

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships Application form

Organisation where the Fellowship will be held (mandatory)

Organisation	
Pathway	

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-time¹. Projects are expected to start on 1st October 2020 unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be agreed with LISS DTP in advance.

a. Proposed start date

b. Duration of the grant (months)

Applicant (mandatory)

Name	Organisation	Division or Department

Date of PhD submission and viva voce (mandatory)

PhD submission date	
University where PhD submitted	
Date of viva voce	
Outcome of viva voce (e.g., pass no corrections; 3 months for minor corrections; major corrections, etc)	
Date PhD awarded (or state “not yet awarded”)	

Objectives (mandatory)

¹ The duration of the fellowship should be pro rated based on the applicant’s time commitment.

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
- 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.

Impact plan and user engagement (mandatory up to 4000 characters *including spaces*)

Describe plans to engage with potential users of the research, to communicate the results of the research to such users, and the potential value of the research to users outside the research community (up to 4000 characters).

We strongly emphasise the importance of effective communication of impacts from ESRC-supported awards. This section should describe the impacts an applicant's research has had or that they expect it to have on user communities.

Ethical information (mandatory)

This section should comply with the requirements of the Framework for Research Ethics:

<https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-ethics/>.

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*)

Relevance to the Industrial Strategy

Each DTP must allocate at least one fellowship that is aligned to the Industrial Strategy. Alignment can be demonstrated in terms of addressing the skills gaps of advanced quantitative methods or data science, or where the proposed programme activities involves collaboration with a private sector partner such as a placement or a co-designed research activity.

If you want to be considered for the ring-fenced award, please explain why your proposed programme of work should be considered as being relevant to the Industrial Strategy. For advanced quantitative methods, please explain why your proposed activities should be considered advanced in your disciplinary area.

Summary of resources required for project

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 *
2. Directly allocated
 - Estate costs

- Other*

3. Indirect costs

* These three headings are limited to a maximum of £10,000 and include costs such as mentoring (this usually comes under directly *allocated* other), travel and subsistence, conference attendance, training, and fieldwork, etc.

Please note, the fellow's salary should be costed at the appropriate grade for a researcher who has recently been awarded a PhD (e.g., for King's this would be Grade 6 spine point 31; for QMUL this would be Grade 4 spine point 27, for Imperial this would be Level B pt29). Additionally, it is advisable to cost the mentor on their current salary for ~1 hour per week (2.5% per annum). Please liaise with the Research/Finance Office for the University you are applying to hold the fellowship at to obtain salary costings.

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

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	
Directly allocated	Estates costs	0.00	0.00	80
	Other Costs*	0.00	0.00	80
	Sub-total	0.00	0.00	
Indirect costs	Indirect costs	0.00	0.00	80
	Total	0.00	0.00	

Staff**Directly incurred posts**

			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										
									Total	0

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*)
- List of publications (bibliography for case for support)
- Head of Department statement (*maximum one side of A4*)
- Mentor statement and summary CV (*maximum two sides of A4*)
- Referee statement (*maximum one side of A4*)
- Workplan (*maximum two sides of A4*)
- Data management plan – mandatory where new datasets 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 is available from this website: <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/esrc-pdf/>

This form, along with all required attachments must be submitted by email to LISS DTP: liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk by **16.00 on 23 March 2020**.

For queries related to the call, please contact liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk.