

Summary

This document sets out the internal application process and deadlines for the following schemes;

- Marie Curie Individual Fellowships 2020
- Royal Academy of Engineering Fellowships 2020
- Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2020
- STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships 2020

When considering applications to the schemes above, please also be aware that EPSRC's Fellowship scheme is open on a rolling basis to postdoctoral level researchers in a number of areas. More details can be found here (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/>) and guidance for the EPSRC scheme will be provided separately.

Please note that the suitability of applicants to Marie Curie Individual Fellowships and Royal Society University Research Fellowships who are aligned to either the Theoretical Physics group in the Department of Mathematics or the Theoretical Particle Physics and Cosmology group in the Department of Physics will be assessed separately and are not required to go through the internal sift processes outlined below. Prospective applicants in these areas should contact the relevant group in the first instance.

Please be aware that ALL applicants MUST adhere to the deadlines for securing costings, approval and internal submission set by Pre-Award. Failure to do so may result in your application not being submitted.

These pre-award deadlines are particularly important due to the substantial number of simultaneous applications expected to these schemes and will enable Pre-Award to ensure that they can respond to applicants in a timely manner.

A summary of deadlines for each scheme is provided below (note that some of these are provisional pending confirmation of this year's dates by the relevant funder and will be updated when available);

	Summary of Key Deadlines			
Action	Marie Curie Individual Fellowship 2020	Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellowships 2020	Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2020	STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships 2020
Expression of Interest	1 July 2020	23rd July 2020	1 July 2020	N/A
Internal Approval	w/c 13 th July 2020	w/c 3 rd August 2020	w/c 13 th July 2020	N/A
Costings Required	12th August 2020	TBC (Indicative: 26 th August)	6 th August 2020	TBC (Indicative 29th August)
RGA	26th August 2020	TBC (Indicative: 9 th September)	20 th August 2020	TBC (Indicative 12th September)
Internal Deadline for Submission	2nd September 2020	TBC (Indicative: 16 th September)	27 th August 2020	TBC (Indicative 19th September)
External Deadline	9th Sept 2020	TBC (Indicative: 23 rd September)	3 rd September 2020	TBC (Indicative 26th September)

Full details of the requirements for the internal sift processes for each scheme (where these are being conducted) are provided in the relevant sections below but the following table provides an overview of what is being requested;

	Summary of Key Deadlines			
	Marie Curie Individual Fellowship 2020	Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellowships 2020	Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2020	STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships 2020
Deadline for Expression of Interest (via email to michael.ward@kcl.ac.uk)	1 July 2020	23 July 2020	1 July 2020	
Required headings in email	Applicant Information Eligibility Confirmation Project Title and Short Vision Statement (200 words) Mentor Confirmation	Applicant Information Brief Personal Statement (max 250 words) Vision Statement (max 200 words) Goals & Objectives (max 200 words) Timeliness & Novelty (max 200 words) Methodology (max 500 words) Beneficiaries of Research (max 200 words) Project Partners (max 200 words)	Applicant Information Project Title and Short Vision Statement (200 words) Nominated Referees	No internal sift process for this scheme – applicants should contact their department.
Required attachments	Applicant's CV (including publication list)	Applicant's CV (including publication list)	Applicant's CV (including publication list)	
	HoD approval (by email) – NB Not required for Mathematics proposals	HoD approval (by email)	HoD approval (by email) – NB Not required for Mathematics proposals	

Marie Curie Individual Fellowship

Overview

This year, NMS is running an internal sift for Expressions of Interest to the Marie Curie (MSCA) Individual Fellowship scheme. Though there is no limit to the number of applications NMS will support to the scheme, the sift operates to ensure quality and oversight of the applications. MSCA Individual Fellowships support experienced researchers from across the world across a wide variety of disciplines.

Please note that Marie Curie Individual Fellowships require that applicants have not resided in the UK for more than 12 months between 09/09/2017 and 09/09/2020. Therefore, **applicants who are currently with King's, having joined from outside the UK since 9th September 2019, are eligible to apply.**

Individual Fellowships offer funding for:

- Living allowance (EUR 4880/month)
- Mobility allowance (EUR 600/month)
- Family allowance (if applicable) (EUR 500/month)
- Research, training and networking costs (EUR 800/month)

The scheme is open to researchers with a doctoral degree (or at least four years' research experience), and who meet the eligibility requirements (see [guidance](#)).

Internal Sift Guidance

This internal sift process applies to all applicants except those aligned with the Theoretical Physics group in the Department of Mathematics and the Theoretical Particle Physics and Cosmology group in the Department of Physics. Applicants in these areas should contact their group directly.

Although there is no internal sift for Theoretical Physics group and Theoretical Particle Physics and Cosmology applicants, they are still required to meet the Pre-Award deadlines for costings, approvals and internal submission.

Deadline **Wednesday 1st July at 16:00**

Expressions of Interest must be sent by a permanent King's academic hosts/mentors, not the Marie Curie applicant.

Please send a covering email addressing the following points, plus attachments, to Mike Ward (michael.ward@kcl.ac.uk) by 16:00 on Wednesday 1st July 2020	
Headings	Content
Applicant Information	Name and email address of supported applicant and their current institution / role.
Eligibility Confirmation	A one-sentence confirmation that the applicant meets the funder's eligibility requirements (the applicant has not resided or worked in the UK for more than 12 months between 09/09/2017 and 09/09/2020 and has been awarded their

	PhD or has at least 4 years' equivalent research experience).
Project Title and Short Vision Statement	The title of the project to be submitted and a maximum 200-word statement setting out the vision of the project.
Mentor Confirmation	Confirmation from the academic host/mentor of: 1. Support for the applicant in the development of the proposal 2. Responsibility for the budget and approvals process 3. Responsibility for ensuring a full and timely peer review of the application 4. Assumption of point of contact and communication with King's/NMS research support staff.
Applicant CV	Applicant's CV (including publication list) to be attached.
HoD approval - NB Not required for Mathematics proposals	Please include confirmation from your Head of Department that they are aware of and supportive of your EoI.

Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellowships

Overview

NOTE: The funder has not yet announced details of this year's scheme. The guidance below for last year's round is provided for reference but is subject to change

The Royal Academy of Engineering (the Academy) offers seven Research Fellowships each year to outstanding early career engineering researchers, who are hosted by a UK higher education institute/university. These highly prestigious five-year Research Fellowships are designed to promote excellence in engineering by providing support for high-quality candidates to become future research leaders.

The scheme is open to early career researchers who are about to finish their PhD or have been awarded their PhD in the last four years, and must not hold a permanent academic position. RAEng operates a demand management process whereby institutions are limited on the number of applications they can submit.

Please note that the Royal Academy of Engineering exceptionally allows one additional application from each organisation if that applicant comes from an under-represented group in Engineering.

According to the RAEng, groups that have been evidenced as persistently underrepresented within the engineering profession are;

- women
- black and minority ethnic.

There is also anecdotal evidence that people with disabilities are underrepresented in the engineering profession.

Applicants from these groups are therefore particularly encouraged to apply.

Internal Sift Guidance

This guidance applies to ALL applicants.

Deadline Wednesday 23rd July at 16:00

<p>Please send a completed single Word or PDF document containing the following specific headings along with a CV to Mike Ward (michael.ward@kcl.ac.uk) by Thursday 23rd July at 16:00</p>	
HEADINGS	CONTENT
Applicant Information	Name and email address of supported applicant and their current institution / role.
Brief Personal Statement (max 250 words)	Briefly explain why you think you have the potential to become a future leader in your field and provide any evidence of your potential to act as an ambassador and advocate for engineering research.
Vision (max 200 words)	Briefly describe your project and vision for how the project will contribute to the chosen field of Engineering.

Goals & Objectives (max 200 words)	Please state the goals and objectives for your research project. You should include details on what you aim to achieve over the course of the Fellowship and how it will contribute towards your vision.
Timeliness & Novelty (max 200 words)	Describe explain the novelty of your research and why it should be conducted now.
Methodology (max 500 words)	<p>Provide a detailed description of the work to be completed, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the programme of work, indicating any outputs and deliverables you will achieve 2. Detail the methodology to be used in pursuit of the research and justify this choice. 3. What similar research is being/has been undertaken nationally and internationally and how does your project differ? 4. You may like to include a Gantt chart summarising the programme of work.
Beneficiaries of Research (max 200 words)	Describe what the benefits of this research are and for who.
Project Partners (max 200 words)	Please describe how engaged companies will be with this research and whether you expect to submit letters of support from partners.
HoD approval	Please include confirmation from your Head of Department that they are aware of and supportive of your EoI.

Royal Society URF

Overview

NOTE: The funder has not yet announced details of this year's scheme. The guidance below for last year's round is provided for reference but is subject to change

The scheme provides:

- Full basic salary costs up to £40,030.34 in the first year, estates costs and indirect costs. (Under the full economic costing model, 80% of these costs will be met by the Royal Society).
- We would expect to appoint successful URF applicants at a maximum level of Grade 7, spine point 38.
- Research expenses (up to £13,000 for the first year and up to £11,000 annually thereafter).

Initially funding is provided for five years with the opportunity to apply for an extension of three additional years. The University Research Fellowship provides researchers with maximum flexibility and can be held part-time, and allows sabbaticals, secondments or international experience.

- You can apply for this scheme if you:
- have a PhD (excluding applicants who have just submitted their PhD)
- are in the early stages of your research career and have between 3 to 8 years of research experience since your PhD by the closing date of the round (note career breaks are taken into account)
- do not hold a permanent post in a university or not for profit research organisation
- do not hold or previously have held a fellowship that provides an opportunity to establish an independent research group and therefore independent researcher status, i.e. that allows the applicant to submit research grants as a PI or be registered as the primary supervisor of a PhD student. For example, STFC Rutherford Fellowship, NERC Independent Research Fellowship, EPSRC Early Career Fellowship or BBSRC David Phillips Fellowship. (Note holders of postdoctoral fellowships such as MCSA can apply. Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellows who meet with the research experience eligibility requirements outlined above can also apply).

Related links:

RS URF Scheme Link: <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/university-research/>
RS URF Application Portal (Flexi-Grant): <https://grants.royalsociety.org/default.aspx>

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Project Title and Short Vision Statement	The title of the project to be submitted and a maximum 200-word statement setting out the vision of the project.
Potential Nominated Referees	Please provide names of at least two people who you may ask to provide references in support of your application. These are indicative at this stage and we do not expect these people to have been contacted.
Attachments	Applicant's CV, including publication list with citation data.
HoD approval - NB Not required for Mathematics proposals	Please include confirmation from your Head of Department that they are aware of and supportive of your EoI.

STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships

Overview

NOTE: The funder has not yet announced details of this year's scheme. The guidance below for last year's round is provided for reference but is subject to change

Please note there is no internal sift process for this scheme. Applicants should contact their host department in the first instance.

Each Fellowship will last for five years, with up to 12 being offered annually. The aim is to support future scientific leaders to establish a strong, independent research programme.

Ernest Rutherford Fellowships are intended for early career researchers who do not have an academic position.

Applicants must have a PhD and a minimum of five years' research experience from the start of the postgraduate programme leading to the award of a PhD, normally, a minimum of two years' postdoctoral experience.

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

Application Portal: <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk>