



## 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.

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, the candidates are expected to undergo a preliminary selection process. Potential candidates are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Oxford Chemistry Management Board (CMB). This timetable is intended to give candidates the opportunity to prepare applications, with confirmed Departmental support, in order to meet deadlines of key sponsors. The Department of Chemistry welcomes applications in all areas of chemistry and especially from the list mentioned on the website

If you would like to apply for an independent research fellowship to be hosted in Oxford Chemistry please submit your research proposal, completed EoI form, your CV and references to the Head of Department's office ([execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk)) and cc Rachel MacCoss ([rachel.maccoss@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.maccoss@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:

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020*

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

### Expression of Interest: information required

- Research proposal (2 pages max). Anything beyond 2 pages will not be reviewed.
- CV
- Application Form (which can be found on the webpage) including the following information:
  - Sponsor / Awarding body and Fellowship scheme(s) you wish to apply to
  - Research fit
  - Future career plans
  - Equipment
  - Laboratory space and facilities
  - Staff requirements
- 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 research proposal, Eol form, CV and references to Sue Henderson at [execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:execasstchem@chem.ox.ac.uk) and cc Rachel MacCoss ([rachel.maccoss@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.maccoss@chem.ox.ac.uk)).

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

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

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 Rachel MacCoss, Chemistry's Senior Research Facilitator, ([rachel.maccoss@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.maccoss@chem.ox.ac.uk)) for advice.