

Professional Fellowships Information Meeting



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**The Professional
Fellowships Scheme**

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Background

- **Scheme started in 2002**
- **Only CSC scheme which is not academic in nature**
- **Funded by DFID - development impact important**

Statistics

- **Funded 525 Fellows from 36 countries**
- **150 organisations have hosted awards**
- **79 Fellows in 2010 at 52 Hosts**

Key Benefits of the Scheme

- **Supports programmes of professional development for citizens of the developing Commonwealth**
- **Allows UK organisations to share good practice with, and learn from Fellows**
- **Dissemination of knowledge and skills learnt with Home employer (blogs, meetings..)**

Key features of the Scheme (1)

- **Host sets programme and identifies Fellow(s) – Nominator/Host**
- **Between 1 and 6 months duration**
- **Fellows: Minimum 5 years relevant experience**
- **Priority areas – Agriculture/Fisheries/Forestry, Economic Growth, Education, Engineering/Science/Technology, Environment, Governance, Public Health and Climate Change**

Key features of the Scheme (2)

- **Stipend paid direct to Fellows**
- **Host fee of £800 – include element for study travel**
- **Up to £3,000 for attendance at short courses etc.**

New for 2011 (1)

- **Host fee raised to £800 - recognition of hard work**
- **No study travel - administrative burden**
- **Now up to 6 Fellows per application (but balance with new and existing hosts)**
- **Academics eligible but not academic programmes**

New for 2011 (2)

- **Commonwealth Saltire Professional Fellowships in Climate change - working with Scottish Government**

Making an application

- **Register with CSC to use EAS**
- **Complete Host' section of form - 'release'**
- **Fellow(s) complete their section of form - 'submit'**
- **Host 'nominates' to CSC**
- **Selections - published criteria**

On Award

- **Paperwork prior to arrival**
- **BC sponsor Tier 5 Visa & book flights**
- **Payments made to Fellows direct**
- **Host invoice for agreed fees**
- **Host and Fellow provide end of award report**

The Future

- **Expand the number of awards - interest from hosts and quality of applications**
- **Multiple Rounds in each year?**
- **Targeted Rounds?**
- **Evaluation of the Scheme - feedback on impact always welcome!**

Further Information

Website:

www.cscuk.org.uk/apply/professional_fellowships.asp

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