Academic peer reviewers sought for the UK India Education & Research Initiative (UKIERI) research applications

Universities UK International (UUKi) is seeking academics to review research applications for strand three of the UK India Education & Research Initiative (UKIERI), E-Partnership and Research Incubation.

The deadline for academics to register their interest is Thursday 12 October.

Programme background

The UKIERI programme aims to enhance the quality of education and research links across the two countries through exchanges between research teams. Further information about the programme and the research call is available here.

Peer review request

We are seeking peer reviewers for two separate funding streams:

- The University Grants Commission UGC-UKIERI call is open to all subject areas
- The Department for Science and Technology DST-UKIERI call is seeking proposals from three specific subject areas.

Eligibility: Peer reviewers must not be a part of a team that has applied to either of the two calls listed above, or be working on an ongoing UKIERI project.

For the UGC-UKIERI call would like to hear from academics working in all subject areas.

For the DST-UKIERI call we are particularly interested to hear from those working in the following three areas:

- Cyber Physical Systems (cyber security & big data focussing on cities and urbanisation)
- Environmental sciences (circular economy – impact of climate change on coastal communities, including erosion and flood risk, water quality and pollution risk, and food security)
- Future manufacturing (cross cutting with environmental sciences and cyber physical); future mobility (including alternative fuels)

Peer reviewers will be required to remotely review up to 10 research proposals using an online portal. Each review will consist of providing breakdown scores by section, an overall mark and brief feedback comments.

Reviewers may be requested to participate in a joint academic panel with reviewers in India (conducted remotely) following the individual review. Participation in the panel is not mandatory and those that do accept an invitation to join the panel will be compensated for their time. The panel is expected to take no more than one day.
Peer reviewers will receive an honorarium payment of £80 for up to four proposals, and £160 for five to ten proposals. No one will be expected to review more than ten proposals.

Those that are interested in acting as a reviewer for the UGC funding call should indicate which of the following groupings their expertise relates to:

- Medicine and dentistry; subjects allied to medicine; biological sciences; veterinary science; agriculture and related subjects; physical sciences; mathematical sciences; computer science; engineering and technology; architecture, building and planning; social studies; law; business and administrative studies; mass communications and documentation; languages; historical and philosophical studies; creative arts and design and education.

Those that are interested in acting as a reviewer for the DST funding call should indicate which of the following groupings their expertise relates to:

- Cyber physical systems; environmental sciences and future manufacturing.

Academics interested in participation should e-mail a copy of their CV to ukieri@international.ac.uk indicating their subject expertise by 17.00 on Thursday 12 October.

Those selected as peer-reviewers will be sent email confirmation. The review process will start from 27 October and will close on 27 November 2017. Peer-reviewers will be selected on the basis of experience, qualifications and associated demand.

Any questions about the process should be directed to ukieri@international.ac.uk.