

## ***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)*

### **Pre-announcement: Restricted call: Future Leaders Fellowship, Round 9**

UKRI has pre-announced the [Future Leaders Fellowship Round 9](#). 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.

Following the same approach as for 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 [call webpage](#). Note that this is currently a pre-announcement and some of the information will be updated ahead of the call opening on 29 February.

Schools have been asked to each provide a ranked lists of individuals they recommend are supported to apply to this round of funding. **Departments should therefore await communication from their School office to understand 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 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024. 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.

Applications to this call will require a Pro-Vice-Chancellor Support statement. Further information regarding the process for this element will be circulated to the successful internal applicants and their Departments.

### Overview of internal process:

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

- **29 February 2024:** funder opens call
- **09 April 2024:** Internal deadline for Schools to pass on ranked list of supported applicants and summary of internal selection process to [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk)
- **11 June 2024:** ROO deadline for full applications (5 working days prior to the funder deadline)
- **18 June 2024:** 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](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk)