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To

The Chairperson/Director,
Deptt./Institute/Centre of _____
Himachal Pradesh University,
Summer Hill,
Shimla-171 005.

Subject: Early Career Academic Grants of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) as part of the Centenary Celebrations of ACU

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has received a communication from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) for providing faculty members of the Member Universities an **EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC GRANT FOR YOUNG ACADEMICIANS** of the respective Universities to attend conferences taking place in Commonwealth between March and June, 2014. The last date for applying for the grants is Friday, 7th February, 2014 1700h GMT. A copy of the grant notification downloaded from the website alongwith the terms and conditions is attached herewith for giving it a wide circulation particularly among the young Faculty Members of the University to avail this opportunity. This is for your kind information and further circulation among the Faculty Members of the University.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

B.K. Ahluwalia
(P.K. Ahluwalia) 29/11/13
Dean, Planning & Teachers' Matters and
Director(IQAC)

Encl.: As above.

Copy to:

1. SPS to Vice-Chancellor, H.P. University for kind information of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
2. Dean of Studies, H.P. University, Shimla-171 005.
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Early Career Academic Grants

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To mark its Centenary, the ACU is offering 100 Early Career Academic Grants to staff at ACU member universities to cover the costs of travel to and attendance at relevant conferences or academic meetings in another Commonwealth country. The scheme is aimed at early career academics who have not yet had the opportunity to work, study, or travel outside their own country.

Following on from the first round of awards, the ACU is now opening the second round of Early Career Academic Grants. As a result of the first round of awards, 20 awardees went on to attend conferences in Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, and the UK. With the second round we are aiming to award a further 50 early career academics with a grant of up to GBP 2,000 that will give them an opportunity to attend a conference or academic meeting where they can exchange ideas and build strong connections with fellow academics from all around the world.

Applications for the second round are now open. The final date for submissions is 1700 GMT on Friday 7th February 2014.

How to Apply:

Download the [application form](#) and email your completed form to earlycareerawards@acu.ac.uk

Terms and conditions

- Applicants will have discretion over what the grant is used for, but it must involve a visit to academic peers in a **Commonwealth country outside their home region**. In most cases, this will involve attendance at a recognised academic conference in their discipline. Potential hosts should be either an ACU member university in the country to be visited, or the organiser of a recognised academic conference.
- Grants can be used to cover travel costs, conference fees, accommodation and subsistence, and, where appropriate, small-scale purchases of materials for use in future teaching or research.
- Round 2 of applications is for visits to be made between 10 March and 30 June 2014.
- Each Early Career Academic Grant will be up to GBP 2,000 in value.
- Under no circumstances will the total value of the grant exceed that stated on the offer letter.
- Grants will be paid in a single instalment to either the grant holder's home institution, a host institution in the country to be visited (provided that the institution is an ACU member), or a named conference organiser. Successful applicants will be asked to nominate a recipient of funds.
- Grant holders will be asked to provide an account of expenditure and a brief report (no more than 500 words) on how their grant has been spent.
- The ACU reserves the right to publish the names of successful applicants on the ACU website and in ACU publications. By applying for a grant, the applicant gives consent for such publication in the event that his/her application is successful.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- (a) Be employed as a member of academic staff in an ACU member institution
- (b) Not have previously studied for any academic or professional qualification outside their home country or region.
- (c) Not have attended any academic or professional conference outside their home country or region in the last five years

Although this scheme is aimed at early career academics, please note that there is **no age limit** for applicants. Applications from other groups – for example, established academic staff members, those recently embarking on an academic career following a career change, or women returning to academic work after raising children – would also be welcome, providing that they meet the above criteria.

In all cases, grants will be subject to applicants successfully obtaining a visa to enter the host country, and will not be paid until this has been confirmed.

How to apply

- Application form

Applications must be submitted using the official application form and must be endorsed by both an authorised representative of your home institution, and your potential host.

Applications should be sent via email to earlycareerawards@acu.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is **7 February 2014**. Results will be announced in early March 2014.

Round 3 of applications (for visits to be made between July and September) will open later next year.