

NEWTON FUND

British Council

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Newton Fund – Mission Statement

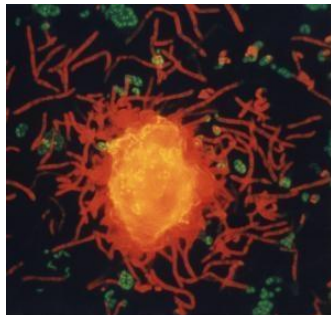
“Research and Innovation for Growth and Prosperity”

*The Newton Fund aims to promote the **economic development and welfare of either the 16 partner countries** or, through working with the partner country, to address the problems of low-income populations around the world.*

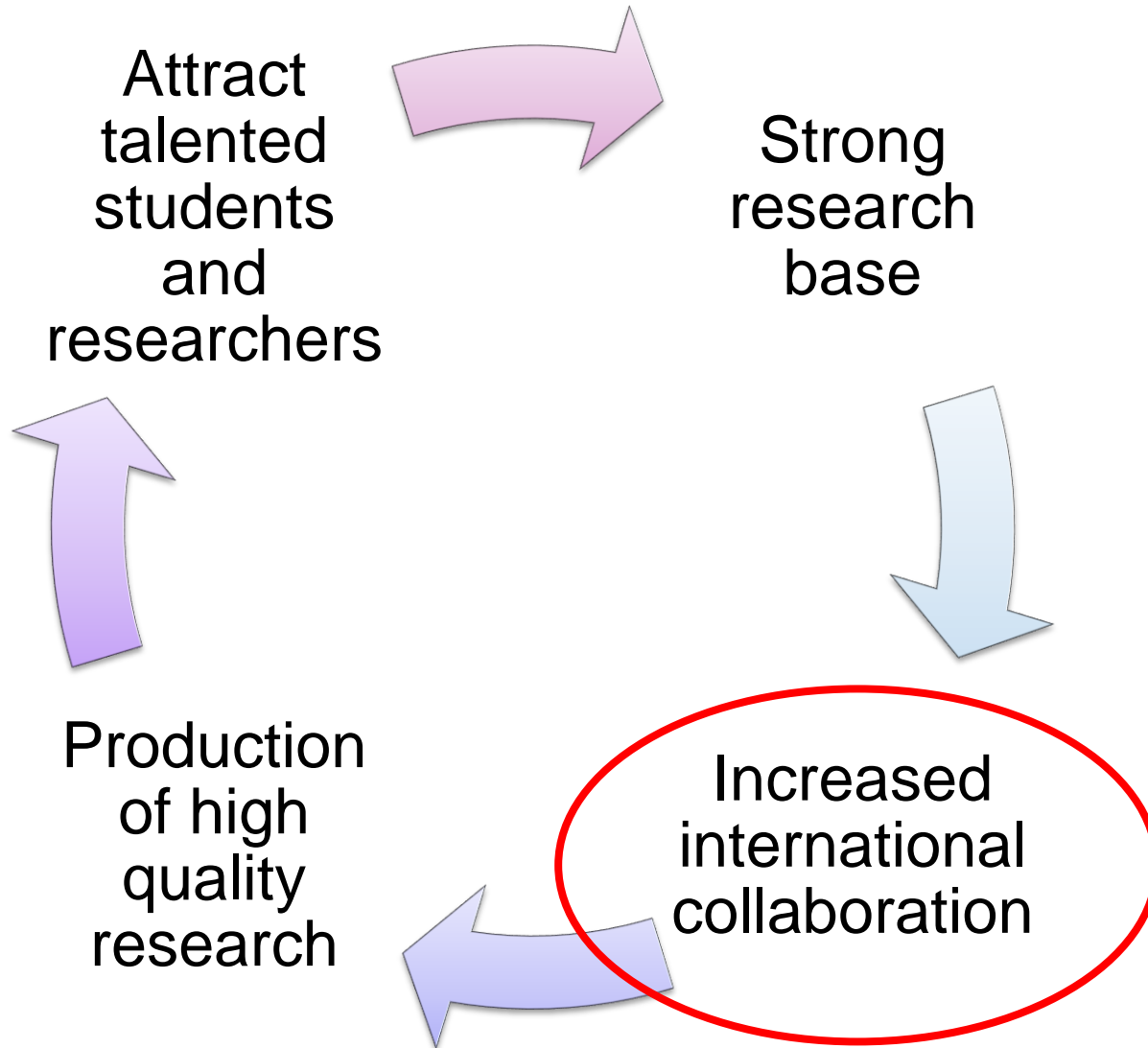
It will do so through strengthening their science and innovation capacity and unlocking further funding to support poverty alleviation.

*It is part of the UK’s **official development assistance (ODA)***

Managed through the UK Government Department for Business, Innovation and Skills



Virtuous circle



Newton Fund and SDGs



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People

Translation

Research

Programmes under the Pillars

PEOPLE

Developing **human capital** in science, technology and innovation

- STEM Education
- PhD Placement
- Professional Development
- Mobility & Researcher Links (travel grants)
- Advanced Fellowships

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UK Delivery Partners



and more...

British Council (Thailand)

We are the UK's **international cultural relations** organisation, and have been working for 80 years to forge links between people in the UK and other countries

We have **218** offices in **109** countries around the world

One of our charitable purposes is to: 'encourage cultural, **scientific, technological** and other educational cooperation between the United Kingdom and other countries'

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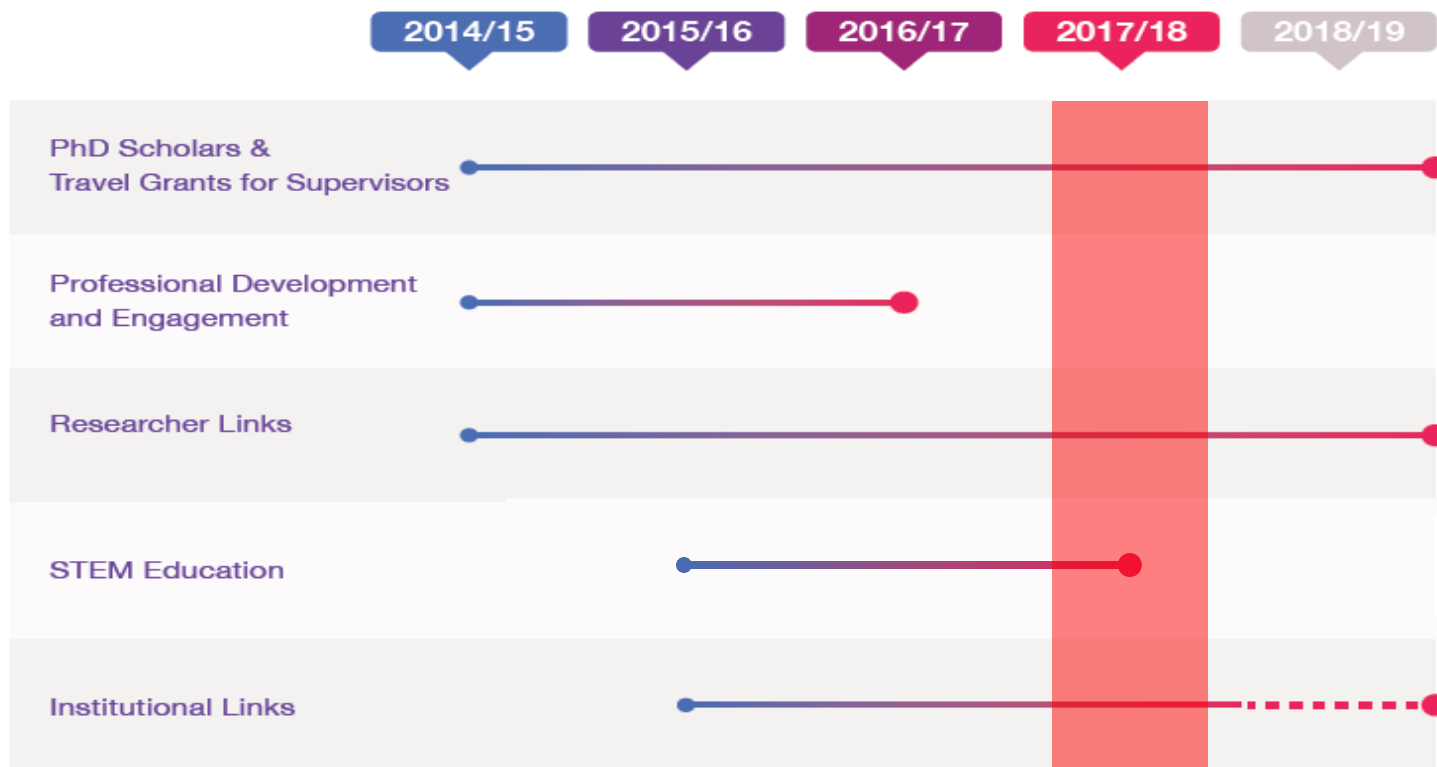


