

Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF)

Costing

These are UKRI awards, but are administered by MRC, so MRC should be selected as the funder (for the benefit of newer people, 'Outline Bid' should be selected in the tags, Fellows are always DI costs on UKRI grants and any proposals with a Price to Funder above £1m should have a completed PVC-R approval form attached).

MRC do not require any costings until Full Proposal stage, but we do need a Worktribe completing for Outline stage (as we would for any Outline as WT captures more than just budgets) and the Outline covering letter in JeS needs to state whether the total is >£1.5m or if the equipment totals over £138k.

FLF proposals follow standard research council costing rules except for the salary for Years 3 and 4 of the fellow.

UKRI expect fellows to commit 100% of their time for the duration of the fellowship (so overheads should be generated on 100% FTE) but the salary requested should taper to 75% in years 3 and 4.

We think the best way to do this in Worktribe is to keep all entries as standard, but create two entries for the Fellow:

- Entry 1 = Yrs 1-2 entered as standard
- Entry 2 = Yrs 3-4 change "Price to Funder" to a "Custom % of Cost to Funder" of 60% (i.e. 80% of 75%)

This should give you the correct figures for internal use at Outline stage

JeS forms for Full Proposals require some adjusting, as MRC want the "RC contribution" to still show as 80% on the JeS form, but the excel form available on the MRC site will do these calculations.

Current FLFs at York

York currently has the following FLFs (as at March 2021)

- Benjamin Lichman (CNAP) [REDACTED]
- Luke Mackinder (CNAP) [REDACTED]
- Jamie Blaza (Chemistry) [REDACTED]
- Fay Alberti (History) [REDACTED]

A list of all FLF awardees is available on an Excel sheet towards the bottom of the UKRI's [What are Future Leaders Fellowships](#) page.

Time Commitment and Obligations of FLFs

Despite the UKRI contribution tapering off over the life of an FLF award, UKRI still expect Fellows to be working 100% on the FLF and not picking up other funding.

Excerpts from the [UKRI FLF guidance](#) are below, but in all cases it would be advisable for the Fellow to discuss their situation with UKRI to see what their options are.

(I've not been able to find a definition of the 'initial phase' that is mentioned below - I suspect this refers to the first 4 years of an FLF award, but please comment if you have seen anything definite.)

1.4 Time committed to the fellowship

Fellows not hosted by a business will spend up to six hours a week during the initial phase of the award (pro-rated for part-time fellows) on other commitments and related activities which will enhance their career development (e.g. teaching, demonstrating, peer-review, other funded projects or business-related activities).

Those with substantial ongoing research commitments as a result of participation in other grants must relinquish these in order to hold a UKRI FLF award.

1.8 Multiple submissions

Future Leaders Fellows not based in business or not applying for a Reduced Hours Fellowship can apply to be on a grant for a different project while simultaneously holding a UKRI fellowship, but they cannot request additional salary support whilst the fellowship is funded, and the award must be within the 6 hours a week permitted during the initial phase of the award.