**Assessment Criteria for UKRI FLF internal process**

*These assessment criteria are to be used by the internal process central selection panel for Round 9 of the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship (FLF) scheme. They are a subset of UKRI’s assessment criteria for the scheme. Departments/Divisions/Institutes and Faculties are also encouraged to use the same criteria for their selection stages.*

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| **Factor** | **What the assessment will look for** |
| **Research & Innovation Excellence** | * Excellence of the research and innovation * Importance, novelty and feasibility of the proposed programme of work * Robust methodology * Overall potential of the fellowship to establish or maintain a distinctive and outstanding research/innovation activity |
| **Applicant & their Development** | * 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 * 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 |
| **Impact & Strategic Relevance** | * Importance and potential impact of the research / innovation for society and / or the economy |
| **Research and Innovation Environment** | * A demonstrable commitment from the host organisation to realizing the potential of the fellow; and establishing them as a research/innovation leader |

*Please note, UKRI Reviewers and UCL internal process central selection panel will use the following scoring system and criteria*

(1) - This proposal is scientifically or technically flawed

(2) - This proposal does not meet one or more of the assessment factors

(3) - This proposal meets all assessment factors but with clear weaknesses

(4) - This is a good proposal that meets all assessment factors but with minor weaknesses

(5) - This is a strong proposal that broadly meets all assessment factors

(6) - This is a very strong proposal that fully meets all assessment factors