

Research proposal and grant writing for development impact

Reading list, Preparatory Work and Workshop Outline

This workshop is designed for scholars who aim to do policy or applied research back in their home countries. It will introduce some concepts, frameworks and tools for understanding research & knowledge systems, designing and implementing research projects to maximise the usefulness and use of the research, and how to develop effective funding proposals which meet funder’s call specifications.

The workshop will be delivered over two 120 minute webinars:

Session 1: Understanding research & knowledge systems and how to maximise the usefulness and use of research.

Thursday 4th February (120 minutes) 3.20 pm- 5.30 pm

**Preparatory work**

Before the workshop please read the first of these publications, and at least look at the second:

* 10 things to know about how to influence policy: <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/11205.pdf>
* ROMA: A Guide to Policy Engagement and Policy Influence <https://www.odi.org/features/roma/home>

Then complete the following short tasks in the pre workshop activity sheet

1. Prepare a brief statement (not more than 25 words) of one specific change you would like to see happen as a result of your CSC-funded research within the next 2 years.
2. Do an initial stakeholder analysis of the 10-15 key people/organisations who you need to engage with to achieve this. You could use the importance/influence matrix introduced in week 4 of your CSC MOOC.

Please return worksheet to [anobes@inasp.info](mailto:anobes@inasp.info) and [sharmin.choudhury@acu.ac.uk](mailto:sharmin.choudhury@acu.ac.uk) by the end of **Wednesday 3rd February**

**Programme**

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| **Time** | **Session description** |
| 5 mins | * Welcome, introductions and overview of programme for workshop |
| 10 mins | * Icebreaker exercise |
| 15 mins | * Presentation: An introduction to research impact   + *How research creates change/development outcomes*   + *Key actors and processes in the research system*   + *Identifying the political and practical challenges* |
| 20 mins | * Exercise 1: Rapid Context Analysis   + *Who are the most important stakeholders?*   + *What kind of evidence do they need?* * Feedback |
| 15 mins | * *Coffee break* |
| 15 mins | * Presentation 2: Tools for policy impact   + Developing and engagement strategy |
| 30 mins | * Exercise 2: Rapid Force Field Analysis * Feedback |
| 10 mins | * *Final Q&A and wrap up* |