

Secrets of successful fellowship applications

part of Postdoc Appreciation Week 2019



Welcome

The aim of this course is to give an overview of **Dos and Don'ts** when applying for fellowships

We will have talks from **academics who have been part of advanced fellowship selection panels**, and **successful past applicants**, who will share their experiences.

Speakers are from Physics and Psychology, but lessons should be applicable to all disciplines

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- Slides and material will be preserved on this page <https://indico.cern.ch/event/845268/>
- Each department usually has a fellowship page listing opportunities and contacts, eg [Life and Medical Sciences](#), [Psychology and Language Sciences](#), [History of Art](#)
- If you want to discuss your proposal, speak to UCL Officer for the Vice Provost (Research) - OVPR
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/>
Dedicated teams for each faculty, 1:1 surgeries, etc...



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What is a fellowship?

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Research **grants**

- “Responsive mode”
- PI needs permanent position, >15% of their time
- Targeted “calls” for proposal
- Typically include PDRAs
- Possibility of being “named researcher”
- Possibility of being “Researcher co-Investigator”
- Focus is on the **project**

Research **fellowships**

- Postdoctoral, early career, advanced career
- PI commits the majority of their time
- 6 months to 7 years
- Research Councils, Royal Society, Marie Curie, Leverhulme, UKRI...
- Focus is on the **project & applicant**



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Examples of fellowships



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EPSRC Fellowship Scheme



- Selected areas only (by subject/career stage)
- “Postdoctoral” level (currently few areas available)
- “Early career” level for experienced postdocs
- 100% FTE for 3/5 years (plus T&S, consumables)

<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/fellows>

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/beamsfunding/guidance-documents>

Examples of fellowships



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UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships

- Seven years of support available on a 4+3 model, with a review in year four.
- Eligibility across UKRI's remit, with no barriers to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and innovation
- 3 rounds over the next 1.5 years, typically awarding 200 fellows each year – June & October deadlines
- Institutional commitment: Open ended position during or at end of Fellowship.

UK Research
and Innovation

Examples of fellowships



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STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship

- Minimum 2 years postdoctoral experience
- 100% FTE for 5 years
- 12 awarded per year
- Deadline September 2019, announced February



**Science & Technology
Facilities Council**

<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/ernest-rutherford-fellowship/>

Examples of fellowships



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Royal Astronomical Society Research and Norman Lockyer Fellowships

- The RAS Research Fellowships are offered every year funding is available, and the Norman Lockyer Fellowship is available every three years, with applications sought in the years 2019, 2022, 2025
- The Norman Lockyer Fellowship - astronomical topic, including solar system and planetary science.
- Will fund direct costs (no overheads) for up to 3 years
- Application deadline – Autumn 2019.



**Royal
Astronomical
Society**
Advancing Astronomy and Geophysics

Examples of fellowships



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Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Research Fellowships

- All areas of science and engineering
- 8 awarded per year
- 3 years (100% FTE)
- 0-3 years postdoctoral experience
- Deadline in February



<https://www.royalcommission1851.org/awards/>

Examples of fellowships



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Royal Society University Research Fellowship

- Physical sciences, including engineering
- 3-8 years postdoctoral experience
- 100% FTE for 5 years
- 35 awarded per year
- Deadline in September
- Decisions announced May, start October

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/university-research/>



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Examples of fellowships



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Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship

- Similar to URF, but for those who need flexible working
- 0-6 years postdoctoral experience
- 100% FTE for 5 years
- 5 awarded per year
- Deadline January, announced July, start October

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/dorothy-hodgkin/>



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Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship

- 0-5 years postdoctoral experience
- 100% FTE for 3 years
- 100 awarded per year
- Only funds 50% of salary
- Deadline in March



The Leverhulme Trust

<https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant-schemes/early-career-fellowships>

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Marie Curie Individual Fellowships

- Focus on postdoctoral mobility
- 2 years in another country (Europe or ex-Europe)
- Must not have spent > 12 months over last 3 years in target country
- Must have PhD
- All research areas
- Deadline 12th September 2018

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/individual-fellowships_en

Today's Agenda



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10:00 → 10:15

Welcome and Intro 15m

10:15 → 10:35

Selection Panel Member: Prof Cham Ghag 20m

- Chair of the STFC's particle astrophysics advisory panel
- Member of STFC Education, Training and Careers Committee (oversees the peer review of applications for STFC Ernest Rutherford fellowships)

10:35 → 10:55

Selection Panel Member: Prof Jonathan Tennyson 20m

- Newton International Fellowship selection committee member
- Royal Society University Research Fellowship panel
- Marie Curie and ERC panels

10:55 → 11:15

Successful Applicant: Dr Toby Wise 20m

Henry Wellcome Fellowship holder

11:15 → 11:45

Panel Discussion and Q&A - think of your questions! 30m

Where to find info - useful links

- [Research Coordination Offices](#)
- [1:1 booking](#)
- [Funding Newsletter](#)
- [Coordinated Bids](#)
- [Guidance Documents](#)
- [Academic Careers Service](#)
- [Library Services](#)
- [Public Policy](#)
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