

Evaluation of the New Ukrainian School project

Researcher Recruitment

Background

The British Council in Ukraine is looking for researchers in collecting data for the independent evaluation of the New Ukrainian School project, namely its implementation and achievements. Its focus will be on the primary school (grades 1-4) English teachers' professional development model introduced and implemented throughout the project, as well as its effects on the teaching practice and students' learning outcomes.

The data will be analysed by a UK consultant who will be conducting desk research and data analysis. The consultant will require assistance from local researchers to deliver interviews, focus group discussions and observations in the field.

Roles & Responsibilities

Researchers will be engaged for the field work and data collection in all 25 regions in Ukraine. To ensure quality of collected data, especially completeness, consistency, accuracy and validity, an instructional workshop will be delivered to local researchers. The purpose of the workshop is to familiarise local researchers with overall data collection approach and methodology and to instruct them on how to collect data and use data collection tools and instruments. The online workshop is preliminary scheduled for January 2021.

Researchers will be expected to carry out observations with a range of stakeholders in February - March 2021. Stakeholders will include schoolteachers and students. Additionally, researchers are expected to distribute questionnaires, assist in receiving responses, and provide translation of the responses if required.

Once trained and conducting primary research, researchers will be required to report to the UK consultant, providing recordings of any interviews or focus group discussions, and allowing any questions to be answered and issues to be raised.

Researchers will be remunerated at the British Council remuneration rates.

Researcher Specification

As capacity development is a central part of this project, we aim to provide training and support to researchers who will benefit from this experience and training opportunities. Training and support will be provided by the UK consultant and this is an opportunity for trainee researchers to get hands-on experience of data collection and fieldwork. The table below clarifies the applicant requirements, including both essential and desirable criteria.

Local Research Criteria	
Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University degree of a teacher of English• Experience in conducting research including data collection and analysis, research interviews• Experience in lesson observation• Experience in writing research reports, articles• Understanding of research ethics and child safeguarding• C1 English proficiency level• Good computer skills• Internet access, recording device• Availability for the period of the research (February 2021 - March 2021). The deadlines will be discussed and set with each candidate.
Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience of working with children/young people• Experience in undertaking monitoring and evaluation.• Experience in written translation• Understanding of local context• Knowledge of the British Council and its programmes.

Remuneration

Researchers are required to be Private Entrepreneurs (ФОП) and will be remunerated at UAH 450 per hour. The calculation of the number of hours will be based on the scope of sample in each region and specifically discussed with each researcher.

To Apply

Please email your CV and a cover letter (of max 1000 words) well as the names and contact details of two referees - either at your university or from previous employers - to ep_team@britishcouncil.org by **15 December 2020**.

Please also confirm in your application that you will have access to a laptop and recording device.

Selected researchers will be invited for an online interview **on Thursday 16 December** or **Friday 17 December** and should, therefore, have access to an appropriate device on those days.