

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS in WALES**Study UK Connect Pakistan – Students’ visit to Wales, UK**

British Council Pakistan’s study familiarisation programme will bring a group of approximately 20 students from a recognised university from Pakistan to Wales in March 2020 for five days. The objective of this programme is to introduce Pakistani students to international education in Wales, explore different courses, UK application procedures and become acquainted with international culture and community through study experiences, discussions and workshops held in higher education institutions in Wales.

As part of this programme, university in Wales hosting the students’ delegation will deliver a five-day study -programme focusing on leadership skills, social entrepreneurship, management skills and communication skills.

Mission objectives and ROIs:**Trip objectives:**

1. Facilitating Pakistani students to experience life as international students in Wales, UK
2. Introducing the students to international education and related challenges and opportunities
3. Facilitate learning experiences in the UK through interactive sessions/workshops, discussions or classroom sessions on leadership skills, social entrepreneurship, management skills or communication skills
4. Help students in developing abilities and skills to analyse, articulate, present and debate their own views and understanding through practical/project based exercises
5. University tour: introducing students with selected departments and facilities at the university
6. Meeting with the international student counsellors to develop an understanding of different courses, application criteria/procedures and scholarship opportunities
7. Meeting with key student representatives from the international/Pakistani student societies

Benefits for participating institution in Wales:

1. An opportunity for the host institution to showcase the best of their facilities and student culture to a visiting group of prospective international students directly through face-to-face engagement
2. Participating institution can use this opportunity to advise students on applications and international qualifications being offered by them, share presentations, talks, hand-outs and other promotional engaging activities with the visiting students
3. An opportunity for the host institution to directly engage with its target audience in Pakistan
4. As the visiting students will be accompanied with the administrative staff members, parallel meetings with the representatives from External/International Relations Department of host institution could be arranged for possible collaborations and partnerships (no partnership fee involved)

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Event details and format:

Dates for the programme: A week around the mid of March i.e. 16 – 20 March (four to five working days)

Delegation composition: 20 – 25 students, two faculty/staff members from administration and two staff members from British Council

PROPOSED PROGRAMME FROM BRITISH COUNCIL*	
A sample day at the host institution	
09:30 am	Arrive at the host institution
09:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome reception / meet and greet session
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Presentation / lesson / class
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Tea break
11:30 am – 01:00 pm	Lesson / class / group activity (leadership skills/social entrepreneurship/management skills or communication skills)
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Lunch/networking lunch
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	Meeting / briefing / presentation by international students' counsellor or students' societies / tour of facilities at the host institution
03:00 pm	Departure from host institution

**For the programme, recommendations from participating institution can be accommodated*

Students' profile:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate students: keen on exploring postgraduate/MS/MPhil studies from higher education institutions in UK
- Students with a sound academic record, good communication and presentation skills in English language

In your expression of interest/proposal please indicate the following:

1. Initial draft for five days study programme while considering the trip's objectives mentioned above
2. Possible meetings between the faculty/administrative staff from visiting university and representatives from External/International Relations Department of host institution to explore future collaboration or partnership
3. Confirmation of provision of lunch/networking lunch (Halal/vegetarian dietary requirement) with possible invitation to colleagues to join from External/International Relations department of host institution

- **Budget**

The study programme should accommodate not less than 20 students and be delivered within a budget under 4000 GBP (payable by British Council to the host institution in Wales, UK), which should cover tea and lunch for 5 days. British Council will be responsible for accommodation of the visiting students and transportation to/from the host institution.

- **Programme proposed by the hosting university in Wales**

British Council will select the host institution based on the strength of the proposed programme

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Important:

- Host institution will be selected on the basis of strength of the study-programme they propose
- Please submit your interest to host the delegation along with a framework of study-programme by **15 January, 2020**
- Finalised host institution will be required to send their willingness to host the delegation of students visiting UK under the British Council Pakistan study familiarisation programme on the official letterhead

Action required - Submit your interest to:

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