Strategic Priorities Fund 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:

- Background/ Scope
- Timeline
- Eligibility
- Application Process
- Open for questions
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
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

Healthy people and a healthy environment are intrinsically linked through food.
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
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
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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.
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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