

Annex 1

Terms and Conditions of the contract

Introduction and Background to the Project / Programme

The Romanian-American Foundation (RAF) invited the British Council to organize a research to assess how mathematics is being taught at primary level in public schools in Romania (grades 0-4, pupils from 6-10 years old).

The role:

British Council in Romania would like to request a quotation for the position of Academic Manager. The consultant is expected to lead on a research and write a report that will:

- Provide a good understanding of the needs of teachers and learners of mathematics in primary schools in Romania
- Assess the current levels, teaching practices and needs of teachers and learners in grades 0 to 4
- Explore the main areas for development of mathematics teaching
- Make recommendations to the design of future interventions

The work can be done mostly online, possibly with 1-2 visits in Romania. The consultant is expected to:

- develop the whole research methodology
- design tools and methods
- involve in the recruitment of 5 data collection specialists (design role profile, conduct interviews together with the British Council staff)
- train local data collection specialists on the tools and methods used
- lead the research team of 5 people
- coordinate the academic part of the research (while all the logistic organization of the research will be in the responsibility of the British Council)
- analyze all the data collected and write a full report based on the findings of the research (a Baseline Study Report that shows how mathematics is being studied and taught in primary schools in Romania including positive aspects, areas of development, suggested interventions to address issues identified etc.)

Details

Location	Remote (all services can be provided online), however 1-2 visits in Romania may be needed.
Salary	Up to 12.500 GBP in total (project-based)
Duration	Various intervals between 10 January -15 July 2023
Working hours	Flexible

Closing date Monday 21 November 2022

Role overview

The Romanian American Foundation (RAF) contracted British Council to assess the teaching and learning of mathematics in primary public schools in Romania. British Council Romania Projects team will organise the project in December 2022- June 2023. The team (a Project Manager and a Project Officer) will coordinate the organisation of the project, while the academic lead of the research will be in the responsibility of the candidate for the Academic Manager role. The Academic Manager will closely work with the Project Manager from British Council Romania. S/he will coordinate the research and the team of the 5 people who will conduct the field research in schools.

As Academic Manager for the research on teaching of mathematics in primary education, the consultant is expected to develop the research using the methodology described in the Terms of Reference document, however, we expect her/him to adjust the proposed methodology according to her/his views.

About the role

The Academic Manager will closely work with the Project Manager from British Council Romania. S/he will coordinate the research and the team of the 5 people who will conduct the field research in schools. Further information on the research context and research outline is available in the application documents below. Please note that we understand that the candidate may need to suggest adjustments to the research design and tools proposed and the selected candidate is expected to announce these adjustments by 9 December 2022.

Required qualifications and experience

- academic qualification in mathematics, mathematics education or research in education
- a sound knowledge of and proven expertise in research of teaching and learning of mathematics
- knowledge of and experience in developing research tools
- specialist qualification and / or significant experience of evaluation theory and design in the education sector
- experience of academical coordination of research teams is a plus
- very good understanding of the students' learning of mathematics in the early years of school
- excellent understanding of effective methods to support the students' mathematics learning
- very good understanding of mathematics teachers' competences, especially in primary education
- excellent ability to assess teacher's performance in the teaching of mathematics in primary schools to be able to evaluate teachers' performance and suggest relevant professional development if needed
- proven ability in writing research reports/baseline studies in education sector

Consultant's fee: A fee of up to 12.500 GBP in total will be paid for this consultancy work