

# RESEARCHER **LINKS**

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## Overarching purpose:

- To create **international opportunities** for the people of the UK and other countries and build **trust** between them worldwide

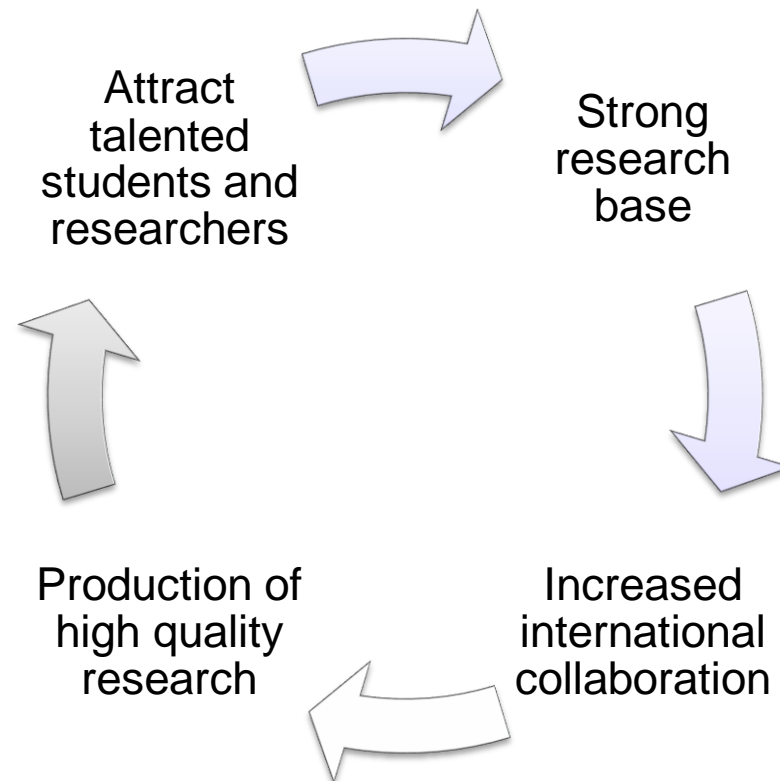
## One of our five Charitable Objectives:

- To encourage cultural, **scientific, technological** and other educational **cooperation** between the United Kingdom and other countries

## We do this in Education through:

- Enhanced leadership of and **shared learning** from international education and **research**

- Mobile researchers are more productive
- Internationally collaborative research is more highly cited
- Research is international



## UK Research is world-leading

- The UK has just 1% of the world's population, but produces 14% of the most highly cited articles (second to the US)
- The UK is a world leader in terms of quality of research in many areas, including biological sciences, environmental sciences, social sciences, and humanities
- UK researchers are the most efficient, in terms of numbers of articles produced and how frequently these articles are cited and used

## Researcher Links – What does it do?

- Creates opportunities for early career researchers from UK and partner countries to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations
- Involves senior researchers to guide the process, define themes and act as mentors
- Consists of thematic workshops and travel grants
- Open call, with workshop themes/travel grants selected on the basis of mutual benefit, research quality and potential for sustained interaction
- Encourage interdisciplinary interactions and inclusion of social sciences and arts and humanities researchers



## Target Countries

**2013/14**

- Brazil, Mexico, Colombia,
- Morocco, Egypt, Qatar,
- South Africa, Nigeria,
- Russia, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan
- Pakistan, Bangladesh
- **Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea**



## Workshops

- Bilateral workshop, 3-4 days, 40 participants
- Equal number from UK and partner country
- Leading UK researchers and partner countries selected (open call). 'Workshop leaders' define theme, keynotes, and workshop participants (proposal must have one UK and one partner country researcher)
- Workshops selected through a two-step process: initial comment and ranking from UK used to inform final selection by BC country offices and national funding partners
- Guidelines for running workshops
- Open call for participants - majority being early career researchers (postdoctoral level and above), with more experienced researchers to act as mentors



## Travel Grants

- Open to all researchers, in UK and partner countries, including those who have participated in workshops
- Support short research visits (up to 3 months)- aim of starting up a longer term collaboration
- Either to or from the UK, or combination of both
- One call per year
- Funding can be ring-fenced per country, depending on matched funding from national partners, - selection process conducted on quality and potential for sustainability
- Evidence of fit with institution's internationalisation strategy, fit with individual's career development, - researcher must be adequately supported by the host institution

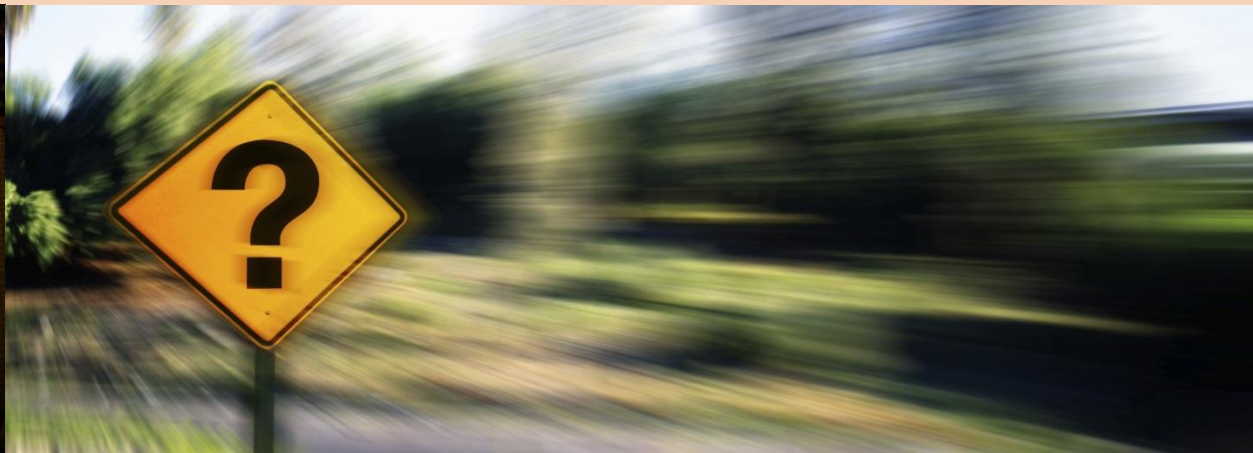
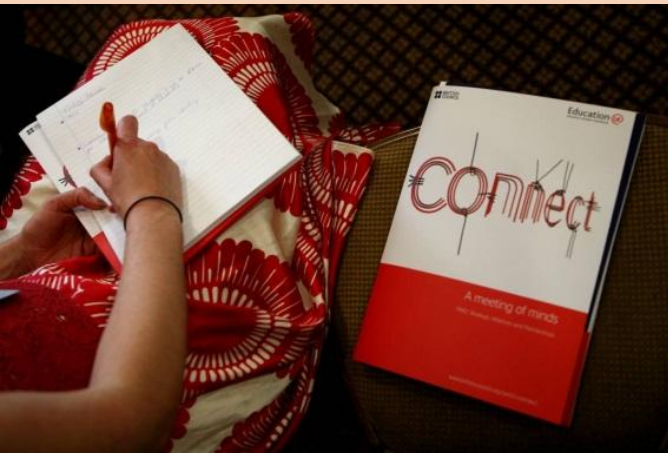


## Funding

- BC will allocate up to £100k per country, depending on co-funding from partner organisations
- BC also holding additional funding for travel grants
- Budget for workshops to be defined in country
- Funding partners can influence allocation of funding towards workshops or grants – what adds most value to current landscape?
- Intended to be 5 year programme, but funding to be reviewed and allocated on a yearly basis

## Timeline

- Open call for workshop leaders (June 12<sup>th</sup> 2013)
- Workshops selected (July 2013)
- Workshops run in partner countries (September – March 2014)
- Call for travel grants (November 2013)
- Travel grants selected and disbursed (Jan-Mar 2014)



## Dissemination and other funding opportunities

- We will use EuraxessUK to disseminate information about the project, as well as contacting other HE and Research networks
- Researchers and funders are encouraged to sign up to the EuraxessUK newsletter, - gives regular updates about this project, as well as other funding opportunities between the UK and countries worldwide ([www.euraxess.org.uk](http://www.euraxess.org.uk))
- The EuraxessUK website has a funding search for international opportunities\* – national research funders can ask for their schemes to be included in this database

[\\*http://euraxessfunds.britishcouncil.org/Search.aspx/Index](http://euraxessfunds.britishcouncil.org/Search.aspx/Index)



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