

Newton International Fellowship

Internal closing date for budget approval	Sunday 9 March 2025	@Sugandren Moodley @Zusake Sokutu
Internal closing date	Wednesday 12 March 2025	@Eleanor van der Westhuizen
Newton final closing date	Tuesday 18 March 2025, 15:00	

The Newton International Fellowship programme is currently available; it allows flexibility during the fellowship, which can be held either on a full-time or on a part-time basis for health reasons or caring responsibilities.

Please note that it is essential that you familiarise yourself with the framework document. Also make sure that you have contact and discussions between the UK-based sponsor and yourself prior to submitting an application. This should lead to a clearly defined research proposal and a clear understanding of the needs of the award holder and the responsibilities of the sponsor.

This programme provides support for outstanding early-career researchers with a PhD or who are in the final stages of their PhD, provided that it will be completed before the start date of the fellowship. **Applicants should have no more than seven years active full-time postdoctoral experience** at the time of application, including teaching experience, time spent in industry on research, honorary positions, and/or visiting researcher positions.

Research must be within the Royal Society's remit of **natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics**. For a full list, please see the attached guidance page with subject groups and areas.

Subject groups and areas

- [Computer Science](#)
- [Pure and Applied Mathematics](#)
- [Astronomy and Physics, Theoretical Physics, Applied Physics](#)
- [Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Theoretical Chemistry](#)
- [Engineering, Technology, Instrumentation, Material Science, Experimental Fluid Dynamics](#)
- [Earth Sciences, Environmental Physical Sciences](#)
- [Biochemistry, Structural Biology, Molecular Cell Biology](#)
- [Developmental Biology, Genetics \(excl. population genetics\), Immunology, Microbiology \(excl. medical microbiology\)](#)
- [Anatomy, Physiology, Neurosciences](#)
- [Organismal Biology, Evolutionary and Ecological Science \(incl. soils and agriculture\)](#)
- [Health and Human Sciences](#)

[Read more about subject groups and areas.](#)

Total funding available

Applicants are permitted to apply for up to £280 000. This is a maximum value over two years (i.e., the total contribution requested from the society may not exceed £280 000, excluding visa and relocation costs).

The total grant cap may be exceeded in order to cover relocation/visa costs if this is well justified in the application.

Funding can cover the following:

- Basic salary costs as set by the host institution and associated on-costs
- Research expenses
- Relocation and visa costs for Newton International fellow and their dependents (partner and children). The total grant cap may be exceeded in order to cover relocation/visa costs if this is well justified in the application
- Estate costs and indirect costs

Eligible fieldwork

- Applicants cannot conduct their research outside the UK, but short fieldwork trips abroad may be possible where appropriate.
- Short fieldwork trips abroad must **not normally total more than one month per annum**. Please note that fieldwork is defined as “(practical) gathering of material or data specifically for the Newton International Fellowship project”.

To complete and submit the application form, the lead applicant is required to provide supporting statements or references from four individuals. The following individuals must be included:

- Departmental support. Head of department at the UK host institution: The head of department is expected to detail your suitability for the department as well as agree to meet the commitments outlined in the ‘Commitments from the Host Organisation’ section of these scheme notes (section 4.4 above).
- UK sponsor. Please note – if the UK sponsor is also the head of department at the host organisation, an alternative referee is required to supply the institutional and departmental support reference as noted above, e.g. deputy head or head of school.
- Two nominated references. It is requested that one referee be nominated by the applicant and one by the UK sponsor.
- The primary consideration for a referee is that they are able to comment authoritatively on your application. You should make sure they are able to provide a reference before adding them to your application.
- The referee nominated by the applicant should be someone who has worked closely with you and is familiar with your research (for example, a PhD or postdoctoral supervisor, mentor, or prior collaborator); they can be based in or outside the UK.
- The referee nominated by the UK sponsor does not need to know you personally and should be based in the UK.
- At least one nominated referee must be based in the UK. If neither of the nominated referees are based in the UK, the application will be made ineligible.

Using flexi-grant ®

Applications can only be submitted online using the Royal Society’s grants management system (Flexi-Grant®) via <https://grants.royalsociety.org>. Further information about the grants management system can be found via <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/flexi-grant/>. If you have not previously used Flexi-Grant®, please follow the

registration process from the Flexi-Grant® homepage. ***Paper-based applications will not be accepted.***

More information: [Newton International Fellowships 2025](#)