
**British Council Pakistan seeks proposals from Institutions, Organisations, consultants
& individuals for Pak-UK Education Gateway Consultancy****Purpose**

The British Council in Pakistan and Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan has recently launched a joint programme Pak-UK Education Gateway, it aims to enhance higher education links between Pakistan and the UK in the areas of: innovative and collaborative research, higher education leadership, quality assurance and standard setting, distance learning, international mobility and transnational education.

British Council Pakistan is inviting expression of interest from UK consultant to provide technical assistance in developing strategy & road map for Pak UK Education Gateway Project.

Project brief & Background

Pak-UK Education Gateway builds on existing collaborations between the UK and Pakistan that the British Council and Higher Education Commission has facilitated over the years: from knowledge exchange and leadership development programmes, to student and teacher training, scholarships and research collaborations.

This programme will support the ambitions set by the Higher Education Commission in Vision 2025, the document charting out targets for the upcoming years: increase gross HE enrolment by 15 per cent, PhD faculty by 40 per cent, the number of universities to 300 and a total enrolment to 7.1 million.

The British Council in collaboration with the HEC has so far facilitated partnerships between 160 Pakistani universities and 65 UK institutions, including 160 research links involving over 1000 researchers from both countries contributing to sustainable development and institutional capacity building.

The British Council and HEC organized six roundtables in London, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Bath, Belfast and Cardiff from January to August 2018 which were very well attended by the UK Higher Education sector. The delegation from Pakistan interacted with more than 100 UK Higher Education representatives from 40 institutions and UK bodies. A very positive response was shown by the UK Higher Education sector and there is growing interest to work with Pakistan through the Pakistan-UK Education Gateway.

Expected Deliverables:

The expected deliverables shall be:

- developing the strategy and road map for the Pak UK gateway
- coordinating and providing support in managing events, meetings and interactions between the UK and Pak sector
- developing MEL indicators that align to and measure the outcomes and outputs specified in the relevant parts of the BC's REF (and I presume, the BC country and regional strategies and HEC's Vision2025).
- designing, in partnership with the HEC, UK sector bodies, and PK and UK HEIs and other stakeholders, that actively engages with UK government and HE sector bodies, particularly BEIS, SIN, UKRI and DFID. The project should advocate for a stronger UK-Pakistan relationship in HE and supports Pakistan's aim of becoming a Newton partner country in 2021.
- Producing versions of the project proposal suitable for HEC and UK government stakeholders

Timeframe:

- Expected timeframe for the assignment is 03 months for the period of five years (may increase)
- Number of days in Pakistan: Approximately one month or as mutually agreed.
- The assignment requires working closely with Pak UK gateway team during this time.

Expressions of interest

The British Council is interested to seek an Expression of Interest (EOI) from organizations/institutions/consultants/individuals working in relevant roles/ sectors in Pakistan. To apply kindly contact **Sarah Parvez**, Head of Higher Education and Skills, British Council Pakistan, at Sarah.Parvez@britishcouncil.org.pk by **11 December 2018** with an up-to-date CV/profile and a covering letter stating how you qualify for engagement for this consultancy role emphasising relevant qualifications, specialisms and experiences.