

EPSRC Enterprise Fellowships 2012 Application Guidelines

Applications are invited from EPSRC related PhD and post-doctoral researchers to win a fellowship which will support them through the early stages of turning research outputs into a commercial proposition. After the completion of the fellowship the prospective business idea should be in a much stronger position to secure further translational funding. Two fellowships are being offered, to start no later than 31st January 2012.

The application for the competition is in the form of an outline business plan. However, it should be stressed that this is in order to identify the nature of the business opportunity – the exploitation route for the opportunity may be through a license deal, joint venture or formation of a spin-out/start-up company. Short-listed applicants will pitch their ideas to a panel of judges before the two winners are announced.

Each fellowship offers:

- A maximum of £50,000, with up to £30,000 being allocated for salary costs and up to £20,000 for research related costs, travel and professional development.
- Fellows will be appointed a University of Nottingham business development mentor for the duration of the award.

Eligibility:

Candidates must have submitted a thesis (viva does not need to have taken place) by 31st January 2012 or be within 4 years post-doctoral award. Candidates must be either be a registered student or a current member of staff at the University of Nottingham.

Length/Place of Tenure:

Up to 8 months, at The University of Nottingham, to start no later than 31st January 2012.

Application Procedure:

- **All applicants must contact the Technology Transfer Office to discuss their application prior to submitting.** Please contact: Dr Caroline Sykes (ext. 30042, Licensing Executive Healthcare), Dr Alan Burbidge (ext. 66196, Licensing Executive Life Sciences) or Dr Yinka Ogunjimi (ext. 32189, Licensing Executive Physical Sciences & Engineering)
- The following documents must be sent to parmjit.dhugga@nottingham.ac.uk:
- By the applicant:
 - A completed application form. All information provided within this document should be written in non-confidential terms.
- Directly from referees:
 - Two references, one of which to be from the doctoral supervisor or current line manager. The references must be signed and sent as pdf documents.
 - Please ensure that you email your named referees a copy of the reference form to enable them to write your reference, together with a copy of your completed application form, and a copy of these guidance notes.
- Directly from Head of School/Research Division:
 - A signed pdf copy of the supporting statement from the relevant Head of School/Research Division indicating how the fellowship plans would fit with the School's strategy.
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Key Dates

- Closing date for applications – **25th November 2011**
- Panel Interview – **5th – 7th December 2011**
- Winners announced – **12th December 2011**