Frequently Asked Questions – EBI Early Career Fellowships

Can I have more than 1 academic sponsor?

Yes. Please ask all the potential sponsors to sign the ‘EBI Early Career Fellowship academic sponsorship form’ available from our website http://www.bristol.ac.uk/blackwell/funding/early/ and submit a joint statement of support.

Do I need to identify and approach a suitable academic sponsor before submitting an application?

Yes. You should identify potential academic sponsor(s) at the University of Bristol in whose group/lab you could spend your fellowship. Please ensure the ‘EBI Early Career Fellowship academic sponsorship form’ is completed by the sponsor(s) and Head of School and returned to ebi-health@bristol.ac.uk by 09:00 GMT 15 October 2018.

Can you clarify what documents I need to send to EBI at stage 1?

It is only the completed academic sponsor form that needs to be sent to EBI by the October deadline. The case for support and CV just need to be sent to the sponsor & Head of School to allow them to decide whether they wish to support your application.

The same documents will need to be sent to EBI by the November deadline, but you may wish to revise them after discussions with your sponsor.

If I am successful in securing EBI Fellowship, can I continue to work at another University but utilise the mentoring and support from Bristol?

No. In order to be eligible for the scheme you will need to work at Bristol under the supervision of a Bristol mentor. We are unable to provide mentoring and support while you are based at another University.

What is a realistic/earliest start date?

Once/if the application is approved you can start as soon as practical.

Is the EBI Early Career Fellowship open for international applicants?

The EBI Early Career Fellowships are open to international students however, it is a requirement of the scheme that you must be eligible to apply for externally-funded fellowships (or similar) to be held at Bristol.

I require a visa to work in the UK. Can you help with this?

Please visit the University of Bristol website for guidance: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/hr/resourcing/additionalguidance/overseas/

What is the maximum duration for the EBI Early Career Fellowship?

The award can be for a period of 6 months to 2 years.
Can specialists in Veterinary medicine apply?

The topic to be researched must be aligned to one of the University of Bristol’s health-related research themes and be concerned with human medical sciences. We can fund specialists in veterinary medicine but the topic to be researched must align with human medical sciences.

Can clinical academics apply?

Yes. The scheme is open to clinical academics.

Should Open Access fees be included in the application or will they be covered by University of Bristol funding?

They will be covered by the University of Bristol Open Access fund. Please visit http://www.bristol.ac.uk/library/support/research/uobpolicy.html for further information.

Can I use diagrams/figures/schematics in the 2 page Case for Support document?

Diagrams and figures are allowed - as long as you feel confident they are essential to support your message. They must be part of the 2-page Case for Support document.

Does the 2 page Case for Support include references?

References can be in addition to the 2 pages.

Is the EBI Early Career Fellowship available to part time staff?

Applicants are welcome to apply on part time basis, although the maximum period of time for the fellowship will be 2 years. Please contact us (ebi-health@bristol.ac.uk) to discuss your requirements.