



Genomics Research on Plant-Parasite Interactions to Increase Food Production

UK-MX Workshop

# Opportunity type

Grant to attend a Researcher Links workshop. Includes all costs associated with transport, accommodation and meals. Travel and medical insurance not covered.

# Workshop information

**Location:**ENES León UNAM, León, Guanajuato. Mexico

**Date:**3-6 February 2015

**Organisers:**Dr. Alejandra Rougon & Dr. Jorunn Bos

**Organizing Institutions**: ENES León UNAM – Mexico, James Hutton Institute – UK & University of Dundee- UK

**Funders:**British Council & CONACyT

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers:**

Prof. Sophien Kamoun – The Sainsbury Laboratory, UK

Dr. Leighton Pritchard – The James Hutton Institute, UK

Dr. Alfredo Herrera Estrella – LANGEBIO, CINVESTAV, Mexico

Dr. Ángel Alpuche – IPICYT, Mexico

# Important dates

**Deadline for applications:**  10 November 2014

**Workshop dates:**3-6 February 2015

# How to apply

Applications must be made by downloading and completing the application form below. Completed applications must be sent to  [arougon@enes.unam.mx](mailto:arougon@enes.unam.mx) & [jorunn.bos@hutton.ac.uk](mailto:jorunn.bos@hutton.ac.uk) .

# Researcher Links Workshop Application Form

**Workshop Title:** Genomics Research on Plant-Parasite Interactions to Increase Food Production .

**Mexico coordinator**: Prof. Alejandra Rougon Cardoso, ENES unidad León, UNAM

**UK coordinator:** Prof. Jorunn Bos, James Hutton University

**Discipline:** Agricultural Genomics

**Subdiscipline**: Phytopathology

**Venue:** ENES unidad León, UNAM. León, Guanajuato. Mexico

**Dates:** 2-6 February 2015.

The British Council and the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) have launched a new programme to encourage international research collaboration between ambitious young researchers from the UK and Mexico.

The programme, ‘British Council Researcher Links’ provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and internationally to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

As part of this programme, a ‘call to action’ was issued in June 2014 for leading researchers to propose themes for bilateral workshops to be held which will bring together early career researchers to discuss their research and start to build international relationships.

Successful applicant organisations from the UK and Mexico are now recruiting early career researchers and welcome applications to attend the above workshop.

The workshops will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshops 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 UK and partner countries. There will be a focus on building links for future collaborations. Participants will be selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

The British Council and the CONACyT will cover the costs related to the participation to the workshop, including: travel (both international and local), accommodation and meals. Although this cost will not be covered by the British Council, participants are encouraged to purchase an adequate travel and medical insurance. The British Council accepts no responsibility for any problems which may occur when the participants are in-country.

Application

The full application below must be completed and submitted to: [arougon@enes.unam.uk](mailto:arougon@enes.unam.uk) and [jorunn.bos@hutton.uk](mailto:jorunn.bos@hutton.uk)

Eligibility Criteria:

* Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links application form
* Application must be submitted by the above deadline
* Participants must be early career researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience) and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience. They are equivalent to the ‘Recognised Researcher’ and sometimes ‘Experienced Researcher’ categories in the EU framework for researchers’ careers: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Towards_a_European_Framework_for_Research_Careers_final.pdf>. Leading Researchers as defined by the EU Framework for researchers careers are research group leaders who are internationally recognised in their field.
* 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 Thailand.

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

Selection Procedure

* Eligibility check
* Quality assessment

Notification of results

Applicants will be notified by email four weeks prior to the workshop.

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. Participants’ selection undertaken by workshop organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of early career researchers with special needs will be given.

Application Form

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| **1. Applicant** | |
| Name and title |  |
| Gender (to monitor statistic participation – this will not be considered during assessment) |  |
| Position and institution |  |
| Postal address |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Brief CV (academic career, publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information) – no more than ½ page of A4 |  |

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| **Abstract -** Please give a summary of your area of research |
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| **3. Please describe your motivation to attend the workshop and how the workshop matches your professional development needs** |
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| **4. Please describe the expected impact of your participation to the workshop on your personal and professional development, including your ability to work on an international level** |
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| **5. Please indicate how you will disseminate the outcomes of the workshops and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired** |
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| **6. Workshops will take place in English as standard. Please indicate your ability to work and communicate in English (Note, no translators will be provided)** | | | |
| Native speaker |  | Good |  |
| Excellent |  | Need support |  |

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| **7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application.** |
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