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Programme:

Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Food Systems

Webinar 6th March 2020



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Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Food Systems Webinar:



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Food system challenges

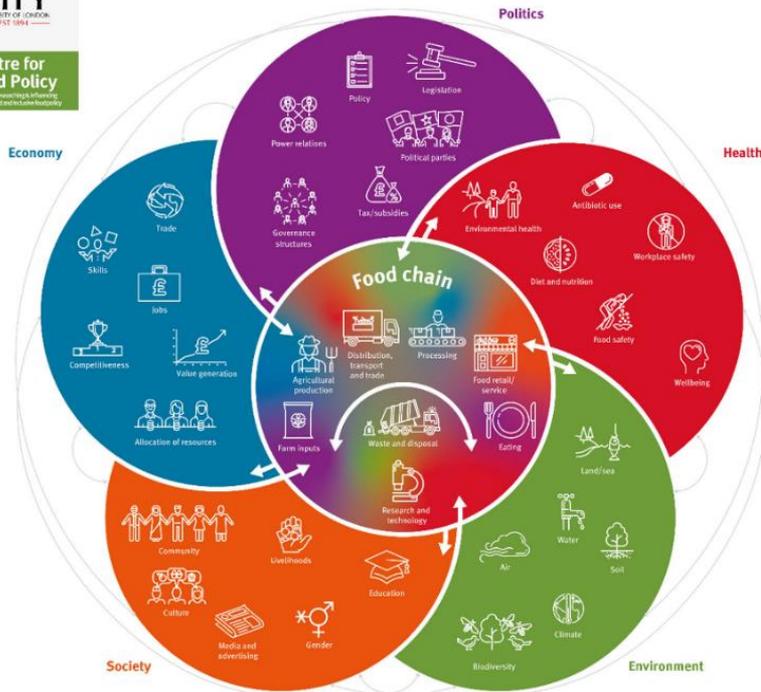


- 2/3 of adults in the UK are overweight or obese
- Diet-related chronic disease: £6.1 billion of annual NHS spend, wider economic costs of £54 billion per year
- Current food system is not producing the right things for health - more grains, sugars and fats than we need, not enough fruit and vegetables
- Food production: 70% of all fresh water withdrawals, 1/3 of all GHG emissions, impacts on biodiversity, soil and aquatic ecosystems
- For every £1 UK consumers spend on food, additional costs of around £1 are incurred to society – need to transform the food system for health and the environment

Food systems approach

Healthy people and a healthy environment are intrinsically linked through food

The food system



- It is only by taking a systemic, holistic, interdisciplinary ‘food systems approach’ that we can deliver the changes that are required
- The food systems approach encapsulates
 - actors, behaviours and outcomes
 - involved in land use, agriculture, aquaculture, storage, processing, manufacture, retail and consumption
 - alongside the interdependencies, pressures and drivers

Strategic Priorities Fund: Transforming the UK food system



£47.5M research programme supporting interdisciplinary research and training focused on:

- Transforming the UK food system to make it healthier and more sustainable
- Changing the behaviour of actors across the food system
- Modelling the interdependencies across the UK food system to identify win-wins, manage trade-offs and avoid unintended consequences
- Training the next generation of food system thinkers
- National scale transformation and leadership with coherent evidence for policymaking



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Food Systems Programme: Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT)



- £5M available to support 1 Centre for Doctoral Training
- This CDT aims to produce a pipeline of skilled individuals:
 - use holistic and critical interdisciplinary food systems thinking
 - tackle health and sustainability challenges
 - work across academia, government, business and civil society organisations
 - leading the way in transforming the UK food system
- Bringing together different disciplines and stakeholders across the food system

Food Systems Programme: Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT)



This will be supported through:

- Interdisciplinary studentships with aspects of natural and social science integrated within every project- Strongly encourage bridging production and consumption in every studentship (though not mandatory)
- Providing opportunities for doctoral candidates to engage with food systems actors and stakeholders
- Placements in UK food system stakeholder organisations
- Centrally delivered food system training
- Portfolio of studentships covering the whole food system
- Peer-to-peer learning and cohort building activities.

Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Food Systems: Timeline



Launch of call	18 th February
Webinar	6 th March
Proposal Deadline	13 th May
Assessment Panel & Interviews	June 2020
Decision Communicated	By September 2020
Start of 1 st cohort	October 2021

Eligibility



- To be eligible proposals must include:
 - A minimum of **two institutional partners**
 - At least one **degree-awarding** Research Organisation
 - At least one Full or Associate Partner from each of the following: **business, civil society and UK government.**
- Public Sector Research Establishments (**PSREs**) are eligible for this call- PSREs who have not already been designated IRO status will need to complete an eligibility form
- There are no restrictions around the number of proposals an institution can be involved in, however we expect institutions to only lead on one application

Application Process:

Proposals must be submitted in an electronic form using the Je-S system.

- Je-S proforma
- Cover letter
- Head of Department Statements- All Departments expected to host studentships
- Letters of Support- all Associate Partners
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy
- Case for support

There will be no specific costings inputted on Je-S as stipend amounts will not be announced until April 2020 but proposed costings must be outlined in the case for support



Any Questions?



- Please type your questions into the 'chat box' function on your screen
- Please bear with us as we work through your questions
- If you have longer questions, or want more clarification on answers please send enquires to food.systems@bbsrc.ukri.org
- We will make an FAQs document and upload it to the website following the webinar

At the end of the webinar we will leave the chat box function live for a period of time to allow anyone who is keen to find collaborators to write their contact details and expertise and connect with others- please then continue your discussions offline