**Invitation for participation**

**Workshop Title: UK/Brazil Young Researcher Links Workshop on Basic Science of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging**

**UK coordinator: Professor Brian Hutton, University College London**

**Brazil coordinator: Professor Helen Khoury, Federal University of Pernambuco**

**Theme: Basic Science of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging: radiochemistry & radiopharmacy, dosimetry & therapy, instrumentation & multimodality imaging, reconstruction & image processing, image analysis & clinical applications**

**Dates and venue: 1-5 March, 2016; Recife, Brazil.**

The British Council and CNPq (Brasil) have launched a new five-year programme to encourage international research collaboration between ambitious young researchers from the UK and eighteen countries around the world.

The “Researcher Links” programme, now co-funded under Newton Fund, provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and Brazil to interact, to learn from each other and to explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

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

Successful applicant organisations from the UK and Brazil 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 Brasil. There will be a focus on building up links for future collaborations and participants will be selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

CNPq will cover the costs related to the participation to the workshop, including: travel (both international and local), accommodation and meals. Participants must have their own travel and medical insurance.

**Application and Deadline:**

The full application must be completed and, for UK applicants, submitted by 24th December, 2015 to Professor Brian Hutton ([b.hutton@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.hutton@ucl.ac.uk)) . Any queries regarding the workshop should also be addressed to him.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links application form
* Participants must be early career researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD for less than 10 years.
* Participants must be affiliated to UK higher education or research institutions at the time of the application (including NHS Institutions).

**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
* CV review; area of specific expertise

**Notification of results:**

Successful applicants will be notified by end of December.

**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.