



## **Thailand-UK Workshop on Non-Communicable Diseases and Infectious Diseases**

- Date: 17 May 2017 - 19 May 2017
- Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

### **Workshop opportunity and Call Pre-announcement**

The Thailand Research Fund (TRF), the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) and Medical Research Council (MRC) are pleased to announce that they will be launching joint calls for research proposals on Non-Communicable Diseases and Infectious Diseases around the middle of this year.

TRF, NSTDA and MRC will be holding a workshop for researchers on 17-19 May 2017 in Bangkok to explore UK-Thai opportunities for collaboration in these research areas.

Two separate calls will be launched that will run in parallel with one another:

- 1) The MRC-TRF call will focus upon non-communicable diseases (NCDs); and
- 2) The MRC-NSTDA call will focus upon infectious diseases

Both research calls will focus on science areas of relevance to Thailand and the Thai population.

**Under the MRC-TRF Non-Communicable Diseases call, the research proposals will focus specifically upon the following diseases:**

- **Cardiovascular diseases**
- **Diabetes Mellitus**
- **Osteoporosis**
- **Metabolic Syndrome**

Under the MRC-NSTDA Infectious Diseases call, the research proposals will focus specifically upon the following diseases:

- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) especially multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB)
- Emerging infectious diseases especially leishmaniasis and influenza
- Measles
- Mosquito Borne diseases

The funders, TRF, NSTDA and MRC will welcome research proposals that will have scientific outcomes of relevance to the prevention, treatment, management and/or control of the above listed diseases in Thailand. This may include, but will not be limited to, basic discovery research, understanding the mechanisms of the diseases, biomarker identification, novel detection and diagnosis through to the development of novel preventatives (vaccines) and therapeutics.

The call will be for proposals of duration of up to 3 years. All projects that receive funding must be completed by March 2021.

## The workshop

The upcoming TRF/NSTDA/MRC workshop will be an opportunity for Thai researchers to meet researchers from UK institutions and explore opportunities for research collaboration. The agenda for the workshop will include time for networking and sharing information about UK and Thai research expertise and areas of interest, as well as visits to leading research centres in and around Bangkok.

## How to apply to attend the workshop

We would like to see expressions of interest from academics who would be interested in representing their institution at this workshop in Bangkok, Thailand.

Costs of the UK attendees will be covered by the MRC.

Due to a limited number of spaces, **we will only be able to invite 20 attendees per call to attend**. Therefore, attendees will be expected to represent the wider interests of their institution as well as their individual interests.

If you would like to represent your institution at this workshop please submit an expression of interest including;

- a one page cover letter outlining the research interest of your institution for collaboration with UK
- a JPEG picture of yourself to be included in the briefing pack if successful in attending the workshop
- your CV
- a half page biography highlighting your professional interest in attending this workshop and your scientific expertise (please note, this information would be shared with the UK Researchers)

**For Non-Communicable Diseases call, please submit any queries and applications to [saengpetch@trf.or.th](mailto:saengpetch@trf.or.th)**

**For Infectious Diseases call, please submit any queries and applications to [monta@nstda.or.th](mailto:monta@nstda.or.th)**

**The closing deadline for expressions of interest is at 16:00 on **Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.****

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