

RESEARCHER CONNECT

Call for Expression of Interest Selection Panel for Researcher Connect Programme

The British Council is planning to deliver the Researcher Connect training programme for early-career researchers. In response to our call for applications, we have received an overwhelming number of applications from candidates interested in participating in this programme.

We are now seeking your assistance in helping us select the 30 most suitable candidates for this highly competitive opportunity.

About the Researcher Connect Programme:

The Researcher Connect Programme is a globally recognised initiative designed to enhance the communication skills of early-career researchers, empowering them to succeed in today's competitive and international research landscape. The programme is open to researchers from all academic disciplines and fields, ensuring a rich and diverse learning environment. It is free of charge for all participants.

Through a series of online workshops facilitated by experienced trainers, participants will gain practical tools and techniques to improve their ability to communicate research outcomes effectively. Modules will cover key areas such as academic writing, oral presentations, social media strategy, and collaboration essentials.

The course helps researchers communicate their work to different audiences—whether through academic journals, international conferences, or public engagement—while also providing valuable support in building international research collaborations and securing funding.

Delivered in Sri Lanka for the first time in January 2025, this programme will select 30 participants from a variety of fields and academic backgrounds. Training will be conducted over one month.

Your Role:

We are forming a **selection panel** and would greatly appreciate your impartial expertise in reviewing the applications. The panel will assess applicants based on their qualifications and skills, ensuring that we choose those most likely to benefit from the programme. Given that there may be applicants from your own university/ institute, we will request you to sign a **conflict-of-interest declaration** to maintain fairness and impartiality.

Timelines:

If you are interested in joining the selection panel, please provide a brief profile (in paragraph or essay format, not exceeding 600 words) outlining your relevant experience and qualifications, by Friday 11 October. This will help us ensure that panel members are well-suited to make informed selections. Your participation will be essential in ensuring the success of this programme and its positive impact on the research community in Sri Lanka.

If selected, we will notify you by Friday 18 October. Applications will be shared with you by 20 October, and we kindly request that you review and return your selected candidates within 10 days—by 30 October 2024. This timeline is crucial for us to finalise participants for the training according to our schedule.

What We Provide:

- **An honorarium will be offered for each application reviewed.**
- **Guidance on the selection process, including key criteria for evaluating applicants.**

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful impact. We look forward to your positive response.

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