

British Council Women in STEM Early Academic Fellowship (South Asia)

Guidance for Host Supervisors

Background

The [British Council Women in STEM Fellowship \(South Asia\)](#) will support up to four female postdocs from South Asia (India, Nepal Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan) to complete 6-12 month placements at the College.

The Fellowships will support early career female researchers (within 3 years of PhD) to work towards academic outputs from their doctoral studies and seed new collaborations with their host research group. The British Council have created these grants to help address the under representation of women in STEM. Research must be compliant with ODA research aims with the potential for outcomes that promote the sustainable socio-economic development of countries in the cohort.

Finance and support

All fellows will be classified as 'visiting researchers' at the College.

The following funding is available per fellow:

- A non-taxable stipend of £27K, paid monthly (up to £36K for those travelling with dependents)
- £8,000 per 12 months (pro rata for shorter fellowships) for research related expenses. This can contribute to consumables, small equipment, travel and subsistence within the UK, publication costs, or other expenses related directly to the research project.
- The grant also covers funding for:
 - IELTS exam fee (for scholars without a valid Test of English)
 - Return economy-class travel from home country to UK
 - Visa and insurance / NHS surcharge costs

Process

- Prospective applicants are advised to use the College webpages to find a potential supervisor and to then contact them directly to discuss a placement.
- If you are happy and willing to host the Fellow, you are asked to provide a Letter of Support to the applicant.
- The Letter of Support should include:
 - Details of the scientific fit
 - Details of the training and support that will be provided
 - Head of Department's signature

More information

Main webpage: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/international-relations/bcstemeaf/>

Please contact the College's International Relations Office for further support or advice:

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