

Develop your research career at The Rosalind Franklin Institute



Now seeking research fellows

The Franklin is looking for talented researchers embarking on their first fellowship.

Our work here at The Franklin will change the way we see life.

We are developing technologies here which offer factor of ten advances on the current state of the art in biological imaging and chemistry.

We believe that The Franklin offers a unique environment for research. We offer access to and the ability to co-develop our technologies, and we seek to answer research questions which are globally important. We develop our teams with a research culture that is challenging, rewarding, and supportive.

As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, we are keen to hear from prospective fellows from underrepresented communities in research.

What we offer

- Access to Franklin imaging technologies in our unique research environment
- Collaboration with world leading research teams at Harwell
- Access to our member network of ten UK Universities, industrial and international collaborations
- We will work closely with fellows to identify next steps beyond their fellowship, and offer soft landing funding with a collaborator at the end of the fellowship period
- Mentoring and support throughout which will develop your research career whether you decide to go further in academia, transition to industry, or take your first steps into entrepreneurship
- Opportunities to supervise students at PhD level through our Franklin DTP and through external collaborations
- Teaching opportunities can be arranged through collaborating organisations

What research questions are we looking for?

We are open to any research questions which make use of one or preferably more of our advanced technologies.

As our research is driven by the unifying theme of infection and inflammation, research questions in this area are particularly welcome, but our remit covers all areas of human health and disease and linked biological problems in food security and resilience against the health impacts of climate change.

We are also keen to support research technical professionals in fellowships which contribute to the factor-of-ten technology advances we seek to attain. The EPSRC Open Fellowships are now open to technical applicants, and we welcome applicants seeking a sole or joint fellowship in this field.

How to bring your fellowship to The Franklin

We recommend all prospective fellows contact one of our science directors (in the case of interdisciplinary projects, please feel free to address your enquiry to multiple themes) to discuss how your research vision fits with the activities and technologies here at The Franklin.

Science directors can be contacted via info@rfi.ac.uk in the first instance – we will direct all enquires to the appropriate person.

Following initial conversations, we will require the following:

- Indication of preferred funding route (which fellowship(s) you will be applying for)
- A Royal Society Resume for Researchers format CV, including an outline of your research vision in the 'personal statement' section <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/research-culture/tools-for-support/resume-for-researchers/>
- A link to your publication history (google scholar link or ORCID)

We operate a gathered field for candidates twice per year, with deadlines on the **31st March and 30th September**.

Please submit in advance of these dates through opportunities.rfi.ac.uk

Successful candidates will receive full support in costing and drafting their fellowship application.

Which fellowships can we accept?

We don't have a fixed list of fellowships which we can accept, but we prefer fully funded fellowships.

Part funded fellows are welcome to apply and discuss how we might find a collaborating organisation to meet funding requirements.

Useful links and schemes:

UKRI: their funding finder tool offers information on relevant fellowships from EPSRC (Open Fellowships), MRC (Career Development Fellowships), and BBSRC. www.ukri.org

Wellcome: Wellcome are currently reviewing their funding schemes, but details of available schemes will be available from spring 2021. www.wellcome.org

Royal Society: Details of fellowships can be found at www.royalsociety.org

About us:

The Rosalind Franklin Institute is based on the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, located in South Oxfordshire.

The campus is close to transport links to London, Bristol, Cardiff and Reading, and sits in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

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