

Future Leader Fellowship Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

Can I use the FLF to continue research started as part of my PhD / postdoc?

The FLF can build on aspects of your PhD / postdoc research, but you will need to demonstrate that you have developed the proposed FLF research yourself, that you have sole ownership of the project and that the proposed research is independent from any projects being conducted or planned by your previous Group Leaders. You need to be able to demonstrate that the research proposed will help you establish your own “research niche”.

Can I carry out a FLF at my current Research Organisation?

Yes, you can carry out a FLF at your current Research Organisation so there is no requirement to move. However, you need to demonstrate the independence of your proposed research from that of your current Group Leader and fully justify why the host Research Organisation proposed is the best place for you to carry out your research and develop your career.

Can I carry out a FLF at a foreign Research Organisation?

Periods of research can be conducted at foreign Research Organisations, but the host organisation that employs the fellow and holds the FLF award must be based in the UK. Any period of research away from the primary host must be fully justified and supported by letters from the proposed host Group Leaders at any secondary organisations.

What should my Career Development Plan include?

The Career Development Plan should be used to identify your training needs and how you will use the support provided by the FLF to address them. For applicants not experienced in developing Career Development Plans, BBSRC recommends you consult with your Research Organisation’s Staff Development group prior to submission of your proposal.

What level of support should my host Research Organisation provide?

Host Research Organisations can demonstrate support for a Fellow in a range of ways including, but not limited to; additional funding for research expenses / equipment /

consumables, reduced cost access to core facilities, support for the fellow to access training courses and events.

Can I use the FLF to purchase equipment?

No, the FLF award cannot be used to purchase equipment, this includes PCs, laptops and other computing equipment. It is expected that equipment required for the proposed project be available to you as part of the host Research Organisation's demonstration of support for the fellowship.

Can the duration of the FLF applied for be less than three years?

No, FLF proposals must be for three years and be costed as such. However, once undertaking the fellowship it is expected that many fellows will move on to more senior positions or take up more advanced fellowships prior to the completion of their three year FLF.

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