THE
ROYAL
SOCIETY



British Council – Newton Programmes

- Projected started in 2014
- Worked with over 70 universities and 600 researchers in Thailand and UK



Our Thai partners

PhD Scholars & Travel Grants for Supervisors
Professional Development and Engagement
Researcher Links
STEM Education
Institutional Links



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STEM Education



Institutional Links



PROGRAMME 1 – PhD Programme

Placement for Scholars



TRF
6 months



Newton Fund
6 months



Covers:

- Bench fee / Tuition
- Subsistence
- Insurance
- English course + IELTS
- Conference attendance

PROGRAMME 1 – PhD Programme

Placement for Scholars



Miss Kanokpich Puaprasert

Dept. of Molecular Tropical
Medicine and Genetics,
Faculty of Tropical Medicine,
Mahidol University

PhD Scholar 2016/17

PROGRAMME 1 – PhD Programme

Placement for Scholars

Who are we looking for?

- Clear goals with what to achieve in the UK
- Research will benefit Thailand
- English proficiency

(as a full-time UK student)

How?

- Proposal assessment
- Interview (*tentative*)

PROGRAMME 1 – PhD Programme

Travel grants for Supervisors



1 - 2 weeks in
the UK

Up to 3
accompanying
students

Covers:

- Visa
- Subsistence + Insurance
- Transport (Both Domestic and International: Thai-UK)
- Consumables



Who are we looking for?

- Collaborations that will benefit Thai research
- Knowledge transfer



PROGRAMME 2 – Researcher Links (RL)

Travel grants

THAILAND \longleftrightarrow UNITED KINGDOM

Months in countries

1	2	3	4	5	6
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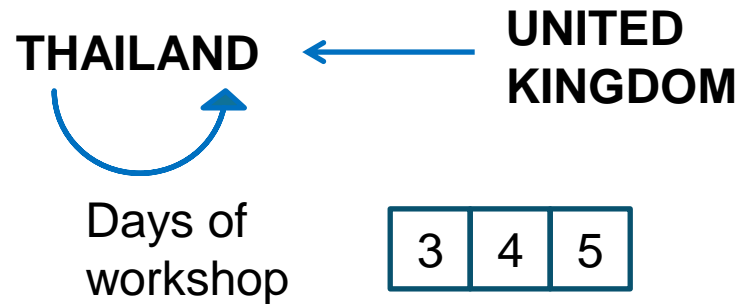
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**Dr. Santi
Maneewatchararangsri**

PROGRAMME 2 – Researcher Links (RL)

