International Opportunities
Support for Researchers

PEER Participants’ Conference
August 4 – 7, 2014
Arusha, Tanzania
British Council work

- UK’s international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations,

- 80 years to forge links between people in the UK and other countries

- Builds engagement and trust through the exchange of knowledge and ideas

- 6 continent, 218 offices in 109 countries
Focus Areas:

- English Knowledge
- Cultural Relations
- Scientific, Technological and Education Cooperation
Our work in Tanzania
education
Education Story in Tanzania

- Primary school enrolment now almost universal but only 53% pass the leaving exam and progress to secondary school.
- 34% attend secondary, progression in Higher Education is low (less than 4% get to university, less than 7% into any form of tertiary).
- 66 pupils per class on average at primary (some schools have 200+).
- Qualified teacher to student ratio is 1:49.
- 1 text book per 5 students.
- 700,000 new people enter the labour market every year.
- ‘Working age’ adults rapidly increasing, 10% formally employed.

Higher Education Opportunities for Tanzanians:

**British Gas Scholarships (BG Group):**
- Masters Degree (UK Universities)
- Geoscience and Engineering Courses

Number of BG Scholarships per Academic Year:
- 2012-13/2013-14: 4 awardees
- 2014 – 15: 10 awardees
- 2015 – 16/2016 – 17: 20 awardees

**Commonwealth Fellowships/Scholarships:**
- Masters and PHD Studies (all discipline)
- 207 Awardees (1972 – 2014)
- 12 Awardees (Sept. 2014 intake)
British Council Tanzania
Public-Private Partnerships
Why encourage internationalisation?

- Attract talented students and researchers
- Strong research base
- Production of high quality research
- Increased international collaboration
How do we support international mobility?

- Information
- Funding
- Practical Support
- Capacity Building
What are the opportunities for Researchers?

- Researcher Links
- Researcher Connect
- FameLab
- Newton Fund
- Euraxess
Researcher Links

2013 Workshop and Travel Grant:
- Countries: 19
- Funded Workshops: 52 (400 applications)
- Travel Grants: 178 (380 applications)
- Researchers: 1,800

2014 Workshop and Travel Grant:
- Workshop deadline: Closed June, 2014
- Travel Grant deadline: Open Mid August, 2014
Why choose Researcher Connect?

- Writing for publication
- Writing funding proposals
- Informal communication (networking, emails etc)
- Presenting at conferences
- International Science Communication competition

- 25 countries, millions of viewers

- Longer term impacts – Science Festivals, TV shows etc

- Includes presentation and media skills training for finalists
The Newton Fund

- £375 million fund from UK Government (£75 million a year for 5 years starting 2014/15).

- The initial country list is: China, India, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Egypt and Kazakhstan

- Categories of activity:
  - **People**: capacity building, people exchange and joint centres;
  - **Programmes**: research collaborations on development topics; and
  - **Translation**: innovation partnerships

- Opportunity areas: PHD programmes, International and Researcher links, Professional development, STEM, technical training and employability
Information on Research landscape in UK, practical info, jobs, careers, funding

Downloadable guide for researchers and can order hard copy online

International funding search – by career stage, discipline and region
Euraxess – practical support for mobile researchers
To find out more:

**British Council Information and Researcher Opportunities:**
www.britishcouncil.org  
www.britishcouncil.or.tz

**Researcher Links:**

http://www.britishcouncil.org/society/science/funding-opportunities/researcher-links-workshops-call

http://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/britishcouncil.uk2/files/selected_workshops.pdf

**Researcher Connect:**

http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/british-council-researcher-connect

**FameLab:**

http://www.britishcouncil.org/search?query=famelab

**Newton Fund:**

www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/newton

**Euraxess Information:**

www.euraxess.org.uk (sign up for the newsletter)  
www.euraxessamber.eu
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Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor… that the child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation.

Nelson Mandela