

## Early Career Fellowships Categories (last updated 3 Jan 2025)

### Engineering

Fellowship name	Eligibility	Duration of Fellowship	Timings / Deadline
<a href="#">UKRI - Future Leaders Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential.</li> <li>• Internally managed fellowship – see <a href="#">Imperial Information for Applicants</a></li> </ul>	Up to 7 years	<p><a href="#">Round 10</a> Opens 3 Feb 2025 Internally managed process <a href="#">complete internal online application form</a> <b>by 3 March 12noon 2025</b></p> <p>Imperial is permitted to support 8 candidates these will be selected by a central panel with final decisions communicated by mid-May.</p> <p>UKRI Closing date: 18 June 2025</p>
<a href="#">Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Fellowships</a>  <a href="#">EPSRC postdoctoral fellowships: responsive mode</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can only apply for <b>postdoctoral fellowships</b> in the following areas of EPSRC research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ energy</li> <li>○ mathematical sciences</li> <li>○ synthetic biology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No rules about years of postdoctoral experience. If you have more research experience, you may prefer to apply for the open fellowship or open plus fellowship. (see below)</li> <li>• Welcome applications from candidates who want to move back into research after any type of break from active research.</li> <li>• See full guidance <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> </ul>	Up to 3yrs full time or if part time can extend to max 6yrs.	<p>Ongoing – panel meets to discuss reviewed applications in Sept, then quarterly (approx Dec, March &amp; June)</p> <p><b>Please note</b> EPSRC Open, OpenPlus and postdoctoral fellowship opportunities closed to new applications from 12 December 2024. The EPSRC are reviewing fellowship funding in theoretical research. Details of new funding opportunities will be available on the UKRI <a href="#">funding finder</a> during 2025.</p>
<a href="#">Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open fellowships</b> are for all career stages beyond postdoctoral level and include researchers who are close to their first academic appointment, leading in an area of</li> </ul>	Up to 5yrs full time or if part time can extend to max 10yrs.	<p>Ongoing – panel meets to discuss reviewed applications in Sept, then quarterly (approx Dec, March &amp; June)</p>

<p><a href="#">EPSRC open fellowships: responsive mode</a></p> <p><a href="#">EPSRC open plus fellowships: responsive mode</a></p>	<p>technical development, or are a highly experienced researcher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome applications from candidates who want to move back into research after any type of break from active research</li> <li>• See full guidance <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Open plus fellowships</b> follow the same criteria as open fellowships with the plus element (20% to 50% of time) spent on creating positive change in the research community. Need to champion a topic aligned to EPSRC improvement aspirations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ equality, diversity and inclusion</li> <li>○ responsible research and innovation (RRI)</li> <li>○ public engagement</li> <li>○ policy, regulatory, economic or social aspects of your research</li> </ul> </li> <li>• See full guidance <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> </ul>		<p>(see above note on EPSRC Review of Fellowships -check <a href="#">funding finder</a> during 2025)</p> <p>Mathematical sciences Open, OpenPlus and postdoctoral fellowship opportunities will reopen on 30 January 2025.</p>
<p><a href="#">Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Fellowships</a></p> <p><a href="#">Daphne Jackson Fellowship</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daphne Jackson Fellowship</b> - for those looking to return to a research career after a break of two or more years for family, health or caring reasons.</li> <li>• You can view current opportunities on the <a href="#">Daphne Jackson Trust website</a>. Sponsored fellowships are also advertised on university websites and on <a href="#">jobs.ac.uk</a>.</li> <li>• See full guidance <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> </ul>	<p>Flexible, with at least 100 hours retraining per year, and part-time – usually completed over two years at 0.5 full-time equivalent</p>	<p>Open no closing date</p>
<p><a href="#">European Space Agency's (ESA) postdoctoral Research Fellowship programme</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preference given to applications submitted by candidates within 5 years of receiving their PhD.</li> <li>• Be a citizen from one of the <a href="#">ESA Member States</a> and <a href="#">European Cooperating States</a>, or from Latvia and Slovenia as Associated Member States and Canada as a Cooperating State.</li> </ul>	<p>2years</p>	<p>To see open Research Fellowships, look for those positions titled <b>Internal Research Fellow</b> among the <a href="#">ESA job opportunities</a>.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESA job opportunities link, visit the <a href="#">recruiting website</a>.</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">L'Oreal UK – Rising stars awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must identify as female postdoctoral level.</li> <li>• No more than 10 years' active full-time equivalent postdoctoral experience (discounting career breaks but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry).</li> </ul>	1 year	Call usually Opens September with an October Deadline and selection in February each year.
<a href="#">Royal Academy of Engineering</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Academy welcomes applications from early-career researchers worldwide who have been awarded their PhD no more than 4 years before the submission deadline.</li> </ul>	5years	Imperial is restricted to 4 applicants Internal selection process for 2024: May deadline, 4 applicants supported to submit by 18 September 2024. (see <a href="#">Research Office Managed Calls</a> )
<a href="#">Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Research Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 3 years postdoc experience by the anticipated started date of Oct 2025.</li> <li>• If completed PhD at Imperial, will need to change research groups.</li> </ul>	Up to 3years	Open: October 2024 Deadline: 6 January 2025
<a href="#">Brunel Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 3 years postdoc experience, by the anticipated started date of Oct 2025.</li> <li>• Researchers in the core subjects of civil, mechanical, electrical, or aeronautical engineering seeking to address the primary infrastructure needs of modern society.</li> </ul>	Up to 3years	Open: October 2024 Deadline: 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<a href="#">Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Built Environment Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications are welcomed from post-graduates, researchers, practitioners or professionals on a career break.</li> <li>• Specific themes will be advertised each year.</li> </ul>	2years	Applications announced in May 2025

