



Expression of Interest: Early Career Fellowships

Expression of Interest for Early Career Researcher Fellowships to be hosted in the Department of Chemistry, University of Oxford

Independent Research Fellowships are an excellent way to support researchers as they develop from the post-doctoral stage of their career towards being established researchers. The Department seeks to encourage applications from outstanding individuals who are looking to develop their independent research identity and become a chemistry research leader of the future. We particularly encourage applications from external candidates.

Funding for the most prestigious fellowships is very competitive. In order to ensure that the fullest support is given to candidates that Oxford Chemistry is committed to hosting, there is a preliminary selection process. Potential candidates are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Oxford Chemistry Management Board (CMB). There are four submission deadlines each year (see below). This timetable is intended to give candidates the opportunity to prepare applications, with confirmed Departmental support, in order to meet deadlines of key sponsors.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss their research ideas with a member (or members) of academic staff in the Department, especially those with whom they might seek to collaborate. Researchers are also encouraged to contact the Chemistry Research Facilitator, at an early stage, to discuss the application process or if you have questions as to whether you need to submit an EoI. (research-facilitator@chem.ox.ac.uk)

If you would like to apply for an independent research fellowship to be hosted in Oxford Chemistry please submit your completed EoI, your CV and references to the Head of Department's office (execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk), including all of the information listed below by the deadline.

Applicants may be invited to an interview in the Department or by Skype / conference call. The process usually takes about 4 weeks but may take longer where an interview needs to be arranged.

Next Deadlines:

Wednesday 2nd August 2017

Wednesday 8th November 2017

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Expression of Interest: information required

- Sponsor / Awarding body and Fellowship scheme(s) you wish to apply to.
- Outline of your intended research program (up to two pages).
- Explanation of how your research proposal fits the stated research themes and strategic objectives of the sponsor and with those of the Department of Chemistry, Oxford.
- Give details of your future career plans; explain how an Independent Fellowship will aid your career. Why you are at the correct stage of your career to pursue this application now?
- Equipment you intend to request on your application. If applying to EPSRC, please indicate whether your equipment costs may count as "instrument development" as defined by EPSRC.
- Brief outline of your laboratory space and facilities access requirements (NMR, mass spec, etc)



- Other staff to be requested in the application if applicable (eg PDRA / Research Assistant).
- Please also ensure that brief supporting statements from two referees are submitted directly to the Head of Department's office. Preferably one of these should be a member of Oxford Chemistry academic staff.

Email EoI, CV and references to Sue Henderson at execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk

When assessing your application for departmental support, CMB will take into account:

- Your track record
- The research that you propose to carry out and how that fits with departmental strategy
- Access to required equipment and space
- Your career stage and why you would benefit from a Fellowship now.

Offers of Departmental support will be valid for 12 months from the date of confirmation by the Head of Department. Please note that individuals may not apply for these fellowships without prior support from the Department.

Once Departmental support has been confirmed, applicants will need to discuss the process for getting their budget calculated and signed off within Oxford Chemistry and should be aware of the Oxford Research Services submission deadline which is always 5 days prior to the deadline of the external sponsor.

Please contact the Chemistry Research Facilitator, (research-facilitator@chem.ox.ac.uk) for advice.