

Going Global Partnerships

Researcher Connect

Professional Development opportunity for Vietnamese Researchers

British Council in Viet Nam works in partnership with UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network and Viet Nam Intellectual Society (VIS UK & Ireland) to deliver the Researcher Connect - a professional development opportunity for early career researchers (ECRs) - from November 2022 to March 2023. This training is partly funded by the UK government's Newton Fund.

We invite 120 ECRs from Vietnamese universities and the alumni network of the Newton Fund and the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) programme in Viet Nam to register to attend the Researcher Connect with details as below.

About the Researcher Connect

The British Council's Researcher Connect online provides participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context. The course has been delivered across the globe and participant feedback has consistently shown that the workshop enhances researchers' communication skills, knowledge, and ability.

Researcher Connect online is offered as a series of modules, delivered through an online workshop format by experienced and quality-assured trainers. It is designed specifically for early career researchers, although certain aspects would also be of benefit to more experienced members of the research community. Please see more information about the [Research Connect](#).

Benefits from the Researcher Connect

Participants joining the Researcher Connect can benefit from:

- improved communication skills in academic research, namely academic collaboration, academic writing, digital researcher, effective emails, persuasive proposals and presenting with impact
- strengthened network and knowledge exchange with peer researchers in Viet Nam and the region
- a high quality training programme delivered by experienced UK experts
- opportunities to continuously engage with UK researchers through UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network
- opportunities to receive support from Vietnamese Intellectual Society (VIS) after the training

About the course

- The course is delivered online, tentatively on Zoom platform, and in English.
- Trainers of the course are experienced researchers and research trainers from UK universities and organisations
- Interested ECRs from Viet Nam can choose one of the two options below:

1. Option 1: Researcher Connect shared workshops with Malaysia and Myanmar ECRs

- Participants include ECRs from Vietnamese universities in the UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network, Newton Fund and GCRF programme and ECRs from Malaysia and Myanmar. Each cohort will have 30 ECRs from three countries.
- Each cohort will spend two consecutive weeks participating in the workshop (Monday – Thursday) between 15.30 and 18.30/19.00 (Viet Nam time) in November and December 2022
- There are three cohorts under this option

2. Option 2: Researcher Connect standalone workshops for Vietnamese ECRs

- Participants include only ECRs from Vietnamese universities in the UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network. Each co-hort has 30 participants
- Each cohort will spend two consecutive weeks participating in the workshop (Monday – Thursday) between 15.30 and 18.30/19.00 (Viet Nam time) in January, February and March 2023.
- There are three cohorts under this option

Participants' eligibility

Participants joining the Researcher Connect should be:

- early career researchers (ECRs) – PhD holders in the first five years of their academic career – from Vietnamese universities in the UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network and/or alumni of Newton Fund and Global Challenges Research Fund programme in Viet Nam
- confident English speakers (B2 level CEFR) in order to fully participate in the sessions
- able to commit 80 - 100% time for the training
- able to commit a follow-up action as a result of the training to showcase the impact of the training, e.g. research, research collaboration, knowledge sharing session, etc.

Registration

Please register your attendance and availability in [the registration form](#). Please refer to the tentative timetable and registration deadline below.

Co-hort	Tentative training time	Registration deadline	Number of ECRs to be recruited
1	Weeks 7 and 14 Nov 2022	27 October 2022	10 from Viet Nam
2	Weeks 21 and 28 Nov 2022		10 from Viet Nam
3	Weeks 5 and 12 Dec 2022		10 from Viet Nam
4	Weeks 30 Jan and 6 Feb 2023	10 January 2023	30 from Viet Nam
5	Weeks of 13 and 20 Feb 2023		30 from Viet Nam
6	Weeks of 27 Feb and 6 Mar 0023		30 from Viet Nam

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- Exchanging experience, sharing insights and creating connections between UK and Viet Nam HE sectors and policy development
- Enabling and creating sustainable, diverse and inclusive HE partnerships and networks between UK, Viet Nam and other East Asian countries in teaching, research, innovation and knowledge transfer
- Strengthening the performance of Viet Nam's HE sector
- Promoting mobility and exchange for students and academics.