<a href="#">Royal Society University Research Fellowship (URF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-8 years of postdoc experience.</li> <li>• Research must be within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics.</li> </ul>	8years subject to a mid-fellowship review	Opens: 15 July 2025 Closes: 10 September 2025 Decision: 30 June 2025
<a href="#">Schlumberger Foundation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty for the Future focuses on developing and emerging countries where women are underrepresented in STEM disciplines</li> <li>• See further information on the <a href="#">SLB Foundation website</a></li> </ul>	1 year initially	Opens: 2 September 2024 Closes: 8 November 2024  Expect similar timeline for 2025

## Medicine Clinical

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<a href="#">UKRI - Future Leaders Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential.</li> <li>• Internally managed fellowship – see <a href="#">Imperial Information for Applicants</a></li> </ul>	Up to 7 years	<p><a href="#">Round 10</a> Opens 3 Feb 2025 Internally managed process <a href="#">complete internal online application form</a> <b>by 3 March 12noon 2025</b></p> <p>Imperial is permitted to support 8 candidates these will be selected by a central panel with final decisions communicated by mid-May.</p> <p>UKRI Closing date: 18 June 2025</p>
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Research UK Clinical Research Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Research Fellowships are intended for clinically qualified researchers, who ideally already hold a PhD.</li> <li>• Research must align with <a href="#">Alzheimer's Research UK's strategy</a>,</li> <li>• For information on the skills and training you will be expected to demonstrate, see <a href="#">Early Career Researcher Framework</a>.</li> <li>• Frequently asked questions <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> </ul>	Up to 4 years can be extended for part time.	<p>Open: July 2024</p> <p>Deadline: 12 noon, 17 September 2024</p> <p>Expect similar timeline for 2025</p>
<a href="#">British Heart Foundation (BHF) Intermediate Clinical Research</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD/MD plus NTN &amp; More than 2 years specialist training but less than 2 years after CCT.</li> </ul>	5 years with the possibility of 2 year extension	<p>Rolling, there are no closing dates – applications reviewed 4 times a year by <a href="#">Fellowship Committee</a>.</p>
<a href="#">MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship (CSF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinically qualified PhD/DPhil/MD or Vet Med (providing their project is of relevance to human health).</li> <li>• There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience.</li> </ul>	Up to 5 years	<p>3 times a year with current deadlines:</p> <p>Current Round Closes: 15 Jan 2025</p> <p>Next Round Opens: 16 Jan with deadline 9 April 2025</p> <p>Further Round Opens: 4 June with deadline 3 Sept 2025</p> <p>Final 2025 Round Opens 22 Oct with deadline 14 January 2026</p>

<a href="#">MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowship (CRTF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieved PhD over 5 yrs ago but have not been research active since due to clinical commitments.</li> <li>The CRTF supports clinicians, including (but not limited to) medics, surgeons, dentists, clinical psychologists, public health specialty trainees, allied health professionals, nurses, midwives and veterinarians, to undertake a PhD or other higher research degree.</li> </ul>	Up to 3 years	3 times a year with current deadlines: Current Round Closes: 15 Jan 2025 Next Round Opens: 16 Jan with deadline 9 April 2025 Further Round Opens: 10 April with deadline 3 Sept 2025 Final 2025 Round Opens 4 Sept with deadline 14 January 2026
<a href="#">NIHR Advanced Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted your thesis for examination at the time of application (you must have been awarded a PhD or MD by the time you attend the interview).</li> <li>Complete the relevant pre-registration training (for clinical academic applicants).</li> </ul>	2-5years	2 Rounds each year Opens: April Closes: July Interview: January <i>And</i> <hr/> Opens: October Closes: January Interview:- July
<a href="#">NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a current member of the <a href="#">NIHR Academy</a></li> <li>have completed any relevant pre-registration training (clinical academic applications only).</li> <li>hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted their thesis for examination at the time of application – applicants must have been awarded their PhD or MD by the time they start.</li> <li>ensure that any previous NIHR awards undertaken finished no longer than 12 months ago.</li> <li>have not submitted a DSE application in the previous round.</li> </ul>	2 years	Launches January, May and September annually.
<a href="#">Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Clinician Scientist</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career level - Post doc, Clinician, Health professional.</li> <li>Demonstrate meet skills and experience in the “developing independence” career stage of <a href="#">CRUK Fellowship Competency Framework</a></li> <li>See <a href="#">further guidance from CRUK</a></li> </ul>	5 years	<a href="#">See Timelines</a> Current Timelines: Outline Submission Deadline: 27 March 2025 Selected Applications full deadline: 11 September 2025

## Medicine: non-clinical

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<a href="#">UKRI - Future Leaders Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential.</li> <li>• Internally managed fellowship – see <a href="#">Imperial Information for Applicants</a></li> </ul>	Up to 7 years	<p><a href="#">Round 10</a> Opens 3 Feb 2025 Internally managed process <a href="#">complete internal online application form</a> by <b>3 March 12noon 2025</b></p> <p>Imperial is permitted to support 8 candidates these will be selected by a central panel with final decisions communicated by mid-May.</p> <p>UKRI Closing date: 18 June 2025</p>
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Research UK Research Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD-qualified non-clinical researchers.</li> <li>• No time-bound eligibility criteria, instead use <a href="#">Early Career Researcher Framework</a> to assess researchers' eligibility</li> <li>• See <a href="#">FAQs on the Website</a>.</li> </ul>	Up to 3 years	<p>Next round due to:</p> <p>Open: 15 Jan 2025</p> <p>Close: 5 March 2025</p>
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Society Postdoctoral Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be postdoctoral researchers not already in open-ended, university-funded posts, or final year PhD students who will have been awarded their PhD at commencement of the grant.</li> </ul>	Up to 4 years	<p>Annual Cycle. 2025 dates expected to be similar to 2024:</p> <p>Opens: Early in year</p> <p>Deadline: March 2024</p> <p>Deadline 2: July 2024 (for full proposals)</p> <p>Outcome: December 2024</p>
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Society Dementia Research Leader Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For talented researchers who wish to build on a number of successful years of research.</li> <li>• Open to people from diverse disciplines and career paths including those returning from a career break or time in other roles and those wishing to transition into dementia research from other fields.</li> </ul>	Up to 5 years	<p>Annual Cycle. 2025 dates expected to be similar to 2024:</p> <p>Opens: Early in year</p> <p>Deadline: March 2024</p> <p>Deadline 2: July 2024 (for full proposals)</p> <p>Outcome: December 2024</p>
<a href="#">Versus Arthritis Career Development Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A PhD (or equivalent), with the skills and experience to match those of the transition to an independent career stage.</li> <li>• See <a href="#">full guidance on website</a> and details of all <a href="#">funding opportunities</a></li> </ul>	Up to 5 years	<p>Annual Cycle</p> <p>Opens: 19 Feb 2025</p> <p>Deadline: 16.00 21 May 2025</p>

