

For the Attention of the Heads of Departments and Departmental Administrators

Copied to the Heads and Secretaries and the Assistant Directors and Research Development Teams (ROO) for all Schools

(a separate email has been sent to Heads of Schools and School Secretaries advising them on the requirement for Schools to undertake a selection/ranking process)

Restricted call: Future Leaders Fellowship, Round 8 (internal deadline: 27th April, 2023)

UKRI has announced the [Future Leaders Fellowship Round 8](#). This scheme aims to support the most talented early career researchers and innovators who are transitioning to or establishing research independence. The number of applicants that the University of Cambridge is permitted to submit is capped at 10 for this round and the call will therefore be managed according to the University's [restricted calls policy](#).

Fellowships run on a 4+3 year model with total award values typically up to £2m. The scheme is open to both UK applicants and international applicants looking to take up a role at a UK-based organisation.

In a change to the previous round, there is no Outline stage for this call and so applicants that are successful at the internal selection will move immediately to the full application stage. More information on the scheme can be found in the [General Scheme Overview](#) and the [Scheme Guidance](#) for Round 8.

Schools are asked to each provide a ranked lists of individuals they recommend are supported to apply to this round of funding. Departments should therefore be in touch with their School office to discuss the selection/ranking process and timetable.

If there are more applications put forward by the Schools than the UKRI limit of 10, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research will review the numbers and rankings, and we will contact the Schools to confirm the number of applications each School may submit. Please note that applicants that haven't been through the School ranking stage of the internal selection process will not be accepted or included in the University of Cambridge submission for this funding call.

The deadline for submission of full applications to UKRI is 4th July 2023. The usual [Research Operations Office deadline policies](#) apply to this call and Department's should seek advice on accurate costing of the Fellow's salary by contacting the appropriate [ROO based team](#) for your School.

This call requires a Pro-Vice-Chancellor Support letter. Further information regarding support letters will be circulated to the successful internal applicants and their Departments.

Overview of internal process:

NB For ease of reference, internal deadlines are marked in red.

- **27th March, 2023:** funder opens call
- **27th April, 2023:** Internal deadline for Schools to pass on ranked list of supported applicants & summary of internal selection process to researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk
- **27th June, 2023:** ROO deadline for full applications (5 working days prior to the funder deadline)
- **4th July, 2023:** Funder deadline for submission of full applications

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk.