**UKRI FUTURE LEADERS FELLOWSHIPS – ROUND 8**

Queen’s University Belfast welcomes expressions of interest (EOI) for this popular scheme but we are limited to submitting **4 applications** as host institution. A prioritisation/selection of EOI submissions will be performed in line with the assessment criteria and principles used by UKRI for this scheme. Eligible high-quality internal and external candidates who meet the person specification (see Round 7’s Annex B of [Guidance for Applicants](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/UKRI-140622-Funding-Opp-FutureLeadersFellowshipsRound7-GuidanceAcademicHostedApplicants.pdf), since Round 8 details will only be available after UKRI opens the call on 27th March 2023) should follow the process below:

The following elements must be completed and emailed as a single PDF document with the subject line “FLF-EoI\_YOUR.NAME” to the Research Development Office address [ResearchDevelopment@qub.ac.uk](mailto:ResearchDevelopment@qub.ac.uk?subject=Subject%20) by 5pm **Monday 3rd April 2023.**

Items 1, 2 & 3 are included in the EOI pro-forma below.

1. **PART** [**1**](#part1) **– HOS APPROVAL;** To be completed and signed by the (QUB) Head of School/Centre Director – *as arranged by the candidate*
2. **PART** [**2**](#part2) **– APPLICANT DETAILS;** To be filled in by the candidate (max 1 page)
3. **Case for Support (maximum up to 4 pages) –** From [page 4](#CFS) below
4. **CV and Outputs (3 pages total) –** [**Download template**](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/UKRI-140622-Funding-Opp-FutureLeadersFellowshipsRound7-CVListOutputsTemplate.docx)

Each of the elements above will be downloaded and shared with a panel of internal reviewers for assessment. Candidates not adhering to the guidance may be excluded from the process.

Comments may be returned to each candidate on their application but detail on scores, ranking, other applicants or panel members will not be supplied. Final decisions rest at Faculty and institutional level.

Those selected to progress are expected to be fully committed and have the **time/capacity to deliver a high-quality proposal submission**. They are expected to produce a draft proposal 4-6 weeks in advance of the full submission deadline of 4th July 2023 – to enable internal peer review and institutional proposal development support.

Our selection process is intended to be as diverse and inclusive as possible. Applications from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged. <https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/HumanResources/diversity-and-inclusion/>

Candidates are strongly encouraged to contact [researchdevelopment@qub.ac.uk](mailto:researchdevelopment@qub.ac.uk) in advance of submitting their EOI to discuss aspects such as (i) their eligibility for the scheme, (ii) how it aligns with their career development objectives and (iii) for clarification on any aspects of the internal selection process.

**UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships: Internal EOI Pro-Forma**

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| **PART 1 – HOS APPROVAL; To be completed and signed by the (QUB) Head of School/Centre Director – *Candidate must arrange for this*** |
| Please comment below on the profile and potential of the candidate. Mention the strategic fit with the School/Department and how they will be supported to develop a high-quality proposal e.g. alleviation of admin duties etc. Detail too, any special support that will be provided to those applicants who eventually win an FLF award.  By signing this you are confirming your School/Centre’s commitments towards the candidate as required by the UKRI FLF scheme regarding (please tick each box):  the tapered salary structure,  no more the 6 hours per week involvement in other activities (teaching, admin, other grants etc) during the first two years and,  having considered the financial implications/absorptive capacity of the School, you would support their pathway to appointment in a permanent senior lectureship position at the end of or during the fellowship, subject to the candidate meeting any probationary requirements  **Name of Head of School/Centre Director:**  **Signature:**  **Date:** |

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| **PART 2 – APPLICANT DETAILS; Added by the candidate (max 1 page)** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **QUB Staff Number:** | *Leave blank if you do not have one, for example because you are not a QUB staff member* |
| **Current position:** |  |
| **Gender:** | Male  Female  Prefer not to specify |
| **Do you currently have a PhD?** | *Yes or NO (if not, indicate the expected award and/or graduation dates)* |
| **School/ Research Centre within which you are based:** | *(include institution information if this is not at QUB)* |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Telephone number:** |  |
| **Date current position commenced:** | *If you are on a fixed term contract please also state the end date* |
| **Are you on a clinical contract?** | *Please answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’:* |
| **Please provide brief information on any career breaks or other relevant information:** |  |
| **Please provide brief details of any currently planned collaborators and any wider networks/ partnerships that will be involved in this proposal.** | *Note that inclusion of former supervisors/ senior figures working in a closely related area is not usually advisable for an extended period on independent fellowships such as FLF.* |
| **State your experience of supervision of students/PhDs/post-docs etc** |  |
| **Is this a resubmission of a previous UKRI fellowship proposal (any scheme)?** | *Yes or NO (restrictions are in place so please discuss with Research Development Team)* |
| **Draft Project Title:** | |
| **Keywords:** | |
| **Please provide an indication of the required resources for this proposal (years 1-4).**  *Note that this is not meant to be detailed or binding in any way but you are asked to provide as accurate an estimate as possible to demonstrate some capabilities in project planning. Formal costing by Faculty Finance is not required at this stage:*  **Staffing elements (e.g. number of postdocs months, technicians etc):** *e.g. 36 months PDRA, 0.1 FTE technician for 12 months*  **Other elements (e.g. animal costs, equipment, consumables, fees):** *e.g. Estimated £100k animal costs, £7k equipment, £20k/yr consumables* | |

Please provide a **Case for Support (max up to 4 pages, font size 11, margins 2cm)** describing your plans for the full period of the fellowship. (You can remove the grey guidance text on these pages).

**Lay summary**

*Short paragraph, Avoid technical terms/jargon*

**Research and Innovation Excellence**

*Clearly outline your research question. What the assessment panel (internal and UKRI) will look for:*

*Outline your Aims, Objectives and Key Outputs*

* *Excellence of the research and innovation*
* *Importance, novelty and feasibility of the proposed programme of work (and whether long-term Fellowship support is needed to enable this)*
* *Robust methodology and appropriate consideration of research and innovation reproducibility, openness, governance and ethical / social responsibility issues*
* *Overall potential of the fellowship to establish or maintain a distinctive and outstanding research/innovation activity*

**Applicant and Development:**

*What the assessment panel (internal and UKRI) will look for:*

* *Be recognised to be of the highest standard relative to their career stage and on a trajectory to become world-class*
* *Clear evidence of independence and thought leadership, which may go beyond the level normally expected of their current position*
* *Demonstrate an ability to be, or become, a clear communicator and disseminator of knowledge and innovation, able to inspire and lead others; and ability to develop new relationships and influence across multiple disciplines and sectors*
* *A broad understanding of the research / innovation landscape at both the national and international level and clarity on how their research / innovation will contribute to it*
* *A clear plan to support the training and development of the fellow (and, if applicable, their team) and for gaining advice or mentorship; supporting not only the programme but also their broader professional development*

*See person specification Annex B* [*Guidance for Applicants*](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/UKRI-140622-Funding-Opp-FutureLeadersFellowshipsRound7-GuidanceAcademicHostedApplicants.pdf) *(note: hyperlink leads to information for Round 7 since Round 8 details are presently not available on UKRI’s website)*

**Impact and Strategic Relevance:**

*What the assessment panel (internal and UKRI) will look for:*

* *Importance and potential impact of the research / innovation for society and / or the economy*
* *What are the potential short or long-term impacts, and how significant are they?*
* *Are the pathways to achieving this impact well understood, and are the plans for maximising impact (from the applicant and host organisation) proportionate, timely, and credible?*

**Research and Innovation Environment**

*Why Queen’s for this fellowship? Be specific, referring to any unique facilities, investments, links, access or expertise*

**Career Intentions:**

*How will this fellowship enable you to achieve a demonstrable step change in your career trajectory in a way other fellowship opportunities will not?*