Rutherford Strategic International Fellowships

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

The IAS in partnership with International Strategy & Relations (ISR), has established the Rutherford Strategic International Fellowships to provide a new mechanism to enhance our international partnerships and contribute to their future sustainability.

These fellowships are funded by an award from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy via the UUKi Rutherford scheme

The fellowships will allow Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to spend up to 3 months at Warwick in order to catalyse long-term interdisciplinary collaborations and undertake training activities to support their career development.

Fellowships are available across all subject areas and, in keeping with the IAS mission, applications which include collaborations across disciplines are encouraged, particularly those which show a strong link to the Global Research Priority areas.

In total, thirteen fellowships are available which must be completed by 31st March 2019.

Eligibility
The fellowships will support researchers in tenure-track or early academic positions who have less than 10 years postdoctoral experience (taken from the date given on the PhD certificate).

The fellowships will only be available to ECRs based at the following institutions;

- Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) – Brazil
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) – China
- Members of the Université Paris Seine (UPS) consortium – France

In addition Warwick will support further fellows from Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) who meet the postdoctoral experience requirement.

Applications cannot be accepted for fellows from any other institutions.

The Fellow must be nominated and hosted by a permanent Warwick academic staff member (including probationary staff) or holder of a fellowship awarded by an external funder (the duration of which extends beyond the proposed activity). Applications cannot be submitted independently by the potential Fellow themselves.

Deadlines and Review
All fellowships funded under this scheme must be allocated by 31st May 2018. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.
until the final deadline for submission of 5pm on the 1st May 2018 after which the scheme will be closed to further applications.

Should all thirteen fellowships be allocated before the final deadline then the scheme will close at that point. Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.

Proposals will be reviewed by a small college comprising representatives of IAS, ISR and relevant academics.

Funding available
Fellows will receive;

- A stipend of £2,000 per month
- Travel costs (including visa fees) of up to £2,000
- Research, support and training costs of up to £3,000

Accommodation will not be provided as part of the support package.

Any expenditure over these amounts must be covered by the Principal Applicant or their department. All expenditure must be in line with the University Financial Regulations.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted by uploading the following documents to the online application system;

1. A completed application form (available on the scheme webpage). This must be completed in line with the guidance given below and be signed by the applicant and Head of Department (or nominated representative). Electronic signatures are acceptable.

2. A CV (maximum 4 pages, in English) for the proposed Fellow highlighting any publications, activities or achievements that are especially relevant to this application.

3. A letter of support or email from an appropriate senior individual (e.g. the potential Fellow’s current line manager or Head of Department) giving an assessment of the candidate as a future research leader at the partner institution and how the fellowship would support this ambition.

Guidance for completing the application form

<p>| Principal Investigator | This should be the Warwick academic who will be the host and main collaborator with the fellow during their time at Warwick |</p>
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| Visit Details    | Fellowships should be for a maximum of 3 months and it is anticipated that applicants will make full use of this period.  
**Fellowships must be completed before 31/3/2019** |
| Case for Support | Please give a case for the fellowship under the headings given.  
**Expertise of the Proposed Fellow:** A short description of the research specialisation of the nominated fellow, highlighting any outstanding achievements in the field and link to the research of the nominating academic(s) as well as any evidence of interdisciplinarity and links to a GRP. The fellow should bring complementary skills or synergistic approaches to experimental, theoretical and other activities.  
**Existing collaboration or contact between the principal applicant and the above Institution:** A summary of the previous connection to the institution and/or fellow and any previous collaborative activities.  
**Expected outcomes of the collaboration:** Aims of the collaboration in the short, medium and long term highlighting how the fellowship will extend existing collaborative research activity and the anticipated impact on the career of the fellow. The fellow should create greater impact for existing projects, establish the feasibility of new projects, or obtain preliminary results which may deliver joint publications and applications for further research funding.  
**Schedule and description of proposed activities during the fellowship:** During their stay, it is anticipated that the alongside research, the Fellow will contribute to a number of activities targeting a variety of cross-disciplinary audiences. Applicants should therefore identify events and activities in which the proposed Fellow will participate. These may include activities such as, lectures, performances, exhibitions, seminars or workshops aimed at an interdisciplinary audience, cross-university and/or cross-sector meetings (possibly organised by GRPs), one-to-one exploration of further collaborative opportunities with groups/individuals in other areas; a focussed conference or workshop to create collaboration opportunities with researchers from other UK institutions, working with the Institute of Advanced Teaching & Learning to develop collaborative teaching activities |
and meeting with the IRS team to discuss support for continuing collaboration.

The development opportunities available to the fellow whilst at Warwick should also be considered. Fellows will be able to participate in the weekly IAS training sessions for ECRs (if appropriate) and would be expected to spend some time meeting with the IAS Early Career and WIRL-COFUND fellows to discuss their research and give their experience of developing an academic career.

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<th>Biography</th>
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For further information please contact IASProgCoordinator@warwick.ac.uk