



Form for potential university partners in the National Knowledge Functional Hub/ Higher Education Partnership Programme

Expression of interest

Please explain why your institution/ department is interested in becoming a partner within this programme (max 500 words).

Suitability

Please explain how this programme fits with your institution's strategy/ priorities. Please include existing industry collaborations you have and how you would ensure that your institution gained maximum benefit from the programme (max 500 words).

Departments

Which department(s) within the engineering faculty would be interested in participating in this programme? Please give names and contact details of heads of those departments (max 250 words)

Industry Partners

The Programme will support the development of a partnership between the university and an engineering-related company/ companies for this programme. Please suggest a company/ companies that you would be collaborating with on this project and give reasons for their suitability. Please include details of existing collaboration activities with the company (max 500 words).

UK Linkages

The prime objective for the Newton-Bhabha Fund is to foster sustainable, systemic and meaningful relationships between the UK and India in engineering, innovation and R&D. Please state how your proposed exchange helps build linkages between UK and India in this manner. If you do not have existing linkages, then please detail the types of institutions you would like to create linkages with (max 500 words).

Aims of Collaboration

The Higher Education Partnership Programme partnership has the dual aims of using Industry-Academia collaboration to both: Enhance Engineering Education with practical, industry input; and Enhance tech transfer into industry and boost prospects for collaborative R&D. Please outline your proposed activities and explain how they help meet either, or both, aims (max 500 words).

- 1) Enhancing Engineering Education

- 2) Enhancing tech transfer into industry and boost prospects for collaborative R&D

Models of Collaboration

This programme will support the building of Industry Academia partnerships will need to be operationalized through structured mechanisms and models. Potential models for collaboration have been outlined in the attached. Please state what models and mechanisms you propose to use to foster meaningful linkages between both sectors under this programme (max 500 words).

Summary of Likely Impact of Activities

Please describe the likely impact of your proposed activities themselves and how they will contribute to these goals (max 500 words).

Lesson Sharing, Upscaling Impact and Contribution to Economic and Social Development in India

The Newton-Bhabha Fund aims to leverage research and innovation to advance economic and social development. The NKFH/ HEP Programme will hence fund promising projects which have potential to also make wider developmental impact. Please propose your plans for sharing lessons learnt from the exchange more broadly with other actors and how your project will contribute to improved economic and social development outcomes (max 500 words).

Indicative Budget

The NKFH/HEP programme will support salary support, subsistence, travel costs, training and meeting/ workshop events which allow activities to take place that meet the programme objectives. Please give indicative costs under these headings in the below table, using an indicative exchange rate of 100 INR = 1 GBP for conversion.

A more detailed budget will be required should your application proceed to proposal stage.

	INR	GBP Equivalent
Salary Support costs		
Travel and Subsistence costs		
Training costs		
Workshop and event costs		

Match Funding

Any funding that will be given under the NKFH/ HEP Programme will need to be matched by applicants with resources sourced either from yourself or the proposed industry and UK partners. It is a requisite that funding from Indian government bodies also be secured. Matched contributions may be in-kind or financial and all contributions should total at least 40% of the grant being sought. Examples of match funding sources can be found in the attached presentation. For the amount of NKFH/ HEP funding you are seeking, please propose sources and indicative amounts of in-kind or financial support that your partnership would contribute (max 500 words).

Any other comments

If you would like to make any other relevant comments, please include them here (max 250 words).

Letter of Commitment

Please also attach a letter of commitment from your Head of Department/ School which gives official authorization and support to your application under this Request for Expressions of Interest.

Commitment

If your university would like to become a partner in this programme, please complete and sign the statement of commitment to the programme below:

I, _____(-insert name-)_____, _____(- insert job title-_____) at the Engineering Faculty at _____(-insert university name-)_____, have consulted with relevant colleagues and would like to put forward this institution to be considered for selection in the *NKFH/ HEP*. Should this university be selected, I confirm that the engineering faculty will strive throughout the programme to achieve sustainable improvement to its engineering courses and build research linkages through collaboration with partners from industry and the UK.

Signed _____

ALL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL@RAENG.ORG.UK BY 4PM (IST), 31st AUGUST, 2015.

Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.