

## Call for Interest:

# TNE partnerships in the Philippines

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### I. Background

The British Council, in partnership with the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED), launched a new flagship programme in 2021 called the **Access and Competitiveness through Internationalisation of Higher Education (ACT-IHE)**.

Under ACT-IHE, which is comprised of multiple project strands, is the **development of new UK-Philippine transnational education (TNE) degrees**. The programme seeks to widen access to quality education and build competitiveness of Philippine universities by building competencies of institutions and staff on transnational education (TNE) through knowledge sharing and programme development with the UK.

Drawing on the UK-Philippines partnerships and network, the project supports the ambition of the Philippines to help and enable universities, students and communities to benefit from the innovation in teaching, learning and research that international partnerships bring. By creating new TNE programmes in niche areas, Filipinos will have wider access to internationally recognised qualifications.

With catalyst grant from CHED and the British Council, **five new postgraduate TNE degrees** are expected to be co-developed by Philippine and UK universities.

ACT-IHE builds on the success of the Joint Development of Niche Programmes through Philippines-UK Linkages project in 2016-2018 that yielded 17 postgraduate TNE programmes in various niche and priority disciplines.

The programme forms part of the British Council's Going Global Partnerships programme. Going Global Partnerships connects universities, colleges, education policy makers, civil society organisations and industry partners in the UK and around the world.

This British Council programme offers vital international opportunities - the chance to build relationships, to share ideas and good practice, to access grant funding for collaborative partnerships and more.

Through this work, the programme contributes to stronger, more inclusive, and globally connected tertiary education systems which support economic and social growth.

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## II. About the call and objectives

A series of events scheduled in 2022 will serve as preliminary activities towards the establishment of formal TNE partnerships between universities. This includes knowledge sharing sessions about TNE, its different models and case studies in the UK among others. We aim to showcase the diversity of TNE models in the UK and possible subject specialisms to introduce in the Philippines.

The British Council is looking for UK universities interested to pursue TNE partnerships in the Philippines and are keen to join these sharing sessions. **Note that the expression of interest in these sessions is not an expression of partnership commitment.** Universities will be included in the preliminary activities including knowledge sharing sessions and initial partnership discussions. A separate process will be undertaken in the formal selection of TNE partners.

This will be an opportunity for UK universities to showcase their institution and programmes, expand their networks in the Philippines and explore TNE partnerships with local institutions through a government-supported project.

## III. Target audience

ACT-IHE will support five Philippine universities to co-develop with UK universities niche, specialist postgraduate degrees that are unavailable or not widely available in the country.

We are looking for UK universities interested to showcase their specialist programmes under the following subject areas:

Subject area for TNE	Institution
Engineering	<a href="#">Batangas State University</a>
Biology	<a href="#">Central Mindanao University</a>
IT	<a href="#">Mariano Marcos State University</a>
Education	<a href="#">Philippine Normal University Manila</a>
Medicine and allied subjects	<a href="#">University of the Philippines Manila</a>

## IV. Instructions for Submissions

Interested universities must submit the accomplished response template attached to this Call for Interest. The document must be submitted to Pierre Pecson, Education Manager, at [Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph](mailto:Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph) by **Friday, 13 May 2022 at 23.59 (UK)**:

Use the subject line: **Expression of interest - TNE in the Philippines – [name of university]**

The following requirements should be complied with when submitting your response:

- Please ensure that you send your submission in good time to prevent issues with technology – late submissions may be rejected by the British Council.
- All supporting documentation should be provided separately to your main response document, clearly labelled and cross-referenced as relevant.
- Responses should be concise, unambiguous, and should directly address the requirement stated.

All queries must be sent to Pierre Pecson at [Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph](mailto:Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph).

## V. Evaluation Criteria

Responses from UK universities will be assessed using the following criteria and weighting:

Criteria	Weighting
Experience in higher education partnerships, including TNE, in Southeast Asia or the Philippines	30%
Demonstrated expertise in the subject area of interest	30%
Description of specialisms/programmes interested to pursue for TNE	30%
Social value	10%

Given the purpose of this Call for Interest, multiple UK universities will be selected and invited to partake in the activities.

## VI. Further information

Information about the participating Philippine universities will be made available at a later date. Please check the British Council website for updates or send an email to

[Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph](mailto:Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph).