

## Call for expression of interest for 5000 PhD Programme

### OPPORTUNITY

No.	Questions	Describe
1	<p>What does your institution look for from a potential UK partner?*</p> <p><i>*for example : joint research, joint programme, student/staff exchange programme, etc</i></p>	<p>We are pleased calling for expressions of interest from UK HEIs to support the design and delivery of a large scale PhD scholarship programme.</p>
2	<p>What should the outcome of the project be?</p>	<p>Joint programme, PhD programme for Indonesia students.</p> <p>The Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA) of the Republic of Indonesia is planning a scholarship programme to strengthen the capacity of Islamic higher education institutions (HEIs) and their lecturers. The scholarship, known as “<i>Program 5000 Doktor</i>” or ‘5000 PhD Programme’, is for lecturers of Islamic HEIs (e.g. UIN, IAIN) across Indonesia. They can choose to go to university in Indonesia or overseas. The current budgetary cycle of this scholarship programme ends in 2019, however there is a commitment to extend the programme until 2024. MoRA has to-date only disbursed 344 out of allocated 5000 scholarships (May 2018).</p> <p>To help candidates in planning their applications for PhDs, MoRA would like to develop a sub-scholarship programme under “the 5000 PhD” in partnership with UK universities (a customised programme). MoRA has developed a similar approach with both Australia and France. This customised programme with the UK will initially focus on “Islam and South East Asia”. This is an umbrella topic that needs to be broken down into different fields of study, for example study of Islamic literary text on Islam in Indonesia (philology).</p> <p>The partnerships between MoRA and the UK universities will need to be formalised. An MoU is the most common form of document used in Indonesia for such a purpose. The British Council will facilitate communication between the UK universities and MoRA by first organising a two-day meeting in London on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018</p>

3	Who/what is involved in the project?	UK universities that offer Islamic studies and/or other major related with “Islam and South East Asia”. MoRA’s vision of PhD programme on “Islam and South East Asia” entails quite broad academic spectrum.
4	When should the project take place?	The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August in London.  Day 1 – agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MoRA’s vision and programme in raising Islamic HEIs standards</li> <li>• Overview of UK HE sector</li> <li>• How UK HE sector can support MoRA in implementing its vision</li> </ul> Day 2 – agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design customised programme for the UK MoRA’s 5000 PhD Programme</li> <li>• Next steps and action points</li> </ul>

#### **BENEFITS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Describe</b>
1	What benefits will the UK partner gain from this collaboration? <i>(for example: possibility to create relationships, benefits for students, brand exposure of the institution)</i>	Participants can support the design of the programme to ensure it works for both parties. Possibility for UK HEIs to be involved in the future delivery of the MoRA’s 5000 PhD Programme.

#### **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TWO COLLABORATING PARTIES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Describe</b>
1	Please give a detailed list of all the items that the UK partner would be expected to provide in this collaboration	The proposed meeting between MoRA representatives and UK HEIs is scheduled to take place for two days in British Council office in London..  The objectives of this first meeting are to give the opportunity for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MoRA officials to meet with the representatives of the seven UK universities to explain in detail the proposed customised programme for the UK under the ‘5000 PhD Programme’; and</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Representatives of the seven UK universities to provide an overview of their respective PhD programmes / expertise in the area of Islamic studies, Islam and South East Asia.</li> </ul> <p>The outputs of this first meeting aim to ensure all parties have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A common understanding of the proposed customised 5000 PhD programme (its purpose, expectation, allocation of scholarships for students to go to UK, timeline, student recruitment process, requirements including English language competency / support etc)</li> <li>▪ An agreement of next steps for all parties (MoRA, the seven UK universities, and British Council).</li> </ul> <p>This first meeting is to facilitate detailed discussion between the interested parties, however MoRA is clear from the outset of at least two features of the proposed customised programme with the UK universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English language competency and support. MoRA understands that all candidates must meet language requirements set by UK universities (e.g. IELTS). Therefore provision of language courses to improve candidates English language competency must be built into the scholarship package. Three language centres have been appointed to provide six months pre-sessional English courses for candidates of the 5000 PhD scholarship. They are the language centre of UIN Jakarta, Jogjakarta and Surabaya. However, it is likely that further support on top of this six month course of study may still be required, and MoRA expects this to be provided by the UK universities.</li> <li>▪ Joint selection of participants. The UK universities are expected to take part in participant selection and in particular in assessment of candidate academic quality. MoRA will undertake the non-academic selection process.</li> </ul>
2	What role will your institution play in this collaboration?	British Council Indonesia's role is to facilitate link and communication between MoRA and UK HEIs

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### BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF YOUR INSTITUTION

No.	Question	Describe
1	Please give brief explanation about your institutions, and if any, example from previous similar projects. (You can include website link)	<b>Ministry of Religious Affairs</b> is an Indonesian ministry that administers religious affairs. It is responsible to the president, and is led by a minister.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE FOR THE UK INSTITUTIONS

No.	Questions	Describe
1	Explain the next steps that UK institutions need to take in order to apply for this partnership. If they are required to submit a proposal, please be specific about what should be included on the proposal.	If you are interested in attending this 2-day design programme on 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> August please submit the your expression of interest to <a href="mailto:Muhaimin.Syamsuddin@britishcouncil.or.id">Muhaimin.Syamsuddin@britishcouncil.or.id</a> by providing your job title and an explanation of your role. Deadline for submitting your expression of interest – Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August.

## TIMELINE

No.	Questions	Describe
1	Please include a timeline with information on e.g. when UK institutions can expect to hear back, when the UK institution will be selected by, when they will start liaising with your institution, when the project should begin, etc.	<b>The British Council and MORA will confirm participation on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please save the dates of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August until you receive confirmation.</b>

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