

Lancaster University

The nature of this fellowship is such that it provides a platform, programme and environment that develops the professional capacity and knowledge of proposed fellows to the model of developing and managing strategic partnerships and bridging the gaps between academia, industry, government and civil societies; using universities as institutions to promote and support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals with university partners; At the end of the Fellowship, the proposed impact includes: the development of an Academia-Industry Forum; a special training programme; and organising a yearly international conference in their respective organisations and countries - that would bring together and support other academics, industry and government partners on working together towards achieving the sustainable development goals; and secondly, assuming a new additional role that supports academics, researchers, government in terms of aligning their research to the sustainable development goals.

Eligibility

1. Potential fellows must be in some leadership role in their organizations and from an Eastern or West African country.
2. Potential Fellows (either personally) or through the organization must have been involved in a work, programme or professional activity that is aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Potential Fellows must show how they or their organizations have engaged with Lancaster Environment Centre of Lancaster University on a collaborative level. If potential fellows have not previously engaged with Lancaster University, they must show how they intend to engage with Lancaster University at the end of their fellowship.

Website

<http://www.globalecoinnovation.org/>

Proposed activity

Week 1- Induction & introduction & Field Trips

Day 1 - Introduction to Lancaster Environment Centre; Inaugural review meeting with LEC Enterprise Team; Meetings with and business presentation of business expertise from two resident environmental companies (Stopford Projects Limited, Envirofly Consulting Limited); Day 2 - Meetings with and business presentation of business expertise from two resident companies (Knowledge Transfer Network UK, Extremely Low Energy Ltd);

Day 3 – Briefing Session; Field trips to and tour of the Cockerham Farm Project.

Day 4 – Briefing Session; Field trips to and tour of specific environmental projects and case studies (The Lancaster University Windmill Energy Project)

Day 5 – Review and Career Assessment Day with Mentors

Week 2 - Meetings & Information Gathering

Day 1 and 2 – Meetings with and presentations from staff of Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University.

Day 3 and 4 – Meetings with Lancaster Heads of Teaching and Research

Day 5 – Review and Career Assessment Day with Mentors

Week 3 and 4 – Understudy Weeks

- Three days to be spent working with the Administrative Team responsible for the liaison between Lancaster University lecturers and researchers and the resident companies – to understand their roles, responsibilities, processes and mechanisms.
- Three days to be spent working with the Student Internship team, Lancaster Environment Centre understanding the process of using student projects to engage strategic partners.
- Two days to be spent working with the Enterprise and Business Partnerships team, LEC – understanding the framing of consultancy projects and grant schemes.
- Fifth day of Week 3 and 4 to be spent for career's review and meeting with Mentors

Week 5 – Starting Future Development Plans

- Day 1 and 2 - Briefing Session on the development of their future plans and deliverables and a Business Plan clinic. Agreeing timelines and expectations for their expected deliverables.
- Day 3 – Briefing Session; Field trips to and tour of specific sustainable projects and case studies (The Lancaster Waste Water Treatment Plant)
- Day 4 – Briefing Session; Field trips to and tour of The Global Renewables Plant.
- Day 5 – Review and Career Assessment Day with Mentors

Week 6 and 7 – Training & Knowledge Transfer

Three days training programmes have been designed, out of which Fellows will choose three that best suits their roles and career plans in line with their individual fellowship objectives: Some of the Leadership training courses are: Training on Sustainable Development; Training on Eco-Innovation and Enterprise Development; Training on Internationalization of Education; Training on Green Economy; Training on Environmental Policy, Law and Governance.

The two free days of the week are for assessment, meeting with mentor and writing a training brief on the adaptation of their training to their home countries.

Week 8 – Concluding Future Development Plans

- The fellows will use the last two weeks to concretise their future development plans.
- Each fellow will give a presentation to a big audience of their post-fellowship plans to an audience of peers and mentors.

CSC theme

Priority Theme 1 Access, inclusion and opportunity

Further details

For more information on how to apply, please visit the CSC website:
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/commonwealth-professional-fellowships-information-for-candidates/>