

# **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships**

# **Application form**

**Organisation where the Fellowship will be held** (mandatory)

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| Organisation |  | Research organisation  reference: |  |
| Subject area |  |  |  |

**Project title** (mandatory) [up to 150 characters *including spaces*]

**Start date and duration** (mandatory)

Fellowships should last for 12 months full-time, or up to two years part-time[[1]](#footnote-1).

1. Proposed start date
2. Duration of the grant (months)

**Applicant** (mandatory)

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| Name | Organisation | Division or Department |
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**Date of PhD submission** (mandatory)

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| Expected or actual PhD submission date |  |

**Date of viva voce** (mandatory)

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| Expected or actual date of the viva voce |  |

**Objectives** (mandatory)

List the main objectives of the fellowship (up to 4000 characters *including spaces*)

Please specify concisely the aims and objectives that should be achieved by the end of the fellowship. These could include, but are not limited to:

* Produce publications in order to help establish track record
* Engage with a range of different audiences to communicate their research findings
* Build networks to develop impact opportunities and inform and support their further development
* Collaborate with users through an internship or placement to help develop their professional and transferrable skills and understanding of users’ organisations
* Further training to improve their research and related skills
* Developing funding proposals
* Carry out further limited research (up to 25%) based on their PhD
* Teaching, if in alignment with the wider purposes of the fellowship (up to a maximum of six hours per week)
* Internships or placements, providing they are an integral part of the fellowship
* Research visits to internationally leading research organisations – either in the UK or abroad – for the purposes of research collaboration, training, and/or access to data or other resources not available at the applicant’s host organisation.

**Summary** (mandatory)

Describe the proposed research in simple terms in a way that could be publicised to a general audience (up to 4000 characters *including spaces*).

Applicants should summarise the aims of the fellowship. It should be written in a style that is accessible to a variety of readers, including the general public. In the event of a successful award, the ESRC may publicise the summary to a general audience.

**Beneficiaries** (mandatory)

Describe who will benefit from the research (up to 4000 characters *including spaces*).

Applicants should list those who are likely to be interested in or benefit from the proposed programme of work, and wherever possible this should consist of a wider group than that of the applicant's immediate professional circle. If not applicable please state this.

**Ethical information** (mandatory)

This section should comply with the requirements of the Framework for Research Ethics: <https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/research-ethics-guidance/>

Has consideration been given to any ethical matters raised by this proposal?

Please explain what, if any, ethical issues you believe are relevant to the proposed research project, including the impact plans and user engagement, and which ethical approvals have been obtained, or will be sought if the project is funded? If you believe that an ethics review is not necessary, please explain your view (up to 4000 characters *including spaces*)

**Summary of resources required for project** (mandatory)

Fellowship proposals will be costed on the basis of full Economic Costs (fEC). If a fellowship is awarded, ESRC will provide funding at 80% of the fEC costs requested. The research organisation must agree to find the balance of fEC for the proposal from other resources.

Costs that contribute to the full economic cost of the proposal can be included, under the following headings:

1. Directly incurred

* Staff (salary costs of fellow only)
* Travel and subsistence\*
* Other costs \*

1. Directly allocated

* Estate costs
* Other\*

1. Indirect costs

**\*** These three headings are limited to a maximum of £10,000 and such include such costs such as mentoring, travel and subsistence, conference attendance, training, and fieldwork, etc.

Where an RO costs infrastructure technicians separately to estate costs, these will not be counted within the £10k limit on other costs.

Applicants should refer to fund headings in the call specification under the ‘Justification of Resources’ section. All costs must be fully justified in the Justification of Resources attachment (see ‘How to apply’ section in the call specification for more information).

Financial resources

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| Summary fund heading | Fund heading | Full economic  cost | ESRC  contribution | % ESRC  contribution |
| Directly incurred | Staff | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
|  | Travel and subsistence\* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
|  | Other costs\* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
|  | **Sub-total** | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |
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| Directly allocated | Estates costs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
|  | Other Costs\* | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
|  | **Sub-total** | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |
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| Indirect costs | Indirect costs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80 |
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|  | **Total** | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |

**Staff** (mandatory)

**Directly incurred posts**

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|  |  |  | EFFORT ON  PROJECT | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Role | Name /Post identifier | Start date | Period on project  (months) | % of full time | Scale | Increment date | Basic starting salary | London allowance (£) | Super- annuation and NI (£) | Total cost on grant (£) |
| Fellow |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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The following attachments are mandatory and must be included with this application form in order to be considered:

* Case for support *(maximum six sides of A4)*
* Justification of resources *(maximum of two sides of A4)*
* CV *(maximum two sides of A4)*
* Head of Department statement *(maximum one side of A4)*
* Mentor statement and summary CV *(maximum two sides of A4)*
* Referee statement *(maximum two sides of A4)*
* Workplan *(maximum two sides of A4)*
* List of publications (where cited in the proposal)
* Data management plan – mandatory where new datasets (of any size) will be generated as part of the fellowship *(maximum three sides of A4)*

If you are intending to visit an overseas institution as part of the fellowship, a letter of support from the overseas host must be provided.

If you are intending to work with a project partner, a letter of support must be provided by the partner confirming their contribution to the work.

Please refer to the call specification for more details on what is required within each of these attachments.

This form, along with all required attachments must be submitted to the DTP to which you are applying by **16.00 on 25 March 2025**.

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1. The duration of the fellowship should be pro rated based on the applicant’s time commitment. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)