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

This form must be completed for all UCL applicants who have been nominated by their Faculties to take part in the UCL internal review process for the [UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-8/) scheme. Only applicants who are selected through the UCL internal review process will be approved to submit to the funder.

Please note, each Faculty is capped on the number of candidates it is able to nominate to take part in the UCL internal review process. We will only be able to accept applications coming from faculty research managers/Vice Deans for Research, or of similar stature.

We require the following:

* A completed Expression of Interest (EOI) form. This consists of (1) applicant details, (2) a research proposal (to be completed by the candidate, and must adhere to word limits), and (3) a statement of support (to be completed by the Head of Department/Division/Institute).
* The candidate’s CV (2 pages + 1 page publications, no less than Arial pt 11, margins no less than 2cm). We ask candidates to use the UKRI FLF round 8 template, which you can find here on the [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.

Please note, faculties are asked to carry out their own review before submitting an EOI. Faculty research managers, Vice Deans for Research, or similar standing should send final candidates’ forms to [lms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:lms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk)  by **12pm (noon) on 26 APRIL** regardless of where your faculty is based**.** In terms of submissions, **please** submit each candidate as separate application. Please combine each applicants’ proposal and their CV into a single PDF document, labelling each attachment “UKRI FLF8 + [candidate’s name]”.

Please note, all candidates applying to the Faculty selection process should please complete the EDI data collection form [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_oivH5ipW0yTySEKEdmlwo6Yof221Y5AgzXG0FD7PRRUQk1FTjRGUEkxMjhYRUlRQklKUDlFSFZZNC4u). This form will not contribute to the assessment of applications for Round 8 in any way and the form contains an ‘opt-out’ choice if you do not wish for your data to be collected. Further information regarding this data collection can be found on the EDI data collection form [link above] and in the related Privacy Notice on the RCO webpages.

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

By providing my name and electronic signature I confirm that the commitments required of the host organisation, outlined in Section 1.7 of the [Guidance for academic hosted applicants](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/UKRI-17022023-Round-8-Guidance-for-Academic-hosted-Applicants.pdf) will be made to this applicant in their full application. 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.

**3.1 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 |  |
| Electronic signature |  |