**Call for Applications**

**Leadership Skills for Female Early-Career Researchers**

**Objective**

This course is designed for female Early Career Researchers based in Russia in universities and research institutes engaged in Doctoral/PhD (aspirantura) and postdoctoral research.

The Call for Applications is administered under theUK-Russia University Alliance programme  [University Alliance programme](https://www.britishcouncil.ru/en/programmes/education/university-alliance-20-21) whose overarching goal is to connects UK and Russian universities, research organisations and early career researchers.

**Course Summary**

The course will be delivered by the University of York. It will be an engaging and practical online programme which will empower female Early Careers Researchers to advance in academic leadership positions. The aim of the programme is to provide the necessary motivation, knowledge and skills to become a leader in Higher Education. The programme will include 13 hours of live sessions over two weeks, including live input sessions, small-group coaching sessions as well as asynchronous learning activities using the University of York Virtual Learning Environment.

Input sessions will provide the essential knowledge and understanding required to perform leadership and management roles effectively. The course will include sessions from the University of York’s leadership training team as well incorporating aspects of our internationally acclaimed Springboard training programme, which supports women to achieve greater recognition and influence in their professional lives.

Expert trainers will provide small group coaching sessions and individual feedback, enabling participants to build confidence, present a positive image and develop their assertiveness and influencing skills.

At the end of the programme participants will receive a University of York certificate of attendance.

**Dates**

The course will take place virtually during 7 February - 17 February 2022 with some introduction sessions in December. Please submit your application ONLY IF you can commit to these dates.

**Deadline and Eligibility**

The application deadline is 5 November 2021. Successful applicants will be notified in by the 20 November 2021.

We invite applications from female Early Career Researchers based in Russia in universities and research institutes engaged in Doctoral/PhD (aspirantura) and postdoctoral research.

The applicants should meet the following criteria:

* Be a Russian citizen
* Be a female
* Be enrolled in a Doctoral/PhD (aspirantura) and postdoctoral research at an accredited Russian university or a research institute
* Fluent in written and spoken English as the training will be delivered in English.

**Submission Instructions**

Applicants interested in pursuing this course should complete the Application Form template.

Applications must be submitted electronically to the University Alliance programme email: [futurescience.ukrussia@gmail.com](mailto:futurescience.ukrussia@gmail.com) by the end of the day on **Friday, 5 November 2021, 23.59 Moscow time.**

Applications submitted after this date will not be considered for selection.

Inquiries should be directed to [futurescience.ukrussia@gmail.com](mailto:futurescience.ukrussia@gmail.com)

**Importane dates to keep in mind**

5 November 2021: Application Deadline

20 November 2021: Notification of the Finalists

7 February - 17 February 2022: Delivery of the course

We look forward to receiving your application!