

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851

Industrial Fellowships

2018 Terms and Conditions

Background

1. The aim of the scheme is to encourage profitable innovation and creativity in British Industry – to the mutual benefit of the Fellow and his or her sponsoring company. Projects in any science or engineering discipline will be considered.
2. These prestigious Fellowships, including an ERA Foundation Fellowship for the electro-technology sector, are awarded to selected, exceptional graduates with the potential to make an outstanding contribution to Industry for a programme of doctoral level research.
3. The Royal Commission lays no claim on intellectual property rights or commercial-in-confidence material.

Eligibility

4. The applicant must have a good first degree in engineering, science or medicine, and normally be within five years of degree graduation. Candidates who graduated more than five years ago may apply, but it is unlikely that those already having substantial post-graduate qualifications will be accepted.
5. At the time of application candidates must be employed by, or have an offer of employment from, a company in the UK or be in the first or second year of a UK University based doctoral programme strongly coupled to industry, such as through a Centre for Doctoral Training, CASE programme or similar entity. Company employed applicants must demonstrate a link between their employing company and appropriate staff at a UK University. CDT / CASE Candidates must demonstrate a clear tangible benefit to the company sponsoring their project as well as to the individual.
6. The applicant must have identified a research and/or development topic potentially leading to a patent, product or process in conjunction with a higher academic award, usually a PhD or EngD.

Status and Benefits

7. Duration of up to three years, renewable annually on receipt of satisfactory reports.
8. There are two possible arrangements under which a Fellowship may be held:
 - (a) *Company employed candidates*
 - i. 50% of the Fellow's salary, including the employer's share of national insurance and superannuation paid, up to a limit of £21,000 p.a., reviewed annually.
 - ii. University fees paid up to normal levels for UK students.
 - (b) *Nominated Doctoral Centre / CASE candidates*
 - i. An enhancement to the existing stipend of £2,000 p.a.
 - ii. Additional funding of up to £15,000 p.a. to support non-capital expenditure that will enhance the research project may be available, subject to a compelling case being made.
 - iii. *For those applying in the second year of their Doctorate:* in year 3 of the Fellowship (after graduation), if the Fellow is employed by the sponsoring company the award will be as (a) (i) above, with the aim of supporting the Fellow's transition to employment as well as publication and commercialisation of the EngD/Industrial Doctoral research. If the Fellow is not employed by the sponsoring company, funding for the third year will be considered on a case by case basis.
9. Travel is encouraged and costs up to £3,500 p.a. are paid in all cases.
10. An honorarium of £10,000 is paid to the University research department on completion to support the department's research programme.

Applications

11. Application is through website online submission applications.royalcommission1851.org/industrial-fellowships/login.aspx. The supporting documentation described below should be uploaded as PDF documents and accompany the application.
12. All applications should include:
 - a. A description by the candidate of the proposed programme of work including milestones and deliverables. This should show the balance of research and company activity together with costed travel plans.
 - b. Letters of endorsement for the project expressing support for the candidate from the intended Industrial Supervisor and Academic Supervisor. Considerable weight is given to these.
 - c. Company profile and information (maximum 4 sides).
13. Applications through Centres for Doctoral Training or CASE programmes must also include:
 - a. A letter of nomination from the Centre Director or equivalent. Any request for additional funding under clause 8(b) (ii) should be clearly justified.
 - b. A profile of the Centre for Doctoral Training (maximum 4 sides).
 - c. A statement from the sponsoring company setting out the resources it will provide to support the research effort and the impact expected on its business.
 - d. A statement from the candidate indicating plans for linking with and actively involving the sponsoring company in the proposed project.
14. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application has been completed according to the regulations, as the Commission will be unable to accept partially completed applications. **Completed applications must be submitted by 25 January 2018.**
15. Interviews of shortlisted candidates will be held in March 2018 with Fellowships commencing in October 2018.
16. The 1851 Royal Commission is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 ("the Act"). The Commission is registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office with registration number Z8305954. The Commission may collect and process personal data about you including your name, nationality, contact details (including email address(es), telephone numbers and postal address(es), lifestyle information and social circumstances, education and employment details, and any information relevant to your Fellowship application. Personal data acquired as a result of an application (whether acquired directly from you, or otherwise) will be processed solely to enable the Commission to administer the application process in accordance with its legitimate interests under the Act. Data relating to unsuccessful applicants is deleted within one year of the end of the application process, except that a record of the name, nationality, proposed project title, proposed Fellowship university, host company and progress through the application process is retained for the Commission's internal statistical / research purposes. Where a Fellowship is offered and accepted, data will be processed for a wider range of activities including the promotion of benefits and services provided to Fellows, invitations to events, distribution of relevant publications and notification of ways in which Fellows can support the Commission; full details will be provided at the time a Fellowship is offered. The Commission will take appropriate technical and organisational measures, as required by the Act, to prevent loss, misuse or alteration of your personal data. All data will be processed in accordance with your data subject rights. In particular, the Act gives you the right to access information the Commission holds about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the Act. Any access request may be subject to a fee and/or clarification as to your identity and the scope of your request. Personal data will only be disclosed to third parties where we have engaged them to process data on our behalf as part of administering the application process or when the Commission is legally required to do so (by a court, government body, law enforcement agency or other authority of competent jurisdiction). Otherwise, we will not disclose your personal information without your written permission. We do not sell data to other organisations and we do not transfer it outside of the European Economic Area. Under the terms of the Act you have the right to object to the use of your data for any of the above purposes; if you wish to do so, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details below.

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