



GSK UK-Ghana Health Fellowship Programme: Call for expression of interest

The British Council has today issued a call for expression of interest from qualifying and appropriate UK institutions to be partners for a health fellowship programme in Sub Sahara Africa.

Background

The health fellowship programme is an exchange initiative between the UK and SSA to support sustainable improvement in the health systems, through a structured skills and health gap assessment and bilateral knowledge transfer. This exchange programme will provide a new learning opportunity for both UK and SSA professionals to improve the healthcare delivery in their home countries. The project will pilot in Ghana and Nigeria over years one and two, with scaling in Kenya and other sub Saharan countries in year three.

Project Definition

This initiative will contribute to the improvement of the health delivery system in Ghana and the UK by facilitating bilateral knowledge transfer and the improvement of skills and resources in Ghana and the UK.

In implementing this pilot, 2 fellows from UK centres of excellences will work in partnership with the Ministry of health, the Ghana Health Service, the Medical and Dental Council and medical schools in Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast and Tamale to assess the critical gaps within the health delivery system and jointly identify solutions that can be delivered through inward and outward fellowship programmes.

Core Requirements

We are seeking expression of interest from UK higher education and medical institutions that

- Are willing to engage in strategic partnerships with local institutions
- Are willing and able to provide fellows to undertake research
- Have experience of working on similar initiatives in Sub Saharan Africa or elsewhere
- Can respond efficiently to this call and help develop the structure and systems for the fellowship programme.

Value adding Propositions

The client would be interested in any value-adding propositions which would bring greater benefit to the health research capacity in SSA. These would include but are not limited to research partnerships, staff-student exchanges or any other element that

would further learning and research around maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases and cancer in particular.

Process

This is an open invitation to the HE network in the UK. Expressions of interest should be sent to Christiana Bandoh on Christiana.Bandoh@gh.britishcouncil.org by the **8 July 2016**.