

NUTRITION POLICY TO PRACTICE IN PAKISTAN: EXPLORING THE CHALLENGES AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

A HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION PAKISTAN & BRITISH COUNCIL FUNDED RESEARCHER LINKS WORKSHOP.

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Discipline: Nutrition

Dates and venue: Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan. March 8th to 11th, 2015

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan in collaboration with British Council (BC) has launched a new five-year programme to encourage international research collaboration between ambitious researchers from the UK and eighteen countries around the world. As part of the program HEC Pakistan in collaboration with BC is supporting this workshop from 8-11 March 2015 in Islamabad Serena Hotel, Pakistan.

This programme, **Researcher Links** of Higher Education Commission Pakistan in collaboration with British Council provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and Pakistan to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

As part of this programme, a 'call to action' was issued in April 2014 for leading researchers to propose themes for bilateral workshops to be held in one of these countries which will bring together early career researchers to discuss their research and start to build international relationships.

Successful applicant organizations from the UK and Pakistan are now recruiting early career researchers/ professionals with training in nutrition and research potentials are encouraged to apply to attend the above workshop.

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshops early career researchers/professionals will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Pakistan. There will be a focus on building up links for future collaborations and participants selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

HEC Pakistan and BC will cover the costs related to the participation to the workshop, including travel, accommodation and meals.

Further information:

The workshop will provide an opportunity for Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) / professionals (defined broadly as being within 10 years of receiving their PhD in the field of public health and nutrition or equivalent qualifications in the fields of Nutrition, Public Health, or Biochemistry, MPhil or enrolled in PhD program in the relevant fields in HEC recognised Universities, or faculty in the Nutritional sciences in Postgraduate institutions, or working as Program Managers in the Nutrition programs in the Government, donor, or NGO sectors), to engage with professionals that are facing the real-life challenges at the various stages of converting nutrition policy into practice in a developing country setting and provide an insight into the complex reality of this process. The ESRs/professionals will also receive training in more generic, transferable skills in cultural awareness, communication, grant writing and potential funding streams. Every effort will be made to encourage the discussion and relationship building between the researchers from the UK and Pakistan, and for them to share "peer to peer" their respective experiences, successes and failures, in conducting research.

Programme: The workshop will include key note lectures, discussions and opportunities for ESRs/professionals to present their own research.

Who should apply: If you received your PhD/MPhil/MSc in Nutrition/Public Health Nutrition or a closely related field such as Biochemistry, within the last 10 years, are resident of Pakistan and affiliated with a University or Research institution. All participants will be asked to give a 15 minute presentation of their research in one of the following areas:

- 1) Public Health/Nutrition Policy
- 2) Micronutrients
- 3) Food and Nutrition
- 4) Social Marketing for Nutrition
- 5) Maternal and Infant Nutrition

Application process: Please complete the application form <http://www.kmu.edu.pk>

Deadline for applications: January 30th 2015

Applications will be reviewed and the outcome communicated to the applicants by February 15th, 2015. We hope to be able to offer up to 15 places.

Logistics:

Flights will be arranged by the organising team. Transfer from the airport in Islamabad, accommodation and all meals will be arranged and paid for by the local organisers.

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