total grant will be disbursed to the home / host institution (whichever applicable) before the placement begins. The remaining 10 per cent will be disbursed after completing the placement and submitting the financial and narrative reports to both British Council and DST / DBT / ICSSR provided that the final report demonstrates that the placement has been completed as planned. If this is not the case, the British Council may recover a portion of the grant.

The UK and Indian institute receiving the grant will be responsible for:
- managing the grant, including paying the same to scholars
- provision of financial accounts to detail how the British Council / DST or DBT or ICSSR funds have been spent on each PhD scholar over the reporting periods
- alerting the British Council / DST or DBT or ICSSR (as relevant per subject area) on any substantive changes that will impact on project outcomes.

See section 13 for further information regarding contracting.

### 10. SUPPORT TO PHD SCHOLARS

**Support in finding the host University**

**For Indian Scholars**

Find a UK host for your Newton Fund application: [Universities UK International](https://www.universitiesukinternational.org) (UUKi) offers a scholar support service to help connect Indian scholars to potential UK supervisors. Those interested and would like assistance in finding a UK supervisor, should complete the [Host Request Form](https://www.universitiesukinternational.org) on the UUKi website, ideally **as soon as possible after the launch of the call**
and at least four weeks ahead of the call deadline. UUKi is then able to suggest UK researchers or research groups with similar research interests, who may therefore be interested in hosting PhD students. Host requests will also be included on UUKi’s Opportunities for Collaboration webpage.

For UK Scholars

UK scholars may explore a list of Indian institutes ranked by Ministry of Human Resource Development here: https://www.nirfindia.org/2019/Ranking2019.html. Scholars in Social Science may explore list of ICSSR Research institutes here: http://icssr.org/30-research-institutes. However, this source does the exploration of other relevant institutions. For support in identifying Indian institutes for the aforementioned priority sectors, please contact Purti Kohli (see section 14).

Points to consider:

The Newton-Bhabha PhD Placements programme expects that host institutions offer high standard of supervision, management and mentoring to placement scholars. Applicants must consider the following in their proposals:

- The standards of supervision, management and mentoring provided by the host institution
- Experience of the supervisors to train and mentor doctoral scholars to provide the highest quality supervisory support for their doctoral scholars
- Mechanisms that are in place to assess, provide for and monitor individual doctoral student needs and offer the student appropriate development opportunities
- Professional and transferable skills training offered to doctoral scholars, including training in the principles of good research conduct in their discipline and in the relevant ethical, legal and professional frameworks
- Learning and training opportunities available to doctoral scholars to raise awareness of the broader context of their research area, particularly in reference to societal and ethical issues, and the importance of engaging the public with research.

For further information on UK standards for doctoral training, please refer to the Statement of Expectations for Doctoral Training at www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/skills/statementofexpectation-pdf/
11. REPORTING AND MONITORING

- Selected scholars will be asked to complete an online baseline survey before the placement begins and a follow-up survey after six months of the placement.

- Beneficiary and host institutions must submit both financial and narrative reports to the British Council and DST/DBT/ICSSR respectively within 30 days of completion of their placement. Report template is part of the call announcement.

- Publication (in any form) arising from the work undertaken during placement should acknowledge support from Newton-Bhabha PhD Placement Programme and both the funders. Information about any such publication should be communicated to both the funders at earliest.

- Fellows are encouraged to tweet/blog about their experience during the Placement Programme and its impact on their research career while tagging the funders.

- If the PhD scholar withdraws from studies or is unable to complete the period of the placement, they must immediately inform the British Council, DBT or DST or ICSSR as relevant explaining their decision, and submitting a letter showing the agreement of their supervisor.

- If the scholar is unable to complete full tenure of the placement at the host institute, their final report should demonstrate that the objectives of the placement are met, and placement has been completed as planned.

Key dates:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity detail</th>
<th>Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Call announcement</td>
<td>15 June 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call closes</td>
<td>16 August 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Announcement of results</td>
<td>November 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Placements to be undertaken</td>
<td>April 2021 to December 2021</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Report submission</td>
<td>Within 30 days of the completion of the placement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communicate any publication arising from the work done during placement</td>
<td>Up to 3 years from the placement completion</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

12. DIVERSITY AND DATA PROTECTION

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.

Principal Applicants are encouraged to work towards as equal a gender balance as possible and promote diversity and must ensure that no applicants are excluded from participation on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability.

Data protection

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you are providing for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring and review of any award.

We shall share any necessary data on your application with the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and with our funding partners in your country in order to assist with management of the application process; any decisions on grants will be made in collaboration with them.

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU) GDPR). We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other
purpose without your specific consent. British Council reserve the right to publish and share anonymized aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information, where collected, is used solely in preparing statistical reports.

The British Council collects country of origin for reporting and statistical purposes and to contact you within your own country.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this please contact your local British Council office or the Data Protection Team at infogovernance@britishcouncil.org or see our website: http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection.

13. CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

- The contracting authority is the British Council which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the British Council from time to time (see: www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status).

