



BBSRC Early Career Fellowships



BBSRC Fellowship Programmes



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 **BBSRC Anniversary**
Future Leader Fellowships



- Independent research in host lab

 **BBSRC David Phillips**
Fellowships

- Independent research group

 **BBSRC Translational**
Fellowships

- Independent research group carrying out translational research (2014 call: crop science)

Full details available on the BBSRC Fellowships webpage: www.bbsrc.ac.uk/fellowships

Anniversary Future Leader Fellowship (AFLF)

Support for early career scientists with **high potential** to undertake independent research and gain leadership skills. Developing **future leadership skills** is key

- **Remit:** AFLFs can be in **any area of BBSRC's remit**
- **Number and duration:** it is expected that **around 12 will be awarded (3 year duration)**
- **Eligibility:**
 - Researchers with a **maximum of 5 years of postdoctoral research experience** as of 30 November 2014
 - No restrictions on nationality

Anniversary Future Leader Fellowship (AFLF)

- Up to **£300k** over three years (80% FEC)
 - Support from host organisation expected
- Will cover **training activities and courses**
- **Supports flexible working** arrangements: Fellows can be part-time or suspended their Fellowship for maternity / paternity breaks

Anniversary Future Leader Fellowship

- Call open now and closes **26 June 2014**
 - Fellowship shortlisting **14 – 16 October 2014**
 - Fellowship interviews **11 – 13 November 2014**
- Award announcement **late November 2014**
- Fellowships can commence between **1 January and 31 March 2015**
- Full details are available on the web:
www.bbsrc.ac.uk/fellowships/

Assessment criteria

- Scientific **quality** of the proposed research
 - **Referees** reports
- Career Development Plan; thought given to **future career** and identified **training needs**
- Number and quality of **publications**
- Scientific **independence**
- **Choice of host** institution

David Phillips Fellowship

Aimed at **outstanding bioscientists** in the early stage of their research careers who wish to establish themselves as independent researchers

- **Remit:** David Phillips Fellowships can be in **any area of BBSRC's remit**
- **Number and duration:** normally **5 awarded each year (5 year duration)**
- **Eligibility:**
 - **Minimum** 3 years of active postdoctoral research experience *plus* a **maximum** 10 years of active research (postgraduate + postdoctoral research) as at 1 October 2014
 - No restrictions on nationality

David Phillips Fellowship

- No maximum limit, but typically will be around **£600k – £1M over five years** (80% FEC)
- Will cover **staff posts**
- **Supports flexible working** arrangements: Fellows can be part-time or suspended their Fellowship for maternity / paternity breaks

Translational Fellowship

Aimed at **outstanding** early career researchers from **academia or industry** who wish to establish an independent academic career focused on the **translation of fundamental bioscience research**

- **Remit:** Current call for Translational Fellowships is to translate basic plant science into **crop science research**
- **Number and duration:** Up to **2 Translational Fellowship available (5 year duration)**
 - Additional support for a Flexible Interchange (FLIP) with relevant stakeholder(s); during or after the fellowship term
- **Eligibility:**
 - **Minimum** 3 years of active postdoctoral research experience *plus* a **maximum** 12 years of active research (postgraduate + postdoctoral research) as at 1 October 2014
 - No restrictions on nationality

Translational Fellowship

- No maximum limit, but expected to be around **£600k – £1M over five years** (80% FEC)
- Will cover **staff positions**
- **Supports flexible working** arrangements: Fellows can be part-time or suspended their Fellowship for maternity / paternity breaks

Competition process

- Next Call – for **Fellowship starting in 2015**
- Call opens **1 July 2014**
- Deadline **5 November 2014**
 - Initial **sift** of applications
 - **References** sought up on those that make it through the sift
 - **Shortlisting**
- Interviews in **April – May 2015**
- Fellowships **commence anytime before end of 2015**
- Any queries (e.g. about remit of your project, etc), contact:
postdoc.fellowships@bbsrc.ac.uk
- Full details are available on the web: www.bbsrc.ac.uk/fellowships/

Assessment criteria

1) Candidate:

- Research **achievements** to date
- Number and quality of **publications**
- **Personal achievements** e.g. prizes, awards, honours, presentations, student supervision, collaborations etc.
- Research **funding**
- PGR supervision **experience**

Assessment criteria

2) Proposed research programme:

- **Relevance** to BBSRC's mission and strategy
- Scientific **quality** of the proposed research
- **Choice of host** institution
- Scientific **independence**
- **Referees** reports

Common reasons for Fellowship rejection

- Project **unrealistic** or poorly thought-through proposal
- **Independence not clear** - just more of what your PI is currently doing
- Insufficient first author papers, or publishing only in low impact journals (particularly relevant for David Phillips and Translational Fellowships)
- When applying, if in doubt: **ask!**