

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS

REGULAR FELLOWSHIP FUNDING CALLS - 2024-25

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During the course of each academic year, there are a number of regular fellowship funding calls that are relevant to our researchers. The Directors Committee has agreed that details of these fellowships should be circulated so that staff can plan applications and understand what, if any, internal selection procedures are in place.

This document is not exhaustive and contains details of fellowship calls that the Department regularly engages with. For the avoidance of doubt, all applications for research or fellowship funding must be made via the Department and in collaboration with the Research Grants Team (grants@damtp.cam.ac.uk).

Fellowship funding calls have been divided into three categories:

- **Open** – no restrictions on the numbers of applications supported by the Department
- **Internal selection** – the Directors Committee will review applications and approve support before an application can be submitted to the funder. This will usually be due to the numbers of applications received or restrictions on the numbers of applications that a Department can put forward to the School or the central Research Strategy Office
- **By invitation only** – the Directors Committee will consider inviting candidates to put forward an application.

All applications must be made via the DAMTP Grants Team (grants@damtp.cam.ac.uk)

Open calls

Candidates wishing to apply to these fellowship schemes should contact the DAMTP Grants Team for information as soon as possible and no later than 4 weeks before the funder deadline (or intended date of submission for responsive mode calls) (grants@damtp.cam.ac.uk).

- [EPSRC Open Fellowships](#)
EPSRC operate this scheme as an **open call with no deadline**. This scheme is aimed at researchers already in receipt of significant funding or who are leading in an area of technical development. Applications to this scheme must be approved by the DAMTP Directors Committee.
- [EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)
EPSRC operate this scheme as an **open call with no deadline**. This scheme is aimed at junior researchers. Note that Stephen Hawking Fellowships used to be part of this call but EPSRC are no longer taking new applications for the SHF scheme. Applications to this scheme must be approved by the DAMTP Directors Committee.
- [EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowships](#) (for EPSRC-funded PhD students only - managed by PGO)
Anticipated deadline: May 2025
- [Ernest Oppenheimer Early Career Research Fellowships](#)
Anticipated deadline: early January 2025
- [Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships](#)
Anticipated deadline: June 2025

Internal selection calls

For the calls listed below, an internal deadline for sending applications to the Grants Team will be set and communicated to staff in the department. Where appropriate, details will also be published on our web pages. These schemes are either very popular or are restricted (or both!). If you are interested in any of these schemes, please contact the Grants Team as soon as possible before the internal deadline.

We are aware that for some schemes, candidates may have prepared applications well in advance of the deadlines. Where this is the case, and where there is no limit on the number of applications the Department is allowed to support, candidates are welcome to submit their applications early.

The details below include the anticipated internal deadlines for each scheme. Full details will be circulated as and when calls are opened.

[Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships](#)

Note that this scheme provides 50% salary funding only. Candidates must apply for matching funds from the [Isaac Newton Trust](#) before applying to Leverhulme. The Department is able to support two applications to the INT per year and these will be subject to internal selection.

Please note that the DAMTP Directors are considering whether to continue supporting this call due to recent announcements in changes to the level of funding provided by the Isaac Newton Trust.

Internal deadline for applications: 31st October 2024

[Royal Commission 1851 Research Fellowships](#)

1851 Research Fellowships are intended to give early career scientists or engineers with 3 years of less postdoctoral experience the opportunity to conduct innovative research of their own instigation. The closing date is usually in December. Anticipated internal deadline: November 2024.

[Royal Society Newton International Fellowships](#)

This scheme is aimed at international early career researchers. The scheme changed in 2023 - all fellows are now employees of the host institution (rather than visiting researchers on a stipend). We receive high numbers of applications and these will now be subject to internal selection. The closing date is usually in March. Anticipated internal deadline for applications: February 2025.

[Royal Academy of Engineering Fellowships](#)

The University runs a restricted call for these fellowships and requires departments to limit numbers and rank the candidates they put forward. Staff will be notified by email from the Grants Team when the scheme launches. Anticipated internal deadline: February 2025.

[UKRI Ernest Rutherford Fellowships](#)

The Department is able to host a limited number of fellows per year. The internal deadline for submission of applications will be detailed on the web pages of the Ernest Rutherford Fellowships scheme. Please contact James Parke, GR Group Secretary, for more information. (gr-secretary@damtp.cam.ac.uk). Anticipated internal deadline for applications: early July 2025.

[Royal Society University Research Fellowships](#)

Due to the numbers of candidates applying for these fellowships, the Department will set an internal deadline for applications to be received. Staff will be notified by email from the Grants Team about deadlines. Anticipated internal deadline for applications: July 2025

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

This is a prestigious and high-value scheme aimed at early/mid-career researchers who wish to carry out their research activities abroad. The closing date is 11 September 2024. The anticipated internal deadline for the next round is August 2025.

[Royal Society Wolfson Visiting Fellowship](#)

The RS Wolfson Visiting Fellowship scheme provides funding up to £125k to provide bursaries for Visiting Fellows, research expenses and relocation/visa costs. The University operates a restricted call for this scheme and the Department is able to put forward one candidate per year. The closing date is usually in late September. Anticipated internal deadline: early September 2025.

[Herchel Smith Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

This call is administered by the Research Strategy Office. Limited numbers of these fellowships are available each year and the scheme operates a rotating award with subjects being advertised each year. Depending on the subject area, the Department will consider whether to operate an internal selection process to identify applications for forwarding to the Research Strategy Office. Staff will be notified by email from the Grants Team when applications are open. Anticipated internal deadline (if required): late November 2025.

Invitation only calls

Applications to these schemes can only be made by researchers invited to do so by the Directors Committee. Expressions of interest in these schemes should be sent to Rachel Plunkett, Business and Operations Manager (dampsec@maths.cam.ac.uk), at least 6 months before the submission deadline.

[Royal Society Faraday Discovery Fellowships](#)

This scheme will run for the first time in 2024 offering high-value awards (up to £8m over 10 years). It is aimed at outstanding mid-career STEM researchers.

[UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships](#)

Applications to this scheme are submitted to the School for review and ranking. Deadline is usually in March.