

Fellowships



EPSRC Fellowships

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- A single **flexible** scheme to support **leading researchers** across a range of priority areas and career stages:
 - No eligibility restrictions based on years of postdoctoral experience or permanent academic tenure.
 - No requirement to dedicate 100% of your time.
 - No minimum duration.
 - No deadlines for submission.
- **You choose:**
 - How much of your time to support (>50% F.T.E., family friendly).
 - A resource package to support a range of costs.
 - The priority area and career stage (Post-doctoral, Early or Established) to be assessed against.



EPSRC/LWEC Challenge Fellowships

Invitation for Outline Proposals

How can our cities, their hinterlands, linking infrastructure, rural surround and the regions they are in, be transformed to be resilient, sustainable, more economically viable and generally better places to live?

10 June 2015 at 16:00



Rationale for Call to replace Priority Area

Only 8 applications to the existing priority area were received and none of them were of sufficient quality to be invited for interview.

The LWEC theme held a workshop on 10th February 2015: recommendations

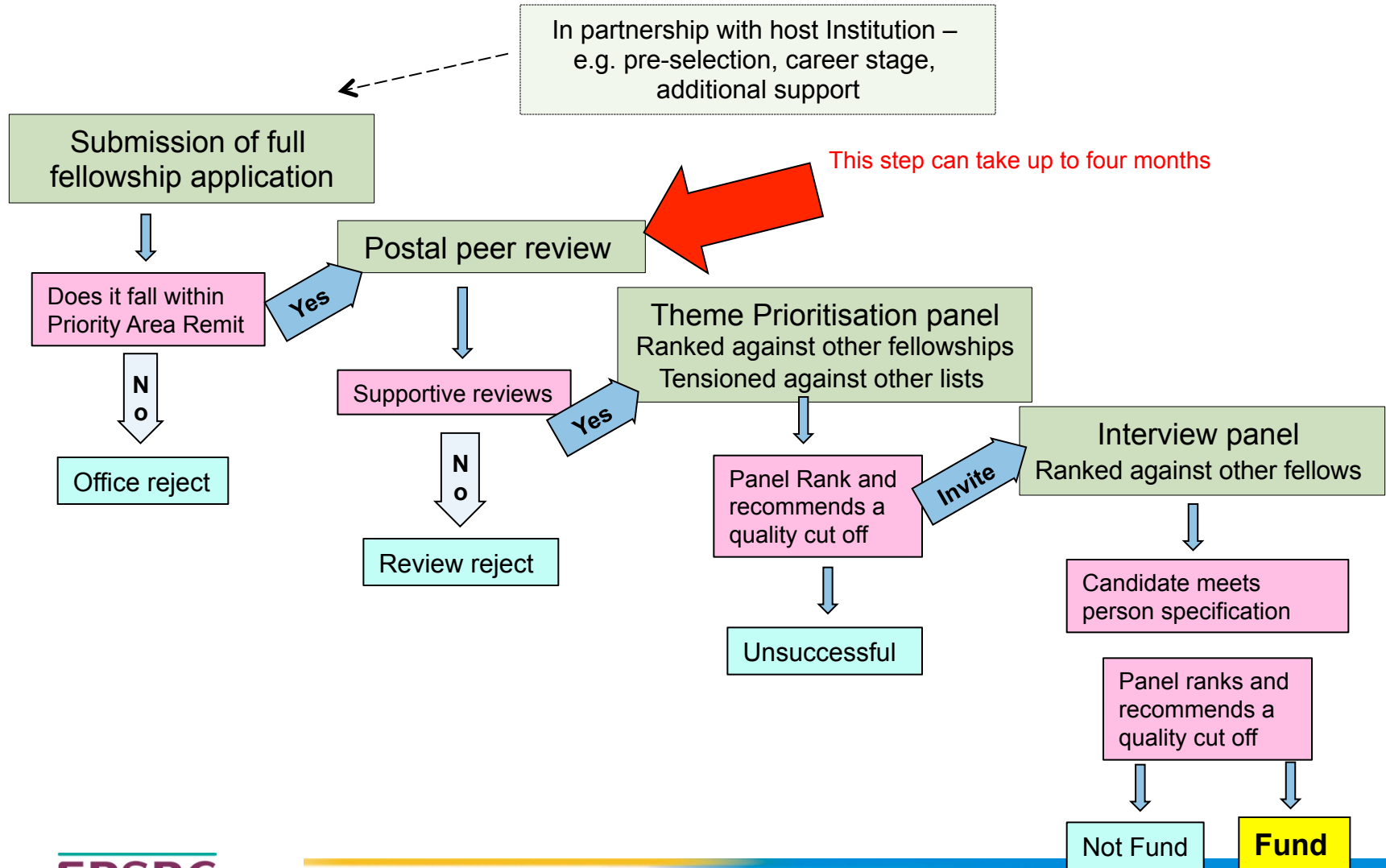
Fellowships at a Post Doctorate and Early Career stage should continue to be targeted to help ensure the future of this research area

