

City University of London Presidential Fellowship Scheme

FAQs for Applicants

What is the start date for the Fellowship?

The Presidential Fellowships are expected to start in Autumn 2023. We will provide training and career development support for the cohort starting in late Autumn. Mentoring arrangements will be agreed with each Presidential Fellow to support their development plans and help them reach their potential.

Is there a maximum amount of post-doctoral experience expected?

There are no eligibility rules based on previous post-doctoral experience, but the scheme is aimed at early career researchers. Applicants will be assessed on their quality, potential, and track record, relative to their career stage.

Do I have to have been awarded my PhD to be able to apply?

The scheme is aimed at post-doctoral researchers. Presidential Fellows are expected to have passed their viva and made any required corrections before the start date of their fellowship.

What do I need to include in my research proposal?

Applicants should complete the personal details section and the selection questions on the online application form and also upload the following documents:

- A **Covering Letter** (no more than two sides of A4, 2 cm margins, font size 11).
- **Research Proposal** (no more than 4 pages, A4, font size 11)
Please include the title of your proposed project, the nature of the research, its aims and any planned outputs. The vision and aims of your plan are especially important. Please also include sections on 1) your long-term career aspirations, and 2) how you will contribute to and develop research at the University working with an existing group of researchers. Your proposal should be no more than four sides of A4 (2 cm margins, font size 11) pages and should be uploaded as part of your application. Please view the four pages as an absolute upper limit and do not use a smaller font size. Panels will not consider materials that fall outside of these limits.
- A **Curriculum Vitae** (including your education and employment history)
- One **Research Output** with a brief statement explaining your contribution to the work if necessary.

What is included in the Fellowship appointment?

The package includes three years' salary on grade 6 of the University salary scale. Additional research costs and support will be managed through local School processes. ECRs can also apply for the University ECR Pump Priming scheme. All Fellows will participate in a mentoring scheme and have the opportunity to participate in a career development programme.

Will I be expected to teach?

The focus of the Presidential Fellowships is research. The [University Strategy](#) is based on our two main areas of activity 1) education and the student experience and 2) research and enterprise. Fellows may be asked to teach to support their integration into the School and to

help them to prepare for a permanent academic position. This will vary according to the School but will not be more than 20% of the Fellow's time. We will provide support through our Learning Enhancement and Development team (LEaD) for those fellows undertaking teaching.

Am I expected to secure external funding?

Yes. We strongly encourage applicants to source external funding and support to develop and submit your proposals will be provided.

I would need a visa for my fellowship. What do I do?

For successful candidates who require a visa to work in the UK, City, University of London will act as sponsor for a Tier two visa application. In order to move onto a permanent academic contract, successful candidates will also require the right to work in the UK.

I already have a permanent position, can I apply?

Candidates are *not* normally expected to have a permanent position, as they may already be considered to have achieved the aims of the scheme. However, we do take into account diverse career paths and will assess eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

Can I apply to the Fellowship if I am based at another University?

Yes, the scheme is open to internal and external candidates, including those based outside the UK.

Do I need to identify a host Department/Unit or Centre at City?

Yes. An important aspect of the role is that you will be able to work with colleagues in a supportive research environment. We encourage applicants working in a broad range of areas identified in the advertisement.

My work is interdisciplinary, can I still apply?

Yes. But you do need to be able to work within or between existing areas at City so that we can provide the appropriate environment to support you. Do please speak to relevant colleagues before making your application.

Will I automatically become a lecturer at the end of 3 years?

Progression to an open-ended contract will be dependent on satisfactory performance. Each Fellow will work closely with a research lead/mentor. At the start of the Fellowship the relevant Head of Department or equivalent will clarify what is expected to transition to a lectureship. There is a formal appraisal each year to ensure that the individual is performing at the expected level, is fully supported, and is on track to progress to a lectureship.