



Arts & Humanities  
Research Council

## **Opportunity to Present at the AHRC International Development Summit**

### **1. Introduction**

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) are hosting an International Development Summit- '*Mobilising Global Voices*', at the British Library, London on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Summit aims to showcase and discuss the unique and important contribution that AHRC-funded research (and of the arts and humanities more widely) makes to policy and practice in International Development and to cross-disciplinary and collaborative research which addresses a range of global challenges.

The proposed theme of the summit - 'Mobilising Global Voices' - indicates an aspiration to add to previous events and consultations by bringing the voices and perspectives of researchers, partners, cultural and development organisations and diverse communities in Low and Middle countries more strongly into debates about how arts and humanities research might contribute to international development, and we would welcome innovative ideas for how the summit might stimulate longer term engagement with diverse global voices.

### **2. Call for Expressions of Interest**

Expressions of interest are invited from researchers and practitioners from all disciplines within the arts and humanities, and across the NGO and International Development and other key sectors, to participate and deliver a five minute presentation / 'lightning talk'. The presentation content is required to discuss the role of Arts and Humanities research in contributing to international development challenges and mobilising diverse global voices. Proposals which address the overarching theme of 'no-one left behind' (from the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development) are encouraged. As well as proposals which cover issues around engaging different 'voices' in research and/or reflect on the challenges and opportunities of conducting collaborative / co-produced research and supporting equitable partnerships in and with LMICs.

This is a great opportunity for researchers to discuss the outcomes and implications of their research with a large varied audience from both research and policy –practice communities in the UK and internationally and for practitioners in international development to share their expertise, experience and /or research needs. In particular we wish to encourage forward looking proposals for presentations which extend an individual project and might help to inform debates about the shape of wider future research agendas in the arts and humanities relating to international development. Attending the Summit also provides an opportunity to network and share experience, insights, and

learning and to discuss opportunities for research collaboration to be further enhanced internationally, across disciplines, and with policy and practice.

We particularly welcome applications from non-academic partners, Arts and Humanities researchers from [low or middle income countries as defined by the DAC List](#) and Arts and Humanities Early Career Researchers, this includes but not limited to early career researchers involved in AHRC funded projects and AHRC funded studentships.

It is expected that around 12 researchers and/or practitioners, covering the broad range of disciplines covered by the AHRC will be invited to present at the summit. Those invited may also be encouraged to contribute to an AHRC blog. If more places are available than speaking slots some of those who submit innovative EOIs may be offered a place at the summit to help them prepare a blog but without a speaking slot.

### **3. The Summit**

The Summit will take place at the British Library in London on June 7<sup>th</sup> between 10.30 and 17:00. Each researcher will have a five minute slot in which to deliver a presentation to the room.

### **4. Presentation Requirements**

The 'lightning talks' / presentations should include a clear, concise and interesting narrative about the role of Arts and Humanities Research in contributing to international development challenges and mobilising diverse global voices. Proposals which seek to develop future agendas and/or stimulate debate about future priorities and ways of working will also be welcomed. Presentations will be strictly limited to (and cut off at) five minutes and should be timed to ensure that they fit the time available. We would also encourage the use of a small number of visual aids. Proposals for '[PechaKucha](#)' or '[Ignite](#)'- style presentations, involving a specific number of PowerPoint slides that are automatically advanced at fixed intervals, will be considered but it is not a requirement to follow such formats. The presentation should be targeted at a broad audience of both a wide range of academic and non-academic participants. We are not looking for presentations of 'academic papers' for these sessions.

There will not be time for discussion in the session but we hope that there will be time to follow-up inputs in networking time during the summit. In addition, we welcome proposals which would allow follow-up discussion and debate for example through an AHRC (or other) blog and/or the use of social or other media.

Joint presentations (e.g. between a UK and/or LMIC and/or non-academic partner will be considered provided they are feasible within a 5 minute slot.

If successful, you will be required to send the final presentation to AHRC one week before the Summit.

The AHRC will reimburse the cost of travel and subsistence in attending the summit for those offered a place through this call, in accordance with [RCUK policy](#). Successful applicants who require support with international travel costs will be advised to contact the AHRC office for further guidance before making any bookings.

## 5. Application Process and Format

Applications are to be submitted via [smart survey](#) by **4.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. The smart survey will ask applicants to submit a 500-word account of the proposed topic of their presentation. Please bear in mind that your proposal will be read by non-academics therefore ensure your proposal is clear, accessible and avoids unnecessary jargon. You will also be required to include a 300-word account which covers your area of expertise.

Both successful/unsuccessful applicants may be contacted after the outcomes have been published to discuss the possibility of developing the content of their application into an input on the [AHRC's blog](#).

## 6. Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed internally by an event organising group comprising AHRC staff who may draw on additional external advice as appropriate and all applicants will be informed of the outcome by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## 7. Call Timetable

Activity	Date
Smart Survey Available	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017
Closing Date	16:00, Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Outcomes	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
ID Summit	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

## 8. Contact Information

For queries about this call please contact AHRC at [enquiries@ahrc.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ahrc.ac.uk) or telephone: 01793 416060 (available Monday to Friday 8:30-5:00)