A call for proposals would likely be a better mechanism to raise awareness and better elucidate the required research

A better focus for the call would be 'Cities' – some further guidance on this was provided by the workshop



EPSRC Fellowship: Assessment Process



Why Outlines

Outlines are essentially a reduced application stage where by proposals can be reviewed against clear criteria. They are a useful tool to manage demand on calls where a large number of proposals are expected.

Outlines can reduce:

- Internal effort, particularly for the UK SBS, as there are fewer full proposals to check; and Portfolio Managers by reducing the processing and refereeing burden
- External effort by the Peer Review Community by limiting the number of peer review comments which are required
- Applicant effort by limiting the number of full proposals they prepare

Fellowship Assessment Criteria

- Research Quality
- The candidate (including qualities and experience)
- Fit to the Call
- National Importance
- The Research Environment
- Impact
- Resources and Management



Outline Proposal

You only have 4 pages

Quality and Candidate are the most important criteria

1-1.5 pages describing the research, and why it fits the call.

1-1.5 pages describing yourself and why you are the best person to do the described research

1-2 pages for the other criteria (National Importance, The Research Environment, Impact, Resources and Management)



Full Proposal Stage

Proposal Cover Letter (up to a maximum two sides of A4)

Case for Support (up to a maximum nine sides of A4)

Pathways to Impact (up to a maximum two sides of A4)

Applicant's CV (up to a maximum two sides of A4)

Host Organisation Statement (up to a maximum two sides of A4)

Diagrammatic Work-plan (maximum one side of A4)

Justification of Resources (up to a maximum two sides of A4)

List of Publications(no page limit)

Where applicable:

Statements of Support from any project partners (no page limit)

Letters of support only in exceptional circumstances (no page limit)

Quotes and justification for equipment (no page limit) and Technical assessments



The Fellowship interview - Process

- Pre-interview discussion – 10 minutes
 - The introducers will summarise the issues
 - Panel will discuss and identify specific questions
 - Allocate roles, questions and order
- The interview – 35 minutes (approx)
 - Applicant presentation – 10 minutes
 - Questions from the panel – 20 - 25 minutes
- Post-interview discussion – 10 minutes
 - Update/complete – Interview summary report form
 - Formulate and agree specific feedback for the candidate



The role of the Fellowship interview panel

- The role of the interview panel is to primarily assess the qualities of **the Candidate** with reference to the **person specification** based on following competences;
 - Research excellence
 - Setting the research agenda
 - Strategic Vision
 - Profile and Influence
 - Inspirational Team leader
 - Communication and engagement skills
- All criteria may be assessed but **focus should be on individual** rather than on research (already has been expertly reviewed.)



The Applicant's Fellowship interview

The interview;

- Generally 35 minutes (approx)
Applicant presentation – 10 minutes
Questions from the panel – 20 - 25 minutes

The candidate should focus on;

- Key points of the proposed research;
novelty /excitement of the work, importance and expected outcomes
- Articulate their research vision , their role in delivering it and the host institutions commitment shown to their career.
- Why they should be awarded a fellowship – strategic fit to EPSRC
- Demonstrate fit to the person specification.

