

Newton-Bhabha Fund PhD Placement Programme 2020

About the Programme

The Newton-Bhabha Fund is offering the opportunity for UK and Indian PhD scholars to spend a period of their study (up to two to four months) in Indian and UK higher education institutions, to take place between April 2021 and December 2021.

On behalf of the Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom (UK) and the Ministry of Science and Technology, India, British Council India, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) are pleased to invite applications for funding to support short-term PhD placements between UK and Indian institutions.

Key dates

Deadline for receipt of applications: 16 August, 2020 16:00, hrs UK time (20.30 hrs India time)

Results announcement: November 2020

Placements to take place between: April 2021 to December 2021

Aims

The programme is envisaged to:

- Develop individual capacity through international training and development opportunities.
- Increase the number of highly trained researchers in the UK and India with international experience, able to contribute to the absorptive capacity for research and innovation and thus bring about economic and social benefits.
- Build cultural understanding and foster long-term sustainable research collaborations.
- Develop international joint training pathways.
- Increase awareness of the research strengths of the UK and India.

Eligibility criteria

In UK, the scheme is open only for UK scholars pursuing their PhD at a UK higher education institution. Please see the list of eligible UK institutions in the downloads section below.

In India, the scheme is open only for Indian PhD scholars enrolled at Indian higher education institutions with the following criteria:

1. INSPIRE PhD Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) of **Batch 2017** are eligible to apply for a STEM and Life Sciences subjects.
2. PhD Scholar (other than INSPIRE Fellows) pursuing PhD in mid second or third year of Life Sciences are eligible to apply.
3. ICSSR Doctoral Fellows or registered PhD scholars (full time) studying in second or third year of PhD in Social Sciences are eligible to apply.

Please refer to the [call guidelines](#) for full details.

Cost Covered

- Visa fee, economy class international airfares and overseas travel insurance for PhD scholars.
- In-country costs including accommodation and stipend for PhD scholars
- Bench fees (if applied for) by UK host university

How to Apply

Please click [below](#) to get full details on the call guidelines and online application form

<https://www.britishcouncil.in/programmes/higher-education/newton-fund/phd-placements>

Application Support Webinar

Newton Bhabha Fund will be organizing Webinar on the Application Support. Dates to be announced here shortly.

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