Workshops



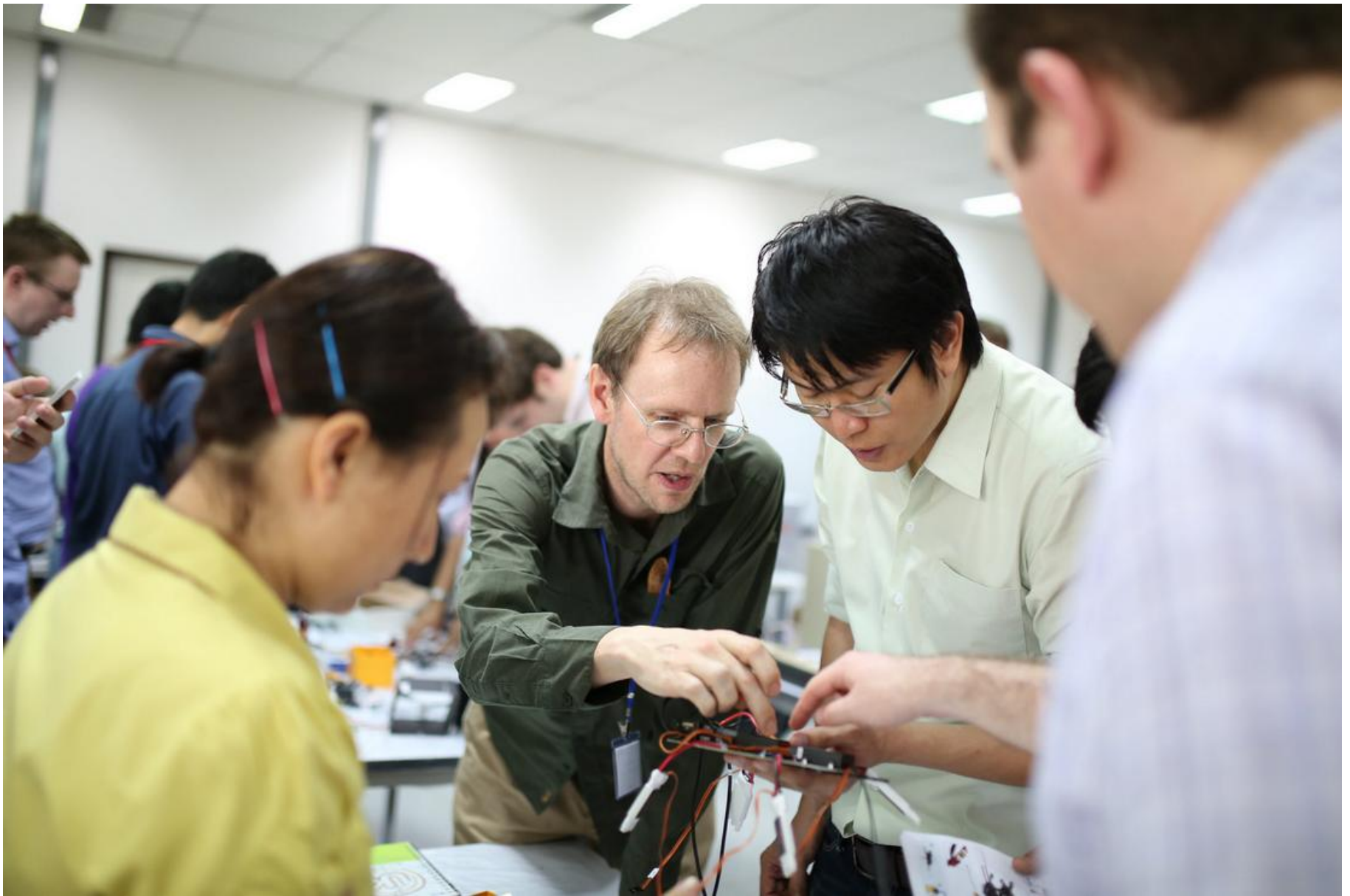
Covers:

Up to 20 Thai / 20 UK researchers

Up to 2.5m baht per workshop

- Subsistence
- Transport (Both Domestic and International: Thai-UK)
- Event and workshop costs

*depending on days applied



Researcher Links Workshop



Researcher Links Workshop on preserving indigenous language



Researcher Links Workshop on Rice

PROGRAMME 3 – INSTITUTIONAL LINKS (IL)

- Up to **£100,000** each project (50% to Thai / 50% to UK)
- Grants for establishing links between higher education, research institutions and businesses with the aim of translating research to drive economic development and social welfare in partner countries.
- Initiate new research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments and institutions in partner countries and the UK.
- Develop existing collaborations at group, departmental and institutional level.

Research Areas

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Cancer treatment (Mahidol & King's College London)
- Rare genetic diseases in Children (Chulalongkorn & UCL)
- Opisthorchiasis and Cholangiocarcinoma (Khon Kaen & Liverpool)
- Meliodosis and Tuberculosis (Khon Kaen & LSHTM)
- Nutrition and Rice Industry (Kasetsart & Leeds)

ENERGY AND ENGINEERING

- Biodiesel production (Thammasat & Newcastle)
- Paper device for detecting food contaminants (Chulalongkorn & Liverpool)

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Chinese Migration on Agriculture and Tourism (CMU & SOAS)

Are you eligible?

1. Your research experience
2. Are you (and your PhD students) registered under TRF scholarship?
3. Any collaborations with the UK?
4. ODA eligible?

1. Your research experience

0 - 10 years of PhD (Early – Mid career)

- ✓ RL Travel grants
- ✓ Mentor for RL Workshops
- ✓ Lecturer position not required

10+ years (Highly established / Lead)

- ✓ Applicant for RL Workshops
- ✓ Institutional Links

2. Are you (and your PhD students) registered under TRF scholarship?

If yes;

The Royal Golden
Jubilee Programme
(RGJ)

Research and Researcher
Development for Industry
Programme (RRI)

International Research
Network Programme
(IRN)

✓ PhD Placements and Travel grants

3. Any collaborations with the UK?

- Evidence of UK hosting required for all calls
- Visit

<https://www.newtonfund-international.com/>



Student Support Service

Opportunities for Collaboration

Sign up for the Newton Funding bulletin
Partner Request Form

PhD host

Finding a Collaborator

Research collaborator

Newton Fund - Partner Request Form

Newton Fund call:
(Researcher Links Travel Grants/
Researcher Links Workshop
Grant/ Institutional Links)

Country: *
Please select from drop-down menu

University/ Organisation name: *

Position/ role:

Name of lead applicant: *
First Last

Contact email address: *

Institution Type: *
Please tick the relevant box

Research area: *
Please tick the relevant boxes

- University
- Public Research Institute
- National NGO

- Health
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Agri-technology
- Biodiversity
- Climate Change
- Resilience to natural disasters
- Environmental challenges
- Food security
- Urbanisation & smart cities

4. ODA- Official Development Assistance

- Newton Fund activities need to demonstrate that they are aiming to contribute to a reduction in poverty, and aim to further sustainable development (development that is likely to generate lasting benefits for the population of the country to which it is provided) or improve the welfare of the population of Newton Fund countries.
- OECD guidelines on ODA centre on the following sentence:

“(funding must be) *“administered with the **promotion** of the **economic development** and **welfare** of **developing countries** as its **main objective**”*

Example questions

- Is there a credible development need that my project or activity is addressing?
- What would the impact of my project or activity be, and who would benefit? Explain relevance to economic development and social welfare.
- How does my project or activity contribute to sustainable development?
- How would success or impact be measured?

Further Reading

- Reference documents:
 - 'Newton Fund guide to understanding ODA'
 - 'BIS Newton Programme Management Team Q&A guide'
 - 'Is it ODA?'



www.oecd.org/dac/stats/officialdevelopmentassistancedefinitionandcoverage.htm

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/statistics

www.britishcouncil.org

Opportunities for Newton Fund

OPEN CALLS

Global Calls – April and July

Institutional Links

Researcher Links (Travel grant and Workshops)

