

Clarification Questions

1. Are unregistered organisations eligible to apply?
Only registered organisations can apply for this grant.
2. Do online learning sessions correspond to 12 hours over 8 weeks or 12 hours per week?
We expect the organisation to deliver 12 hours over the course of the entire fellowship, which is 8 weeks.
3. Should the budget reflect the cost associated to organise the graduation ceremony?
Cost of organising the graduation ceremony e.g. transport, accommodation, venue, event management etc. will be borne by the British Council and should not be included in the budget. However, the team expects the partner to contribute in designing the theme and activities of the ceremony, hence, staff and ideation cost can be included in the budget.
4. According to laws in Pakistan, amount of more than 500USD cannot be transferred to any organisation outside Pakistan. Will the British Council be supporting in transferring the money to the UK partner?
In this scenario, British Council will fully support in transferring the grant amount share to the UK partner.
5. Will the DICE Portal be ready till the time delivery partner is brought on board?
The onboarding of the portal management company is ongoing simultaneously and they will be on board till the time delivery partner is finalised.
6. Will the entire fellowship be delivered via the DICE Portal and will it have all the technical capabilities?
Yes, we expect the fellowship to be delivered via the DICE Portal completely and the portal management company will ensure all technicalities to do so are present on the portal. The delivery partner, however, is expected to work closely with the portal management company to convey ideas and put forward suggestions to ensure the delivery of the fellowship can be done in the best possible way.
7. Will previous fellowship curriculum and learning be provided to the partner to leverage on given the tight timeframe?
The DICE curriculum as well as other programme resources will be available for the partner to leverage and build upon. However, as this fellowship is designed specifically for Women entrepreneurs, we expect the partner to design content with a gendered lens.
8. What level of experience/ expertise will the women business owners have?
We allow the applicant this flexibility to pitch us the kind of audience that is best suited to the content, and methodology the applicant wants to employ for the fellowship.
9. Have you selected women business owners already? – if so, how many and from which geographic locations?
We have not. the number as mentioned in the EOI is 150.

10. Will MOU/ NOC with regional provinces be required for delivery purposes as there will be virtual delivery?
No
11. How will the cohorts be run, numbers session and duration? How many in each cohort and mode of delivery of programme / workshops, 1-1/ conference do you envisage?
This (methodology + approach) again is meant to be covered as part of your proposal – depending on your style of pedagogy, optimal use of time and practicality.
12. Re the brief: Co-designing curriculum what are the desired outcomes for BC and how will it be measured?
The desired outcome from this is to be able to bring together organisation across the two countries to collaborate, add value to each-others work and learn from the different contexts they operate in. Our M&E framework is under development and will be finalised by Dec – input from the selected delivery partner will be considered for the M&E framework.
13. What will be the reporting formats of the M&E consultant?
To be developed
14. Does the lead applicant or the subcontractor need to be women owned or would either one being women led suffice? e.g. the UK applicant is a woman owned enterprise but does not have a PK registered company.
This is not a requirement, however, will be prioritized. Since the local organisation will be most intimately involved with the women beneficiaries, it is encouraged that they have women in senior positions in the team to best navigate communications etc.
15. Do PK & UK applicants have to provide documents for due diligence (certificate. co registration etc) or are these required by the PK applicant only?
Both must provide due diligence documents. These will be solicited if your application is successful, but we encourage you to start collecting the requisite documentation since the turnaround time for the same will be short.
16. Which stage start-ups/ businesses are we targeting?
We allow the applicant this flexibility to pitch us the kind of audience that is best suited to the content, and methodology the applicant wants to employ for the fellowship.
17. Will British Council help in outreach through their platform?
Yes, for comms we will allow reach through our platforms as and when necessary/available.
18. Is there any incentive or benefit for the participants by the British Council?
There is **NO** monetary incentive. The benefit includes increased capacity, network support, and cohort-based learning as mentioned in the EOI.
19. Minimum criteria for the applicants in terms of the ICT skills?
We allow the applicant this flexibility to pitch us the kind of audience that is best suited to the content, and methodology the applicant wants to employ for the fellowship.
20. Will the British Council deduct the withholding taxes or not?
British Council does not deduct any taxes.

21. Does the PK lead applicant charge sales tax?

British Council does not deduct any taxes, so this is not necessary.

22. Will payment to the lead partner be in one lump sum or incremental and based on invoice raised?

Incremental. Amount per tranche will be decided mutually between British Council and the successful applicant during the contracting phase.