British Council invites applications from registered PhD students in public funded universities in India and UK under Newton Fund PhD Placement Programme. The scholarship supports a PhD scholars from India and UK for a short-term placement in a university in UK or India respectively. The programme is funded by the Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), United Kingdom (UK) and the Ministry of Science and Technology, India, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

Apply by 8 October 2019 16.00 hrs (UK time)
About the programme

The placement offer provides funding to Indian and UK PhD scholars to be placed for a period of 2-4 months of their research at any UK or Indian higher education institution. Expected outcome for scholars including building international intellectual networks, building research skills capacity of scholars, increases cultural understanding and fosters sustainable research collaborations between institutions in both the countries.

Who is invited to apply?

In the UK, the scheme is open only to UK scholars pursuing their PhD at a UK higher education institution in area of STEM and Life Sciences. Scholars from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are also eligible to apply.

In India, the scheme is open only to Indian scholars enrolled at public-funded Indian higher education institutions with the following criteria:

1. INSPIRE PhD Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) from 2016 batch are eligible to apply for STEM and Life Sciences subjects only.

2. PhD Scholars (other than INSPIRE Fellows) who have qualified national level test and are pursuing PhD in mid second or third year of Life Sciences are eligible to apply. The following national level tests are considered: CSIR/UGC-NET, GATE, BET, ICMR-NET, ICAR-NET

3. PhD scholars (other than INSPIRE and Life Sciences) pursuing PhD in second or third year from any public funded Indian HEIs, that submitted a response to British Council's Expression of Interest (EoI) are eligible to apply. List of Institutions that submitted their EoI is available at the call announcement page.

Match-making service for scholars to choose universities will be provided by Universities UK International (UUKi) also mentioned in the call guidelines.

Please click here to find details on call guidelines, eligibility criteria, application procedure, contract requirements and funding, institutions who submitted EoI.

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