

UKRI / EPSRC- Turing Artificial Intelligence Acceleration Fellowships

Aim

This call is aimed at high potential AI researchers either in academia or industry with the potential to be world-leaders in the next five years and the vision to use the fellowship to attain this world leading position.

Strong emphases within this programme will be on creativity of ideas, thought and approach, and on enabling new models of collaboration between academia and other sectors. The research should show significant novelty in the development of AI technologies and should go beyond applying established AI approaches within applications.

Fellows will be expected to actively seek to develop into a position of leadership in their host organisation, in the national and international research community, and engage with and influence the strategic direction of UK AI research. Fellows should build strong relationships and collaborations with stakeholders in the UK and internationally. For full details about this funding opportunity please [visit the funder's website](#).

Eligibility

- AI researchers either in academia or industry with the potential to be world-leaders in the next five years and the vision to use the fellowship to attain this world leading position.
- UK-based and international researchers.
- no standardised eligibility criteria are set.
- significant research experience and a track record of developing collaborative relationships.
- mid-career fellowships- awards are not suitable for applicants considering early-career fellowships people employed in all sectors.

Each host organisation is allowed to submit up to **four** applications therefore an internal selection process has been implemented.

RHUL INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS

Timeline

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| 15 January 2020 5pm (UK time) | Deadline for expressions of interest Please refer to the guidelines below when preparing your application. To submit your expression of interest and for any further enquiries in relation to this application please contact researchservices@rhul.ac.uk |
| w/c 20 January 2020 | Review panel meets and selects up to four applicants Assessment criteria are: Fit to the call, quality of the research idea and applicant's research track record. |
| w/c 27 January 2020 | RHUL results announced Results will be announced soon after the review panel has made decisions and no later than 27 th January. Successful candidates will be allocated an academic mentor who will work with the applicant in the development of the full proposal. |
| 18 February 2020 | Funder's submission deadline for Outline applications |

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Expression of Interest

We recommend you to read and be very familiar with the call documents available on the funder's website. Your expression of interest should include:

- Name and contact details
- Research plan (up to 1000 words).
- CV (up to two sides of A4)

The research plan should include a brief explanation of the proposed research including: a clear articulation of its novelty and creativity in a national and international context; how it will lead to the development of new AI technologies and capabilities in the UK, beyond applying established AI approaches within applications; plans for initiating, developing, building and sustaining relationships with partners in other sectors; how you will realise the career mobility objectives of the fellowship.

Your CV should specifically cover the following: your ability to choose, build and develop appropriate collaborations and networks nationally, internationally or across disciplines; your ability to lead and develop a team or take a leading role in the field; and show an ability to identify and maximise potential in others. Your employment history, listed in reverse order. Please start with your current employment and make sure that the title of your current post is clear. Your research history, listed in reverse order. The dates of any degrees obtained and the viva date for your PhD should be stated or equivalent experience explained.

Applications not considering the criteria above and/or exceeding the number of words and pages established in this website will be immediately rejected and not considered for evaluation.

Please submit your Expression of Interest to researchservices@rhul.ac.uk no later than 15th January 2020.

Assessment criteria

All applications will be assessed considering: fit to the call, quality and novelty of the research plan, and applicant's track record.

Post-award expectation

All successful Fellows are expected to:

- build a world-leading profile by the end of their fellowship;
- build and develop a high-quality programme of ambitious, novel and creative research, in an area of AI technology of opportunity for the UK;
- actively seek to develop into a position of leadership in their host organisation, and in the national and international research community by the end of their fellowship;
- build strong relationships and collaborations with colleagues in industry and academia, and maximise the potential for flexible career paths;
- act as an ambassador and advocate for AI, science, and equality, diversity and inclusion;
- seek to engage with and influence the strategic direction of the UK AI research and innovation landscape through engagement with their peers, policy makers, and other stakeholders including the public;
- deliver research with a high likelihood of impact on UK society and the economy;
- build a broader portfolio of funding and activities beyond this fellowship.

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