

The Department of Chemistry is looking to support individuals of outstanding merit and potential who might wish to apply for one of the following research fellowships:

Royal Society University Research Fellowship
EPSRC Early Career Fellowship
BBSRC David Philips Fellowship
NERC Advanced Research Fellowship
Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Dale Fellowship
MRC Career Development Award
MRC Senior Non-clinical Fellowship

The Department invites Expressions of Interests (EOI) from candidates that would like to apply to hold one of these fellowships in the Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge. This process is intended to identify the candidates that the Department will commit to hosting and supporting in the event of an award. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their EOI with a member of the Department.

All potential applicants **must submit an expression of interest to Daphne Kaufhold (fellowships2012@ch.cam.ac.uk) by 13:00 May the 17th 2012.**

The EOI should include:

- 1) A cover letter, indicating which of the following five research areas best encompasses the research field proposed: Materials Chemistry; Physical Chemistry; Theory Modelling and Informatics; Synthetic Chemistry; and Biological.
Please specify in the covering letter if you have discussed your EOI with an academic member of staff in this Department.
- 2) A CV including a publications list and 3 referees that we can approach prior to interview (maximum 2 pages).
- 3) A Research Statement summarizing: The aims and importance of the research proposed, a brief research plan, why the Department should support you as a candidate, why you would like to hold a fellowship at Cambridge, your longer term ambitions as an independent researcher, a brief description of the kind of team you would envisage to deliver on the research aims, and anticipated resource requirements (maximum 3 pages).

Late Expressions of Interest (EOI) will not be considered. Where an EOI is incomplete or exceeds any of the page limits specified, the Department reserves the right reject the EOI.

We intend to draw up a short-list of around ten applicants covering all fellowship schemes by the end of June 2012. Those short-listed will be invited to visit the Department on the 17th of July to give a research seminar and meet members of academic staff. However, members of the Department may contact you in advance of the July date to discuss your EOI. Short-listed applicants will be advised shortly after the visit to the Department on the 17th of July whether the Department will support their application, and to which fellowship scheme they can apply.

Candidates that have submitted an EOI to the Department in previous years are welcome to reapply. Any candidate that was supported by the Department during a previous round but was not successful in securing a Fellowship from an external sponsor must submit a new EOI this year.

Much of this procedure will necessarily take place before calls for proposals have been announced by sponsors, but the timescale is determined by the likelihood of the earliest submission dates being in August and the need to give applicants enough time to prepare their applications and receive feedback.

The Department is likely to run a second round later in the year, however the second annual call for Expressions of Interest will be restricted to those funders with a closing date from January to July 2013. The current call for EOIs, with a closing date on the 17th of May 2012, will cover all Fellowship programmes and successful candidates will receive the Department's support to apply to sponsors for up to 1 calendar year.