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Research
Opportunities &
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Presentation layout

- Opportunities for future research and collaboration between Egypt and UK.
- > Produce research papers of high quality that is publishable in international journals.

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Opportunities for future research and collaboration between Egypt and UK

Newton-Mosharafa fund:

https://www.britishcouncil.org.eg/en/programmes/education/newton-mosharafa-fund

➤ Horizon 2020:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/

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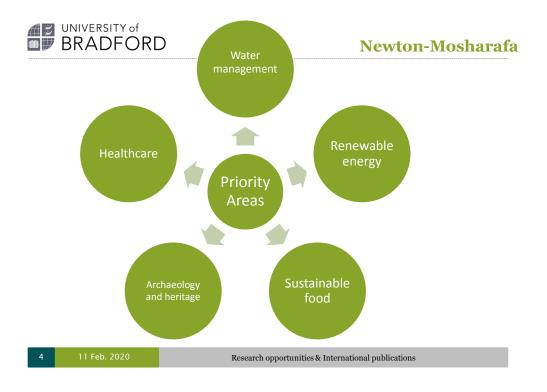
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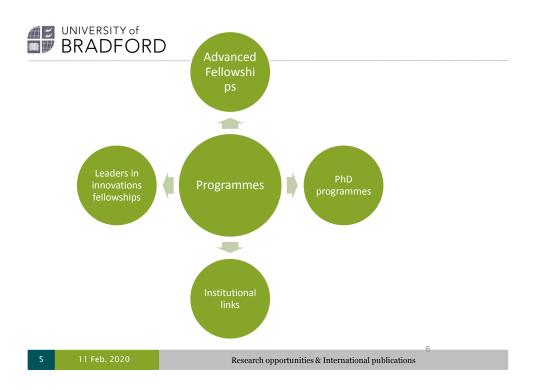


Newton-Mosharafa fund

- Build the skills and knowledge of British and Egyptian scientists through training and researcher mobility schemes:
- Support British and Egyptian researchers to develop new innovations and partnerships;
- ➤ Facilitate collaboration between universities and industry to ensure that new research can benefit all in society.

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Horizon 2020

- > Various calls in Horizon 2020.
- > Top-down and bottom-up research projects.
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships (for researchers with PhD degree or equivalent).
- ➤ Innovative Training Networks (for young researchers without PhD degree).
- ➤ ERASMUS +

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Erasmus + Programme

- > Key Action 107:
- > Students and staff exchange/mobility programme funded by EU (Horizon 2020).
- ➤ This programme is available from Oct. 2019–2022.

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Who can participate? For how long?

• Students (UG/PG, Research) = 4 students for study placement (5 months) + 1 student for work placement (5 months)

Study Training

• Academics staff = 2 (5 days) for teaching + 2 (5)days) for training

Teaching Training

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International Quality Papers



Main elements of a good paper

Good presentation (Communication skills)

(30%)

Good research investigation (Research skills)

(70%)

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Good research project

Impact/Importance/Significance

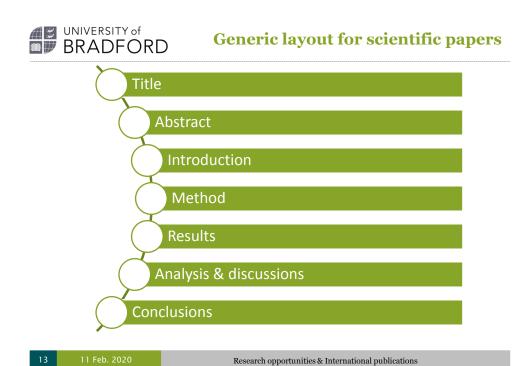
Clear contribution to the existing knowledge

Rational methodology

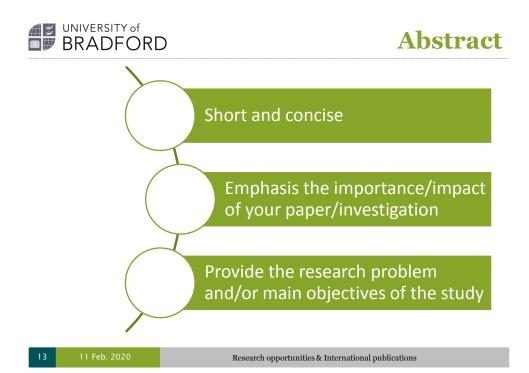
Clear plan for implementation

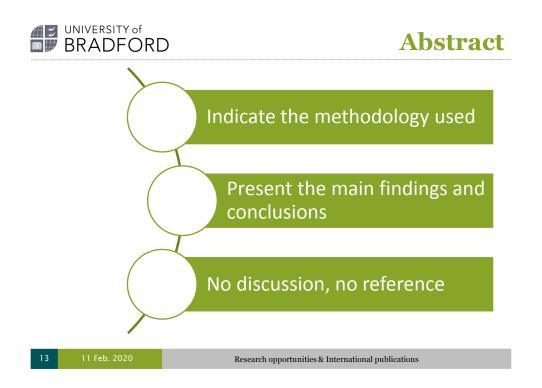
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Introduction

- > Introduce the study by giving background
- > Present the research problem
- > Present the recent literature review
- > Why the study is being done (significance/importance)

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Literature Review

- > Critically review the literature
- Provide a critical look at the existing research that is related to your study
- > Show relationship between different studies
- > Show how it relates to your work

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Literature Review

- Compare/contrast different views from previous research
- > Criticise previous research but with justification
- > Make sure you refer to key papers that are frequently cited in the literature
- > Well structured and easy to read
- What contribution can your study be expected to make?

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Common problems with Introduction

- > Every paragraph of your review begins with the names of researchers; i.e. mainly reporting the literature
- > There is no logical link between each paragraph
- > Poor organization/structure
- Reproducing or reporting it!



Research methodology

- > What you did to meet the aims and objectives of your study?
- > Why your research method was a sensible approach?
- > Compare your research method to other used earlier in the literature.
- > It is strongly recommended to follow two different methodologies to solve the research question.

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Results, Analysis and Discussion

- > Present your results in the most efficient way: tables, diagrams, figures, etc.
- > Make sure that figures, diagrams and photos are sharp and clear (presentation issue).
- Give logical analysis and discussion.
- Compare your results with others from the literature to build confidence.
- Identify the limitations of your results.



Conclusions

- > Give a brief summary of your investigation
- > Give sensible conclusions as achieved in your paper.
- > Do not exaggerate
- Do not state any new conclusions, not clearly presented in your paper
- You may need to give recommendations for further research

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Good paper

- > Clear rationale, contents and purpose.
- > Places the research at a high quality compared with literature in the field.
- > Strongly demonstrates originality/novelty.
- > Clearly explain the significance and importance.
- Well articulated methodology.
- Deep interpretation/discussion/analysis of the results.
- > Comparisons with other published research.
- Strong, well justified conclusions.

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