<a href="#">Versus Arthritis Bridging Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new bridging fellowship will provide up to 2 years funding for current Versus Arthritis fellowship holders who are in the final year of their fellowship</li> <li>See details of all <a href="#">funding opportunities</a></li> </ul>	Up to 2 years funding	Deadline: 16:00 on 22 Jan 2025
<a href="#">British Heart Foundation (BHF) Immediate Postdoctoral Basic Science</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates should have no more than 2 years of postdoctoral research experience from the date of the PhD viva.</li> </ul>	4 years	Rolling deadline. There are no closing dates – applications reviewed 4 times a year by <a href="#">Fellowship Committee</a>
<a href="#">British Heart Foundation (BHF) Intermediate Basic Science</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually at least 3 to 6 years successful postdoctoral work, with a series of first or senior author high impact research papers</li> </ul>	5 years	Rolling deadline. There are no closing dates – applications reviewed 4 times a year by <a href="#">Fellowship Committee</a>
<a href="#">MRC Career Development Award (CDA)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience.</li> <li>Research needs to focus on any area of <a href="#">MRC's remit</a> to improve human health.</li> <li>Need to show evidence of career progression &amp; plans to develop as a leader in area of research</li> </ul>	5 years	2 Rounds each year, with deadlines in April and September Next round opens: 17 April 2025 with a deadline of 10 Sept 2025.
<a href="#">MRC Senior Non-Clinical Fellowship (SNCF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience.</li> <li>Have the skills and experience that match those of the 'transition to leadership' career stage in the <b>MRC applicant skills and experience criteria</b>, such as leading nationally competitive research and clear plans to develop into an internationally recognised leader in the field</li> <li>See <a href="#">full guidance for applicants</a></li> </ul>	5 years	2025 Dates to be confirmed. Likely to be similar to 2024 dates: Opened: June 2024 Closes: 16.00 on 11 September 2024
<a href="#">MRC New Investigator Research Grant (NIRG)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to demonstrate skills and experience at the time of application match those of the 'transition to independence' career stage, as set out in the <a href="#">applicant skills and experience table</a>.</li> </ul>		For open, closing and funding decision meeting dates, see <a href="#">application timelines</a> . Current Call Deadline: 9 January 2025



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no eligibility rules based on years of postdoctoral experience, applicants can hold a lecturer appointment, a junior fellowship, or be in another research staff position.</li> </ul>		<p>Future round opens Jan 2025 with a May 2025 deadline. Further round opens May 2025- Sept 2025</p>
<a href="#">Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Career Development</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications are considered from any area of CRUK funding remit, including population, prevention and early detection/diagnosis research, but with the exception of any interventional clinical study/trial and drug discovery.</li> <li>Be able to demonstrate that you meet the range of skills and experience as outlined in the 'establishing independence' career stage in CRUK <a href="#">Fellowships Competency Framework</a></li> <li>Need to have space and facilities to run an independent research group</li> <li>See <a href="#">Outline application guidance</a></li> </ul>	6 years or part time equivalent	<p>Outline application deadline: 27 March 2025 Committee Shortlisting: June 2025</p>
<a href="#">Kidney Research UK Intermediate Fellowships (non-clinical)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 years of postdoc experience to specialise in renal research aligned with KRUK <a href="#">Research Strategy</a> and 3 strategic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transforming Treatments</li> <li>Multiple Health Conditions</li> <li>Health Inequalities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3 years max	<p>Twice year, current time Opened: 30 July 2024. Closes: 28 August 2024. Applicants will be notified on 23 September 2024 if they are invited for a full application to be submitted by 5pm, Wednesday 30 October 2024.</p>
<a href="#">Kidney Research UK Senior Fellowships (non-clinical)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extensive post-doctoral experience and already have demonstrated a sustained ability to conduct independent research</li> <li>Research must align with KRUK <a href="#">Research Strategy</a> and 3 strategic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transforming Treatments</li> <li>Multiple Health Conditions</li> <li>Health Inequalities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5 years max	<p>Usually Twice year, 2025 expected to be similar to 2024 dates: Opens March. Closes: April Round 2: Opens July Closes August</p>
<a href="#">L'Oreal UK – Rising stars awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must identify as female postdoctoral level.</li> <li>No more than 10 years' active full-time equivalent postdoctoral experience (discounting career breaks but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry).</li> </ul>	1 year	<p>Call usually Opens September with an October Deadline and selection in February each year.</p>

<a href="#">NIHR Advanced Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted your thesis for examination at the time of application (you must have been awarded a PhD or MD by the time you attend the interview).</li> </ul>	2-5 years	Twice a year next round: Opens – October Closes – January Interview - July
<a href="#">NIHR Development and Skills Enhancement Award</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a current member of the <a href="#">NIHR Academy</a></li> <li>• hold a relevant PhD or MD, or have submitted their thesis for examination at the time of application – applicants must have been awarded their PhD or MD by the time they start.</li> <li>• ensure that any previous NIHR awards undertaken finished no longer than 12 months ago.</li> <li>• have not submitted a DSE application in the previous round.</li> </ul>	2 years	Launches January, May and September annually.
<a href="#">Wellcome Early-Career Awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This scheme provides funding for early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. Through innovative projects, they will deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health and wellbeing.</li> <li>• Generally, no more than three years postdoctoral research experience</li> <li>• Fit within <a href="#">Wellcome's Discovery Research</a></li> </ul>	Usually 5 years	Usually Three times a year - Upcoming deadline: 25 February 2025
<a href="#">Wellcome Career Development Awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid career completed one or two substantial periods of research after your initial training.</li> <li>• made important contributions to your area of research.</li> <li>• You can already be a fellow.</li> <li>• You may have been appointed to your first permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract within the last three years. If this applies to you, you can't ask for your own salary with this award.</li> </ul>	Usually 8 years	Usually Three times a year - Upcoming deadline: 3 April 2025
<a href="#">Prostate Cancer UK Travelling Prize Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 4 years of their PhD</li> <li>• Must spend 6x months at another research institution to establish collaborations as well as learning new skills and techniques that will support career development as a prostate cancer researcher.</li> <li>• Research to align with Prostate Cancer's <a href="#">research strategy</a>.</li> </ul>	3-4 years (with 6 months at a different institution)	Closing date June

<a href="#">Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group</a> <a href="#">Little Princess Trust</a> <a href="#">New Ideas Grant</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to researchers based at UK or Ireland University, NHS Hospital or Research Institute. Employment contract which encompasses the duration of proposed grant. <a href="#">See applicant guidance.</a></li> <li>• The Trust generally funds basic science (with a clear plan for translation/patient benefit), translational and clinical research. For more information, read <a href="#">The Little Princess Trust's Research Strategy.</a></li> <li>• New Ideas Grants' are to help researchers generate high-quality preliminary data, or to demonstrate the validity of a hypothesis/study, to advance innovative and novel ideas with the potential to transform the treatment of children and young people's cancer. This preliminary data may be used to inform future fellowship applications</li> </ul>	12 months	17.00 Weds 26 February 2026
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## Natural Sciences

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<a href="#">UKRI - Future Leaders Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential.</li> <li>• Internally managed fellowship – see <a href="#">Imperial Information for Applicants</a></li> </ul>	Up to 7 years	<a href="#">Round 10</a> Opens 3 Feb 2025 Internally managed process <a href="#">complete internal online application form by 3 March 12noon 2025</a> Imperial is permitted to support 8 candidates these will be selected by a central panel with final decisions communicated by mid-May. UKRI Closing date: 18 June 2025
<a href="#">BBSRC Fellowship</a> (Previously BBSRC Discovery Fellowship)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no limit on the number of years of postdoc experience.</li> <li>• Must have completed a successful PhD viva by 30 November of year of Fellowship submission</li> <li>• You can apply if undertake biotechnology or biological research in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plants</li> <li>○ Microbes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3 years full time or max 6 years part-time.	Opens: February annually  Closes: - May annually

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animals and humans</li> <li>○ Tools and technology underpinning biological research</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">European Space Agency's (ESA) postdoctoral Research Fellowship programme</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preference given to applications submitted by candidates within 5 years of receiving their PhD.</li> <li>• Be a citizen from one of the <a href="#">ESA Member States</a> and <a href="#">European Cooperating States</a>, or from Latvia and Slovenia as Associated Member States and Canada as a Cooperating State.</li> <li>• ESA job opportunities link, visit the <a href="#">recruiting website</a>.</li> </ul>	2years	To see open Research Fellowships, look for those positions titled <b>Internal Research Fellow</b> among the <a href="#">ESA job opportunities</a> .
<a href="#">Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)</a>  2 different Fellowships:  <b>Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) and Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF)</b>	<p><b>Long- Term Fellowship</b>  Applicants with a PhD on a biological topic who want to embark on a novel and frontier project focussing on the life sciences. Must have at least one lead author, full-length research paper (in an international peer-reviewed journal or published on a pre-print server) (<a href="#">see full guidance</a>)</p> <p><b>Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship</b>  For applicants with a doctoral degree from a non-biological discipline (eg, physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer science) and not worked in life sciences. <a href="#">See full guidance</a></p>	3 years	2025 Dates to be confirmed likely to be similar to 2024 dates:  Opened: 24 May 2024 Closes – 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
L'Oreal UK – <a href="#">Rising stars awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must identify as female postdoctoral level.</li> <li>• No more than 10 years' active full-time equivalent postdoctoral experience (discounting career breaks but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry).</li> </ul>	1 year	Call usually Opens September with an October Deadline and selection in February each year.
<a href="#">NERC Independent Research Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must evidence reasonable scientific and technical skills in line with the ambitions of the Independent Research Fellowship</li> <li>• No time post PhD restrictions</li> <li>• Full guidance on <a href="#">NERC Independent Fellowship webpage</a></li> <li>• See <a href="#">Grants and Fellowships handbook</a></li> </ul>	Up to 5 years	Opens: 9 January 2025  Closes: 3 April 2025, 16.00

<a href="#">Ramsay Trust Memorial Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postdoctoral chemists who have already had some postdoctoral experience of research.</li> <li>• Applicants from under-represented groups are particularly welcome</li> <li>• See <a href="#">further information here</a></li> </ul>	2 years	Opens: August annually Closes: November annually
<a href="#">Royal Astronomical Society Research Fellowship and the Norman Lockyer Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience.</li> <li>• <b>RAS Fellowships</b> - outstanding candidates to pursue research in the UK in the disciplines advanced by the RAS i.e. astronomy, solar system science, geophysics and closely related branches of these sciences.</li> <li>• <b>Norman Lockyer Fellowships</b> - enable an outstanding researcher to devote the majority of their time to research on an astronomical topic, including solar system and planetary science.</li> </ul>	Up to 3years	RAS Fellowships will be sought in the years 2024 and 2027 and for the Norman Lockyer Fellowship in 2025 and 2028
<a href="#">Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Built Environment Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications are welcomed from post-graduates, researchers, practitioners or professionals on a career break.</li> <li>• Specific themes will be advertised each year.</li> </ul>	2years	Open: October 2024 Deadline: 6 January 2025
<a href="#">Royal Society University Research Fellowship (URF)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-8 years of postdoc experience.</li> <li>• Research must be within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics.</li> </ul>	8years subject to a mid-fellowship review	Opens: 15 July 2025 Closes: 10 September 2025 Decision: 30 June 2025
<a href="#">Schlumberger Foundation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty for the Future focuses on developing and emerging countries where women are underrepresented in STEM disciplines</li> <li>• See further information on the <a href="#">SLB Foundation website</a></li> </ul>	1 year initially	Opens: 2 September 2024 Closes: 8 November 2024  Expect similar timeline for 2025
<a href="#">Stephen Hawking Postdoctoral Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent researchers who will make significant contributions to the field of theoretical physics</li> </ul>	Up to 3 years	Now closed. Unsure whether will re-open
<a href="#">Wellcome Early-Career Awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must have a PhD and generally no more than three years postdoctoral research experience.</li> <li>• Open to any discipline as long as research fits within Discovery Research, <a href="#">check remit</a></li> </ul>	Usually, 5 years	Runs three times per year, upcoming deadline: 25 February 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See <a href="#">webpage for further information and a webinar</a> for early career researchers</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">Wellcome Career Development Awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Career researchers completed one or two substantial periods of research after your initial training.</li> <li>• made important contributions to your area of research.</li> <li>• You can already be a fellow.</li> <li>• You may have been appointed to your first permanent, open-ended or long-term rolling contract within the last three years. If this applies to you, you can't ask for your own salary with this award.</li> </ul>	Usually, 8 years	Runs three times per year, upcoming deadlines 3 April 2025

## Multi-disciplinary

Fellowship name	Eligibility	Duration	Deadline
<a href="#">UKRI - Future Leaders Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential.</li> <li>• Internally managed fellowship – see <a href="#">Imperial Information for Applicants</a></li> </ul>	Up to 7 years	<p><a href="#">Round 10</a> Opens 3 Feb 2025 Internally managed process <a href="#">complete internal online application form</a> <b>by 3 March 12noon 2025</b></p> <p>Imperial is permitted to support 8 candidates these will be selected by a central panel with final decisions communicated by mid-May UKRI Closing date: 18 June 2025</p>
<a href="#">ESRC postdoctoral fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed their PhD at a research organisation that is part of a DTP or CDT</li> <li>• Imperial is a member of the <a href="#">LISS DTP</a></li> <li>• Within 12 months of passing their viva</li> </ul>	Up to 1 year	<p>Initial Expression of Interest by 5pm 6 January 2025.</p> <p>Full Proposal by deadline 16.00, 25 March 2025</p>
<a href="#">Imperial College Research Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 4 years postdoc experience</li> <li>• See <a href="#">ICRF applicants webpage</a></li> <li>• Sponsor or co-sponsor limited to supporting a single fellowship and only 1 ICRF at any one time</li> </ul>	4 years	<p>Annual Process likely timeline: Briefings June 2025 Closing Date: August 2025 Faculty Shortlisting Sept: Oct 2025 Interviews: Nov 2025 Results: Dec 2025</p>
<a href="#">Leverhulme Early Career Research</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 4 years from PhD viva</li> <li>• Not have a permanent academic position</li> <li>• See <a href="#">webpage</a> and <a href="#">applicant guidance</a></li> </ul>	3 years	<p>Deadline: 16.00, 20 February 2025 Decisions: 23 May 2025</p>
<a href="#">Marie Curie Individual Fellowship</a>	<p>There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Postdoctoral Fellowships - Open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career.</li> </ul>	<p>European 1-2 years</p> <p>Global:</p>	Next Call opens 9 April 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Postdoctoral Fellowships. They fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe.</li> <li>• Both require PhD and max 8 years post doc experience</li> <li>• <a href="#">See full guidelines</a></li> </ul>	2-3 years	
<a href="#">Science &amp; Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Ernest Rutherford</a> <a href="#">See All STFC Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD and some postdoctoral research experience (no years since PhD).</li> <li>• Check department requirements</li> </ul>	Up to 5 years	Annual call, 2025 Expected to be similar to 2024 dates: Opened: June 2024 Closes: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024

### Support for specific groups

Fellowship name	Eligibility	Duration	Deadline
<a href="#">Daphne Jackson Fellowship</a> - For scientists re-entering after a career break.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These fellowships are for those looking to return to a research career after a break of two or more years for family, health or caring reasons.</li> <li>• You can view current opportunities on the <a href="#">Daphne Jackson Trust website</a>. Sponsored fellowships are also advertised on university websites and on <a href="http://jobs.ac.uk">jobs.ac.uk</a>.</li> <li>• See full guidance <a href="#">on their website</a>.</li> </ul>	Flexible, with at least 100 hours retraining per year, and part-time – usually completed over two years at 0.5 full-time equivalent	Rolling (except sponsored calls)
<a href="#">Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin</a> – scientists who need to work flexibly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 6 years of postdoc experience</li> </ul>	8 years, Y6-Y8 subject to satisfactory progress in a mid-fellowship review at year 4	Opens: 2 September 2025 Closes: 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Decisions: 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
L'Oreal UK – <a href="#">Rising stars awards</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must identify as female postdoctoral level.</li> <li>• No more than 10 years' active full-time equivalent postdoctoral experience (discounting career breaks but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry).</li> </ul>	1 year	Call usually Opens September with an October Deadline and selection in February each year.



<a href="#">London Mathematical Society – Grace Crisholm Young Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a PhD and be returning from a career break, looking to move back into mathematical research</li> <li>• Open to men and women</li> </ul>	1 year	Usual Deadline twice per year, next deadline: 28 February 2025
<a href="#">Schlumberger Foundation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty for the Future focuses on developing and emerging countries where women are underrepresented in STEM disciplines</li> <li>• See further information on the <a href="#">SLB Foundation website</a></li> </ul>	1 year initially	2025 dates expected to be similar to 2024: Opens: 2 September 2024 Closes: 8 November 2024
<a href="#">Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) - Return to research support bursary</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually returning from a break of 2 years or more</li> <li>• You can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to cover the cost of activities that will help you prepare a proposal for STFC fellowship funding, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ literature reviews</li> <li>○ familiarisation with equipment and techniques</li> <li>○ attendance at meetings and seminars.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	n/a	Rolling
<a href="#">Wellcome Sanger Janet Thornton Fellowship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 12 months break from scientific research, for any reason</li> <li>• have at least one years' postdoctoral research experience</li> <li>• will be able to start within 6 months of being offered the role</li> <li>• Not currently working in a scientific research role</li> </ul>	3 years	Applications will open Autumn 2025 <a href="#">Check here</a>

## Moving countries

Fellowship name	Eligibility	Duration	Deadline
<a href="#">European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) – Postdoctoral Fellowships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 2 years of postdoctoral experience.</li> <li>Applicants must have at least 1 first author publication (research paper) accepted in or published in an international peer reviewed journal at the time of application. A first author preprint (research paper) with public in-depth peer reviews is also sufficient for eligibility provided the reviews were verifiably obtained from an independent peer review service</li> <li>Must move between countries.</li> <li>For detailed eligibility criteria, read the <a href="#">EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships guidelines</a>.</li> </ul>	2 years	Applications accepted throughout the year (next cutoff date: 14 February 2025, 14:00 CEST)
<a href="#">Marie Curie Individual Fellowship</a>	<p>There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Postdoctoral Fellowships - Open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career.</li> <li>Global Postdoctoral Fellowships. They fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe.</li> <li>Both require PhD and max 8 years post doc experience</li> <li><a href="#">See full guidelines</a></li> </ul>	<p>European 1-2 years</p> <p>Global: 2-3 years</p>	Next Call opens 9 April 2025
<a href="#">Schlumberger Foundation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty for the Future focuses on developing and emerging countries where women are underrepresented in STEM disciplines</li> <li>See further information on the <a href="#">SLB Foundation website</a></li> </ul>	1 year initially	2025 dates to be confirmed, expected to be similar to 2024: Opens: 2 September 2024 Closes: 8 November 2024

## Training/Transitional

Fellowship name	Eligibility	Duration	Deadline
<p><a href="#">Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)</a></p> <p>2 different Fellowships:</p> <p><b>Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) and</b></p> <p><b>Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF)</b></p>	<p><b>Long- Term Fellowship</b>            Applicants with a PhD on a biological topic who want to embark on a novel and frontier project focussing on the life sciences. Must have at least one lead author, full-length research paper (in an international peer-reviewed journal or published on a pre-print server) (<a href="#">see full guidance</a>)</p> <p><b>Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship</b>            For applicants with a doctoral degree from a non-biological discipline (eg, physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer science) and not worked in life sciences. <a href="#">See full guidance</a></p>	<p>3 years</p>	<p>2025 Dates to be confirmed likely to be similar to 2024 dates:</p> <p>Opened: 24 May 2024            Closes – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024</p>