

**Call for Participants to Researcher Links Workshop:
“Advancing work, health and well-being in rural and urban Malaysia”
21 to 25 September 2018, Bandar Sunway, Malaysia**

Workshop Themes

Theme 1: Health and wellbeing in urban area (covers issues such as illness among the workforce and work-related stress)

Theme 2: Health and wellbeing in rural area (covers issues such as healthcare and wellbeing in rural communities and access to healthcare provision in rural areas)

Theme 3: Work and wellbeing (how work positively contributes to wellbeing and unemployment as an indicator of poor health and wellbeing)

Theme 4: Healthcare provision, social welfare and economic development (covers issues such as quality of healthcare provision; stress and wellbeing of healthcare personnel and role of different stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem)

Invitation

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshop early career researchers will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the two countries. There will be a focus on developing a vibrant and collaborative community, working across disciplines including healthcare research, operational research and management research, as well as building up links for future long-term research collaborations. Participants are selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

Details of the workshop

Date: 21 to 25 September 2018 (If selected, participants are expected to attend program fully)

Venue: Bandar Sunway, Malaysia (Exact venue will be advised later)

Target participants: Early Career Researchers (i.e. up to 10 years post-doctoral positions) from the UK and Malaysia. Around 17 UK and Malaysia early career researchers will have the opportunity to meet in Malaysia for the workshop. Successful candidates will be selected by a committee at the lead institutions.

Expenses: Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Newton-Ungku Omar Fund. For UK participants, costs for the visa will be covered; however, participants will be responsible for making all the necessary visa arrangements. Insurance costs are not covered by the grant, but participants are encouraged to purchase adequate travel and medical insurance.

Submission of Application: Please see application form as attached. For applications from Malaysia, please submit the application to Dr. Wee Chan Au (au.wee.chan@monash.edu); for applications from UK, please submit the application to Dr. Ahmed Mostafa Ahmed.Mostafa@wbs.ac.uk. All application should be submitted via email.

Deadline of Application: 10 August 2018 (Friday) 12pm UK time and 7pm Malaysia time.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links Workshop Application form
- Application must be submitted before the above deadline
- Participants must be Early Career Researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience in healthcare), followed by up to 10 years post-PhD research experience (allowances are made for career breaks).
- Participants must have a research or academic position (a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship etc.) at a recognised research institution either in the UK or in Malaysia.
- Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

Selection Procedure

- Eligibility check
- Quality assessment

Notification of results

Applicants will be notified by email no later than **21st August 2018**.

Quality Assessment:

- Experience and relevance of the applicant's research area to the workshop
- Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
- Description of the long term impact expected through the participation in the workshop
- Ability to disseminate workshop's outcomes

Equal Opportunities

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all its activities, and this includes the avoidance of any bias in the assessment of applications due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. Extra support to enable participation of early career researchers with special needs will be given. Please link here for details on the relevant [British Council policies](#).

Thank you.

Dr. Wee Chan Au (Malaysia Coordinator)
Dr. Ahmed Mostafa (UK Coordinator)