

The Digital University in Africa

Calls for Expressions of Interest

British Council is working to establish the needs and requirements of, on the one hand, universities (academics, professional services and university leaders), and also policy makers in their capacity to respond to the rapidly changing world of digital higher education.

With this initiative, we are aiming to fund a range of exemplar projects and studies that will contribute to an analysis of the prevailing situation with regards to adoption and adaptation of digital education in the university in Sub Sahara Africa.

With the aim to provide guidance and analysis of what may constitute 'good practice' and recommendations for the successful introduction of digital practices for the successful adaptation of national higher education systems and integration of digital skills for undergraduates and postgraduates in curricula, programme delivery and assessment methodologies to improve the quality and relevance of higher education

To support the development of this evidence base we are inviting Expressions of Interest from institutions and / or consultants. (See Terms of Reference attached)

If you are interested in applying for this funding, please complete the EOI form.

The EOI should highlight your suitability for funding and experience in developing policy guidance, operational strategies and practices of how digital higher education can be effectively and sustainably adopted in the university setting in SSA, specifically in the elements highlighted above

It is envisaged that the successful applicants will deliver the majority (90%) of the agreed outputs before **31st March 2021**

Payments will be made in stages with an initial release of funds made available to cover actual costs. Final payment will be made on successful completion of the project (to be agreed with the British Council)

Eligibility

We are inviting UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), independent consultants and intermediary organisations to submit project proposals.

- Projects must respond to one or more of the Work Strands identified in the ToR
- Project proposals from any academic discipline is welcome.
- Applicants may submit multiple proposals, but it is likely only one proposal from each institution will be selected.

EOI dates

the closing date is 5pm GMT on 6th November 2020. The British Council reserves the right to extend the closing date.

- Any entry received after the closing date will not be considered.
- The British Council accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any system, server, provider or otherwise that may result in any entry being lost, delayed or not properly registered.
- Successful applicants will be advised within 7 days of the closing date.

How to apply

To submit an EOI applicants must complete the application form and email it to liz.dempsey@britishcouncil.org and then follow these steps:

- accept these Terms and Conditions by submitting an application
- answer the privacy question
- answer the mandatory questions
- submit the application form by emailing it to the email address above
- applicants are responsible for ensuring they complete the form fully and correctly.

Selection of successful applicants

The entries will be assessed by a panel of British Council specialist Higher Education/Science staff supported by technical experts from SSA region, who will select successful participants based on the quality of responses to the Application questions within 10 days following the closing date referred to in the eligibility section above.

All decisions of the panel will be final and binding.

No correspondence will be entered into with the unsuccessful participants.

The British Council accepts no responsibility for failure to notify successful applicants where such failure results from the provision of inaccurate contact details by the applicants or from the acts or omissions of any third party (including, without limitation, any internet or postal service provider) and shall have no liability to any applicant if it is prevented from or delayed in

delivering any aspect of the opportunity by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control.

The British Council does not offer any insurance in connection with the opportunity. Each winning organisation is recommended to arrange their own insurance in respect of the opportunity.

Personal data

The British Council will collect and store the names and email addresses of all applicants and the additional details of applicants as anticipated by the 'how to apply' and 'selection of successful applicants' sections above.

The British Council will use this personal data for the following purposes:

- managing the relationship between the applicants and the British Council;
- communicating with applicants to answer their queries about the opportunity;
- communicating with successful applicants
- administering and delivering the Season.

Where an applicant has consented to the British Council doing so, the British Council may contact the applicant using the personal data collected to provide information about the goods, services, courses or promotions that the British Council offers.

By participating in the opportunity, applicants consent to their personal data being processed by the British Council in accordance with, and for the purposes set out in, this section of these terms and conditions. The British Council complies with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you have concerns about how we have used your personal information, you also have the right to complain to a privacy regulator.

Publicity and rights

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By applying to the opportunity, each applicant agrees to the use of their name and agrees to cooperate with any such publicity or marketing if they are successful in their application.

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