**CALL for APPLICATIONS**

**to PARTICIPATE in a TRAINING SESSION:**

**PROPOSAL WRITING and FINDING FUNDING for RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The British Council and the Professional Development and Engagement Centre at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University are pleased to announce a call for applications to participate in a “Proposal writing and finding funding for research projects” workshop as part of the Newton – Al-Farabi Partnership Programme.

We are inviting applications from researchers who live in Almaty and Almaty oblast.

As a result of this initial call for applications, we expect to select up to 20 participants who will be invited to Al-Farabi Kazakh National University for a workshop will be held on the **14th March 2016 from 09.00 to 17.00.** Only those participants who attend the entire workshop will be eligible for a certificate.

Applicants must be fluent in English (at least level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages[[1]](#footnote-1)).

To apply please complete the attached application form and send it to cpdkaznu@gmail.com by **14.00 on the 1 March 2016.**

Only applications in English will be accepted.

**How will we score your application?**

Applications will be checked for eligibility and then scored by a panel of experts from the British Council and the Professional Development and Engagement Centre according to the criteria below.

**Eligibility criteria**

* The application is complete and includes the applicant’s CV
* The application is in English
* The application was submitted by the deadline

**Quality assessment criteria**

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| **Criteria** | **Weighting** |
| Track Record – research experience (supported by CV) | 30% |
| Motivation to attend the workshop | 20% |
| Description of the long term impact expected through the participation in the workshop | 20% |
| English language proficiency | 30% |

**Programme**

After the selection procedure only candidates selected will receive the programme of workshop with venue and time schedule. The outline of the training session is attached.

**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 organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of early career researchers with special needs will be given.

**FAQ**

Many researchers in Kazakhstan only speak Russian and/or Kazakh. Why do I need to speak English to participate in this workshop?

* Given that one of the main aims of the training is to help researchers from Kazakhstan apply for international funding, this training will be delivered in English.

How will you assess my level of English?

* We will assess your English by looking at your application and CV. We do not require a qualification in English (for example, IELTS, TOEFL). However, if you have a relevant English language qualification you should mention it in the ‘qualification’ section of the application form.

**Notice**

The workshop lasts one day. On completion, participants will receive a certificate to confirm their participation.

The organisers can provide financial support for successful participants from outside Almaty for their travel and accommodation.

**Contact us**

If you have any further questions about the call for applicants or Professional development and Engagement Programme, please contact cpdkaznu@gmail.com or newton-al-farabi@kz.britishcouncil.org

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common\_European\_Framework\_of\_Reference\_for\_Languages [↑](#footnote-ref-1)