**Evaluation lead for Turkish universities ELT quality assurance pilot project**

**Location:** Turkey

**Apply by:** 24 August 2018

**Start date:** 1 October 2018

**End date:** 28 February 2019

**Project description – About the project**

The British Council in Turkey is working closely with the Council of Higher Education in Turkey to establish minimum standards for English in Preparatory Year Programmes. These minimum standards were drafted with input from 6 universities and British Council consultants over the past 6 months. The aim now is to pilot a process to assess Preparatory year courses against these minimum standards in 10 universities starting from August to February 2019.

The pilot will involve reviewer training, followed by site visits to 10 universities resulting in evaluation reports. The visits will be carried out by a team of Turkish reviewers accompanied by an experienced UK-based inspector.

The objectives of this consultancy are:

* For the Council of Higher Education: to improve the current practice of English provision in universities by developing a process to assess institutions against agreed minimum standards and provide universities with a site visit report at the end of each visit.
* For the British Council in Turkey: to share UK expertise to support the implementation and evaluation of the pilot project. This will involve finalising the standards, delivering reviewer training and providing experienced UK-based inspectors who will pair up with the Turkish reviewer team to deliver the external assessment review. It will also involve evaluating the pilot project and making practical recommendations to support the successful implementation of the assessment system.

**Context**

With over 180 universities, the Turkish HE context is variable in in terms of its curriculum, resources, and quality. There is a national call on universities to improve quality, increase graduate and academic employability and support regional development through universities. The Higher Education Quality Board is responsible for ensuring standards and quality in universities and is coordinating external reviews of universities. This project will be a component of this scheme which focuses on the delivery of English.

Over 120 universities provide either full English Medium Instruction (EMI) across the university or partial EMI for some programmes or faculties. Since 2015, the British Council has worked closely with the Council of Higher Education to improve the quality of English at tertiary level at a national and institutional level. The outcome of this collaboration is to move to an external review system for English Preparatory Programmes.

**Role description – about the role** *Deliverables of the consultancy involve*

* *designing a monitoring and evaluation framework for the national External Review Pilot project*
* *proposing tools and methods for evaluating the pilot in line with the timeline for the evaluation process*
* *presenting the monitoring and evaluation framework to the Council of Higher Education and gaining their support and agreement to the pilot process. (October 2018)*
* *participating in the reviewer training sessions as an observer (approx. five days, October 2018 in Ankara)*
* *joining the Turkish external reviewer team for 3-4 university visits as an observer (approx. eight days in November)*
* *analyzing a sample of final external review reports (approx. four days in October and December)*
* *interviewing relevant reviewers/participants/stakeholders in line with the agreed pilot process (October-November-December)*
* *writing the monitoring and evaluation report for the pilot including recommendations for improvement (approx. three days in February 2019)*
* *presenting the report to high level stakeholders in Turkey (February 2019)*
* *working closely with the British Council Turkey on all above to agree shared deliverables*

**Qualifications, experience and behaviors required**

*Essential*

* *Familiarity with reputable national and international quality/accreditation schemes at tertiary level.*
* *Relevant experience in monitoring and evaluation of projects related to quality assurance, English or English for Academic Purposes*
* *Excellent communication skills in English including presentation skills and report writing*
* *Master level qualification in a relevant area*
* *Teamworking*
* *Flexibility: ability to adapt plans/procedures according to the local context, resources and needs*
* *Intercultural skills.*

*Desirable*

* *An understanding of English Language Teaching at tertiary level*
* *PHD Degree in Applied Linguistics, Education, Assessment and Evaluation, Language Policy*

**How to apply**

If you are interested, please send your tailored CV and summary (max 2 pages) on how you would approach the evaluation process to meet the above requirements to alimurat.guclu@britishcouncil.org.tr by 24 August 2018. Please note we can only respond to successful applicants and only within 10 days of the application deadline.