

Forum on higher education and international development

Call for papers

After decades of focus on the primary level, there is increasing attention being paid to higher education amongst international development agencies, as well as acknowledgement of its benefits for society. However, there is still a critical lack of rigorous research in this area, and a number of contentious questions remain, such as the role of private providers, emergence of new technologies (including MOOCs) and internationalisation. Sponsored by the Education and Development Forum (UKFIET), this event brings together academics and policymakers to present cutting-edge research in the field, discuss key issues and debate the role of higher education in development.

Date:

Friday 24th October

Location:

Institute of Education, London

The conference will address the following key themes:

1. The role that the higher education should play in the post-2015 development agenda
2. Research gaps and priority areas for research investment
3. Impact of existing interventions and the role of external development agencies

The event will allow space for the presentation of original research papers, developmental workshops and an open forum. There will also be a keynote presentation by Prof. Rajani Naidoo of the University of Bath.

Proposals are welcome for presentations on diverse aspects of higher education in low and middle-income countries, involving empirical research, policy analysis or theoretical engagement. There will be five key strands:

- Access
- Teaching, learning and student development
- Technology and innovation
- Community engagement
- Internationalisation

However, other topics are also welcome, including the academic profession, higher education in conflict zones, access for refugees and asylum seekers, employability, governance, research capacity building and partnerships.

Proposals can be submitted either for a full paper presentation or a poster presentation. Please indicate in your submission which of these formats is preferred. For those unable to travel to London, there are some opportunities for presentation via video link: please also indicate if you are interested in this opportunity.

Guidelines for submissions

Proposals should include the following:

1. Title, author(s), affiliation(s) and contact details
2. Abstract of 250 words (max.):
The abstract should include brief treatment of the following: aims and objectives of the paper, existing knowledge on the topic, research design and methods, key findings and implications.

Proposals should be sent to the following email address: hdevtforum@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is **Monday, 1st September**. Presenters will be notified by mid-September.

Selected presenters will be invited to submit their full papers for a special issue of a journal (to be confirmed).