Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Science

Funder Deadlines

Preliminary Stage Application: 2nd July 2019, 5pm
Full Stage Application: 12th September 2019, 5pm
Interviews: January 2020

An X5 costing is required at both Preliminary (‘outline’ X5) and Full Stages.

Important: Depending on the composition of the project budget, the fEC value may exceed the £250,000 threshold and require full checks by the Research Operations Office (ROO). You will need to ensure that you allow enough time for the 7 or 5 day Research Operations Office (ROO) turnaround times if this is the case. fEC values under £250,000 will require a 1 day turnaround. Please see below for details:

ROO deadlines:

7 day deadline 21st June 2019, 5pm
5 day deadline 25th June 2019, 5pm
1 day deadline 1st July 2019, 5pm

Principal Investigator

Applicants must be based (or plan to be based) in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, or a ‘low-to-middle-income country’.

Research Fellowships support applicants in the early stages of their careers as well as more established researchers, but are not open to applicants holding an established (permanent) academic post or a contract that will outlast the Fellowship. Employment on a rolling contract is regarded as effectively holding an established post.

In most cases, applicants must have been awarded their PhD in order to be eligible. The applicant is required to name a sponsor and a supervisor/research mentor. The sponsor must have an established post at the University and can also be the supervisor/research mentor.

Budget Limit & Categories

Research Fellowships will not usually exceed £275,000 and are for a maximum of three years, for full time applicants. If personal circumstances justify a part time Fellowship, the duration may be extended pro-rata.

The salary of the applicant will be paid in full by the project. Visa expenses and personal removal expenses up to £1,000 can be included with justification.

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https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/research-fellowships-humanities-and-social-science
Eligible research expenses include:

- Travel and subsistence for fieldwork, essential visits to archives and libraries, collaborative visits. Subsistence costs are capped to rental costs only for visits of more than one month.
- Conference attendance including registration fees, up to a limit of £2,000 per annum, £1,000 per person for each conference
- Research materials and consumables (e.g. archival photocopying, materials directly related to hosting workshops and interviews)
- Consultancy fees
- Data collection and fieldwork costs
- Public engagement materials where dissemination is a key activity of the project
- Recruitment, advertising and interviewee travel costs for staff to be employed - in exceptional circumstances, funding for a research assistant or technician to work full-time or part-time can be requested

The Trust does not fund on the basis of fEC and information on this cost is not required at preliminary stage. Approximate costs are given at preliminary stage, across broad headings. Detailed costings, including a note on the fEC must be provided at full stage.

The Trust do not pay overheads except in exceptional circumstances, details of which can be found here.

VAT is eligible, and should be added to applicable budgets at 20%.

Open Access (OA) – the University is provided with a grant by the Wellcome Trust to support their OA policy. The OA team will advise at the point a manuscript is uploaded whether it is eligible for funding. Costs for OA should not be included as a direct cost in the application. The Wellcome Trust policy can be found here.

**Wellcome Trust Grants Tracker**

Applications are made through the Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker. Applicants must register an account the Grants Tracker prior to submitting an application.

Further information on the Grants Tracker can be found here.

**Application Process**

At preliminary stage, when the applicant submits in the Grants Tracker portal, the application will go directly to the Wellcome Trust, without an institutional approval step. Prior to submitting the preliminary application, a PDF of the application and the X5 should be submitted to the ROO in accordance with the above deadlines. The X5 costing should be used to obtain the approximate costs requested, using the following details:

Sponsor: [WELLCOME] WELLCOME TRUST
Scheme: Standard 2%

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If the value of the application is below £250,000 fEC, the ROO recommend checking applications against the departmental checklist for applications under £250,000 fEC, which can be downloaded from the ROO website in the ‘Before you submit your application’ section.

If invited to submit an application at full stage, changes from the preliminary stage are permitted. The Grants Tracker application and X5 will need to be approved by the Research Operations Office, in accordance with the ROO internal deadlines:

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