**UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship Round 9: Expression of Interest Form**

This form must be completed by ALL those applying to the UCL internal selection process for [**Round 9** of the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF)](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-9/). Only candidates who are selected through the UCL central internal selection process will be approved to submit to the funder (UCL are capped at a maximum of 10 applications).

We will be collecting applications centrally from all applicants wishing to be considered for the Round 9 of the UKRI FLF. We will then share these with the applicants’ respective Departments/Divisions/Institutes for their consideration. The central process will have the following stages; (i) Department/Division/Institute stage, (ii) Faculty stage and (iii) UCL central stage. See further details on the Research Coordination Offices for [BEAMS](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/support-staff/beams-research-coordination-office/internally-managed-calls), [LMS](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/health/research-coordination-office-life-and-medical-sciences/funding-opportunities/internally-managed), [LASH and IOE](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/support-staff/slash-and-ioe-research-facilitation-and-coordination-team) websites.

**The following is required**:

* A completed Expression of Interest (EOI) form. This consists of (1) applicant details, (2) research proposal (to be completed by the applicant, and must adhere to word limits), (3) Applicant’s narrative CV and (4) a statement of support (to be completed by the Head of Department/Division/Institute - please see further instructions on the form below).

**Timeline**

* All applicants interested must submit their EoI using the UCL **central submission platform** ([central submission platform for internal applicants](https://forms.office.com/e/5v7DqdP9mB) OR [central submission platform for external applicants](https://forms.office.com/e/ujdVRRVJwy). External applicants are also required to send their completed EoI form to us at [ovpr.beams@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ovpr.beams@ucl.ac.uk)) by the deadline of **29 February 2024 (12pm Noon)** for their Department/Division/Institute’s consideration. **Please submit your EoI as a single PDF document, labelling the attachment “UKRI FLF9 + [applicant’s name]”.**

*Please note Faculties are asked to shortlist their candidates within their allocated cap and are given autonomy to decide how they manage and coordinate their process with Departments/Divisions/Institutes. We recommend applicants to speak to their Departments/Division/Institutes for further details about their shortlisting process.*

* Faculty research managers, Vice Deans for Research, or a deputy named by the Vice Dean for Research for the purpose of this internal process should send Faculty nominations to [ovpr.beams@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ovpr.beams@ucl.ac.uk) by **22 March 2024** **(12pm Noon)** regardless of where your faculty is based**.**
* Faculty nominated candidates will then have to submit their application using a central submission platform by **10 April 2024 (12pm Noon).** An invitation to submit with detailed instructions will be sent to all Faculty nominated candidates.
* UCL Central panel will meet **mid/late April.** Outcomeswill be sent to candidates late April at the very latest.
* The **10 selected candidates** must submit their proposals (factoring in UCL internal process deadlines) by the **UKRI deadline of 18 June 2024 4pm.**

**1. Applicant details**

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| Applicant Name |  |
| Department/ Division / Institute |  |
| Faculty |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Current post |  |

Please provide details (scheme, funder, duration, amount) of current fellowships that the applicant holds or current fellowship applications. Where not applicable, please just add in N/A.

**2. Research Proposal**

**2.1 Summary**

*(****200 words max;*** *please provide a ‘plain English’ summary of the research and/or innovation proposed, in language that could be understood by a non-specialist audience)*

**2.2 Research Questions/Objectives**

*(****150 words max;*** *please outline the key objectives/ research questions of your fellowship)*

**2.3 Vision: big picture, state of the art and novelties**

*(****350 words max;****please describe the ‘big picture’ you will contribute to with your fellowship and explain how you will do this. Put your work into context, clarifying the limitations of the state of art (innovation landscape at both the national and international level) and explaining the solution/s you propose to overcome those. Explain the novelties you will introduce, for example in terms of approach, and/or research methods, and/or research outputs/ impact etc)*

**2.4 Research Approach and Methods**

*(****350 words max;*** *please provide details of your research plan for the first 4 years of the fellowship to achieve your objectives. Where applicable, you may choose to provide a brief vision for the following 3 years)*

**2.5 Leadership and Career Development**

*(****300 words max;*** *please describe how the FLF will allow you to develop yourself into a future leader and how it will develop your career. Some ideas include, but are not limited to, academic standing, discipline leading, line managing early career staff experience, external partnership building etc.)*

**2.6 Outputs and Impact**

*(****350 words max****; please define main project outputs and impact approaches, activities, audiences that will be interested/ benefit from this project)*

**3. Résumé for Research and Innovation (R4RI) – Applicant’s Narrative CV**

The [Résumé for Research and Innovation (R4RI)](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply/resume-for-research-and-innovation-r4ri-guidance/) is a flexible narrative CV template. It’s designed to help you evidence a wider range of skills and experience (than a traditional academic CV) when applying for UKRI funding opportunities. R4RI is halfway between a CV and cover letter, and provides the space to explain the context of your achievements. Please note, the R4RI is based on the [Royal Society’s Resume for Researchers](https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/research-culture/tools-for-support/resume-for-researchers/), and we would recommend regardless of the applicants discipline, to read the UKRI and Royal Society guidance, to assist with writing these sections.

**3.1 Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies or knowledge**

**(150 words max)**

**3.2 The development of others and maintenance of effective working relationship**

**(150 words max)**

**3.3 Contributions to the wider research and innovation community**

**(150 words max)**

**3.4 Contributions to broader research/innovation-users and audiences and towards wider societal benefit**

**(150 words max)**

**Additions (optional)**

**(150 words max)** *please describe any factors which may provide context for the rest of your R4RI (for example, details of career breaks if you wish to disclose them). However, you are not required to provide this information. If you choose to provide additional information, this will be seen by the panel and reviewers, even if it references a sensitive issue. We encourage you to focus on how the issue has affected your career, rather than expanding on the issue itself.* ***Do not use*** *this section to describe additional skills, experiences or outputs, as this information will not be assessed.*

**4. Head of Department/Division/Institute’s statement**

*This section is only to be completed by the Head of Department/Division/Institute and it is* ***not needed for the 29 February deadline****.* Faculty nominated candidates will have to complete this section for the 10 April deadline and it is for Faculties to decide whether they will need this statement for their internal selection process and coordinate its collection with Departments/Divisions/Institutes.

By providing my name and electronic signature I confirm the commitments required of the host organisation as per the UKRI guidance. Specifically:

* Tapered salary support from year three onwards.
* Commitment that an open-ended independent research or innovation position would be available to be taken up during or upon the completion of the fellowship (in line with UCL’s employment policies and practices) **OR** confirmation of the release of the applicant of their current academic duties to conduct this fellowship.

**4.1 Statement**

*(****500 words max;*** *outlining why the candidate is a strong candidate for the UKRI FLF scheme, and why the host Department/Division/Institute is a good environment for the fellow and their research, taking into account their career stage.*

*Where**applicable, please provide details of the anticipated post that will be allocated to the fellow OR confirm that the fellow will be released from their current academic duties to take up this fellowship).*

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| Name of Head of Department/Division/Institute |  |
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