UK-Egypt
Newton – Mosharafa Program

For

Researcher Connect

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Open call for application: 29.12.2014

Deadline for submission 15.1.2015

Introduction

The Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) was established by Presidential Decree number 218/2007. Its mandate is to promote science and technology (S&T) through funding scientific research and technology development in a way that supports the complete cycle of innovation. STDF implements its objectives within the context of the national S&T development strategy, which is established by the Higher Council for Science & Technology. The Egyptian ministries with the strongest impact on Egypt's national economy are represented in the council to direct the research activities towards the S&T activities which have a direct influence on the national development plans.

Grant Description & Objectives

Researcher Connect provides professional development set of courses that focus on the development of excellent communication skills for international, multicultural contexts. It also provides participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context as well as the development of critical thinking, reflective and critiquing skills. Researcher Connect courses are offered as a series of modules delivered in workshop format by experienced and quality-assured UK trainers. STDF mission is facilitate and support the Researcher Connect activation within Egyptian research Institutes and Universities.

Researcher Connect modules for the current Call:

- Know Your Audience
- Academic Collaboration
- Professional Proposals
- Effective Emails
- Abstracts

All the trainers listed in the following table are capable of delivering any of the 5 modules listed above in the Researcher Connect prospectus.

Participants aiming at being prepared to be future trainers of a particular workshop should attend the 3-day training period workshop (identified as WS# in the following table) in addition to a 2-day special training sessions (identified as TT# in the following table). Participants in each workshop should not exceed 15 attendees (including potential future trainers). On the other hand, participants in the special future trainers 2-day sessions should not exceed 5 attendees.

Fixed Dates of the workshops:

Trainers	Workshop	First day of Training	Last day of Training
Tara/Susan	WS 1	Tue. Feb. 3rd	Thu. Feb. 5th
Prakash	WS 2 TT1	Sun. Feb. 8th Wed. Feb. 11th	Tue. Feb. 10th Thu. Feb. 12th
Prakash	WS 3 TT2	Sun. Feb. 15th Wed. Feb. 18th	Tue. Feb. 17th Thu. Feb. 19th
Eldon/Prakash	WS 4	Tue. Feb. 24th	Thu. Feb. 26th

Funding Criteria:
The fund provided by STDF (up to LE10,000; LE8,000 for Workshop and LE2,000 for TT) for the support of a scientific event will cover;

- Research Institute or University appropriate classroom hall (equipped with white boards, computer-data show, …etc.)
- Coffee breaks and snacks during the event.
- Printing and/or digital copying of some course material, …etc.

N.B.: The fund provided by the UK for the support of a scientific event will cover the expenses of UK Trainers including their travel and accommodation expenses.

The following eligibility criteria apply to this grant:

Any Egyptian Research Institution or University is eligible for receiving STDF funding in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of governmental funding. In all contractual, reporting and monitoring procedures, the university, research institution receiving the funds will be represented by a researcher having well-documented position and/or related and development activities, who will act as the "Event Coordinator/Organizer". The proposed eligible events should be held in the Egyptian Research Institution or University, with which the Event Coordinator is affiliated.

Application Submittal and Evaluation Process :
All applications must be drafted using the exact formatting requirements for the current call, as given in the Related Application Form. Failure to adhere to the exact format required will automatically deem the application ineligible. All applications must then be uploaded to the STDF website (www.stdf.org.eg), for which registration is required. Applications submitted by e-mail or sent as hard copies will not be considered. All applications must be in English.

The application must include a letter from the implementing institution's legal representative stating the event's title, as well as the name, position and affiliation of the Event Coordinator. The letter should clearly state that the institution endorses the event. All applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis. STDF will ensure that the evaluation process is transparent, impartial and applicant-supportive. Applications submitted to this grant will be subjected to scientific and technical evaluation.

Deadline of the Call:

All Proposals must be finally submitted by the Project Coordinators before the deadline: 15 January 2015 (at 12 am). Delayed proposals will be considered non-eligible.