- Successful Indian applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and successful UK applicants will be expected to undertake activities in India.

- The British Council’s contractual approach in respect of the grant (Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement) (“Grant Agreement”) is captured in the Downloads section of this call announcement. By submitting a response to this call for applications, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of these guidelines and the Grant Agreement without further negotiation or amendment.

- In the event of any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, submit a clarification request to Purti Kohli (see section 14) in accordance with the provisions of this call for applications by the application deadline. The British Council reserves the right not to make any changes to the Grant Agreement.

- The British Council is under no obligation to consider any clarifications / amendments to the Grant Agreement requested following the application deadline.
14. CONTACT DETAILS

British Council – India

Purti Kohli
Senior Project Manager – Higher Education and Society
British Council Division
17, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi - 110001
Email: purti.kohli@britishcouncil.org or newton@in.britishcouncil.org

DST (INSPIRE Fellows)

Ms. Tamanna Arora
Scientist C
Room No. 23, S&T Block III
Department of Science and Technology
Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road
New Delhi – 110016
Ph: 011-26590274; Email: tamanna.arora@nic.in

DBT

Dr. Ketan Thorat
Scientist
Room No. 706 Block 2
International Cooperation Division,
Department of Biotechnology
CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110 003
Email: icon@dbt.nic.in

ICSSR

Mr. MP Madhukar
Deputy Director
Incharge (International Collaboration Programme)
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development,
JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067
Phone:011-26742832
E-mail: madhukar806@gmail.com
Annexure 1: Eligibility Criteria Checklist

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>For UK Scholars - The UK Host Institution must be an eligible research institution or recognised higher education institution (list of eligible research institutes is provided under call announcement documents)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>For UK Scholars - Scholar is undertaking his/her PhD at an eligible research institution or recognised higher education institution (list of eligible research institutes is provided under call announcement documents)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If applying for Life Sciences (other than INSPIRE Fellows), applicants should be in second or third year of your PhD at an Indian institution and meet eligibility criteria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If an INSPIRE PhD Senior Research Fellow applying for STEM and Life Sciences subjects, applicants should be of batch 2017 and shall upload up to date progress report approved by supervisor at supporting information in online application format</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If applying for Social Sciences, Applicant should be ICSSR Doctoral Fellows or Ph. D scholars (full time) who are registered in UGC recognized Institutes of national importance, universities/ deemed universities, ICSSR research institutes and colleges having approved Ph.D. programme with requisite infrastructure as defined by MHRD/UGC.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scholar is in second or third year of PhD research.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The application has been submitted by the applicant within the published deadline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The application has been submitted using the correct online application form.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The applicant has enclosed the supporting documents required, including confirmation from the host university that they will accept the scholar and support them with their research.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The application form is completed in full and complies with instructions given.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The application form and supporting documents have been completed in English.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The applicant has submitted only one application under this call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The home institution is based either in India or UK.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The mobility will take place as per details captured under 'Key Dates ' of Section 11.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The applicant will return to their home institution to complete their PhD after the end of the visit (demonstrated via the supporting letter from the institution).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The home institution is a recognised publicly funded research establishment or Higher Education Institution (can include private universities).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The host institution is a recognised publicly funded research establishment or Higher Education Institution (can include private Universities).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The applicant has not received a Newton-Bhabha PhD placement grant in previous rounds.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Eligible applications will be assessed by the subject expert review panel and the final funding decisions will be made in discussion with British Council country office and DST / DBT / ICSSR. Eligible applications which do not meet Global Development Relevance criteria will not be assessed by the subject expert review panel. Applications which receives an average score of less than 30 points are considered not fundable.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section 1 – Relevance to Global Development</th>
<th>Range</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The proposal must clearly demonstrate a primary focus on development and articulate a plausible route to positive impact within a short to medium term timeframe (within 10 years)</td>
<td>YES/NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Please see section 2 of the Guidelines for information.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section 2 – Research quality and background</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Range</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The academic importance and timeliness of the research topic are clearly demonstrated.</td>
<td>20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The applicant has sufficient relevant experience to undertake the proposed research visit and achieve the stated objectives.</td>
<td>16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The collaborating institutions are of appropriate academic standing.</td>
<td>11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level</td>
<td>1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Section 3 – Research visit and proposal | 0-20 |
The description of the proposed research visit includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs.

There is clear evidence that the proposed research visit supports new links or significantly extends and develops existing links.

The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK and partner country institution, and to the research itself, are clearly described.

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 proposed research visit will expand added value to the collaboration.

There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions.

20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level
16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level
11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level
6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level
1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level
0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.

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.

The potential in terms of professional development and capacity building for the applicant and other potential beneficiaries is clearly described.

20 points: Meets all criteria to an exceptional level
16 to 19 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level
11 to 15 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level
6 to 10 points: Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level
1 to 5 points: Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level
0 points: Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level.

**TOTAL SCORE FOR ASSESSMENT**
(Section 2 + Section 3 + Section 4) 0-60