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National Call – Mid year

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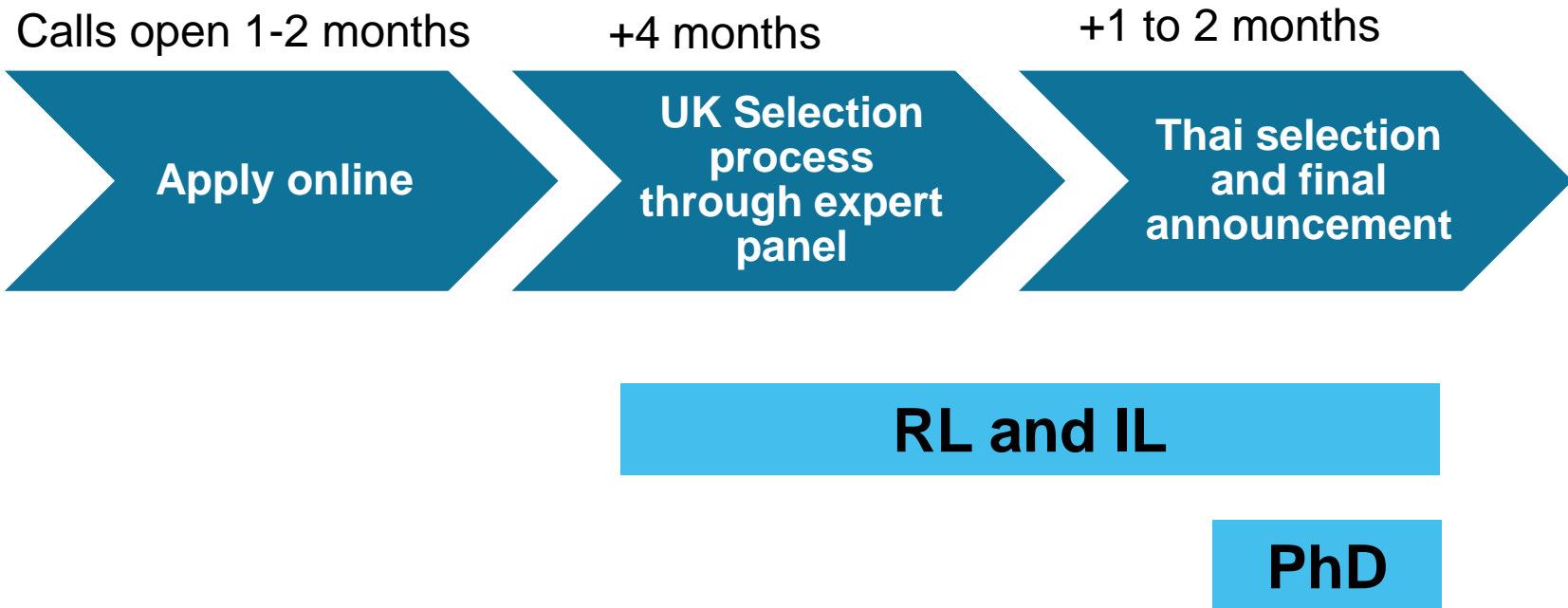
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PhD Placements for Scholars and Supervisors

How to apply

We accept online application only

www.britishcouncil.or.th



Conditions and FAQ

- Non-binding scholarship and grant but monitoring and evaluation report is required
- Accept majority of the research fields from sciences to social sciences
- Most programme have different completion date
- Only government body, research institute, higher education institutions (private/public) can apply
- Awarded grantees can reapply but selection process is upon the guideline of each programme

Contact us

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UPCOMING EVENT!

FAMELAB 2017

FAMELAB 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSbsT2NUlxg>

What is FAMELAB?

- A platform for scientists to show their passion
- Explain their expertise **under 3 minutes**

Eligibility

- Age 18 – 40
- Thai nationality
- Lecturer / Researchers (Science, Maths, Engineering, and more)
- People who use these fields in their work; industry of business

Those who pass audition will...

- Attend a 2-3 day Master in Science Communications
- Put your skills to the final test at the National competition

Winner will ...

- Ticket + accommodation to the UK to join FameLab International round
- Scholarship for science communication purpose

DATES

18 (Sat) March 2017

Live Audition (True Coffee, SSQ Soi 2)

13.00 – 17.00

Register: https://britishcouncil-vksfv.formstack.com/forms/famelab2017_national_audition

4 (Thurs) May 2017

Bangkok Art & Culture Centre

16.00 – 18.00

Register: ****STAY TUNED****