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Dear Alumnus

DFID Development Partnerships in Higher Education scheme: Consultancy Opportunity

In recent years, the CSC has been working to develop synergies with other areas of DFID-funded work in higher education. One such programme is the DelPHE – Development Partnerships in Higher Education scheme.

The current phase of DelPHE (2006-13) is now drawing to a close. The programme has supported 200 partnerships between universities in 22 of DFID's bilateral focus countries. The majority of these have included UK universities; however, there are also 22 examples of south-south projects, of which 21 are led from African HE institutions and 1 from Asia.

As DFID is keen to have evidence of the impact or otherwise of the projects, the British Council and the ACU intends to commission consultants to produce a series of country-based studies. The countries selected for these are **Tanzania, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ghana and Sudan** – please note, however, that only four of these countries will be chosen. We would like to hear from former Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows with first-hand knowledge of the countries concerned who would be interested in undertaking these consultancies.

A specification of the consultancy, and an application form for candidates, is attached, and can also be found on the CSC web site at <http://bit.ly/cscuk-delphe-call-for-consultants>. Amongst other things, applicants will need to be available to participate in telephone interviews during late October, attend a briefing programme on set dates prior to commencement, and devote a maximum of 24 days (depending on the number of projects in the country concerned) between **20th January and 31st May 2012**, and visit most of all of the project sites within the country over that period. You would need to undertake to submit your final report by the agreed deadline date, since the work will form part of a wider evaluation initiative. Whilst responsibility for the visits and report writing will be yours, some logistical help will be available from the British Council office in the country concerned with regards to setting up interviews and travel arrangements. The consultancy will attract a fee of a **maximum of £175 per day**, plus expenses at an agreed rate.

If you would like to be considered in respect of this work, please complete the attached application form, and send this together with your curriculum vitae to Liam Roberts (l.roberts@acu.ac.uk) by no later than **Friday, 7th October 2011**. As indicated, only candidates with significant first-hand knowledge of the countries concerned should apply.

Yours sincerely,

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