

FELLOWSHIP WRITING TRAINING

Application for Sessions 3–10

July 2022

INTRODUCTION



UKAN+ is funding up to 16 people to go through an intensive training course in writing EPSRC/UKRI Fellowship applications between July 2022 and February 2023. The training will be delivered by Dr Elaine Massung ([Academic Smartcuts](#); former EPSRC Portfolio Manager) and Prof Dan Allwood (PI on eight EPSRC grants and former EPSRC Fellow).

The training will be delivered remotely, and it consists of ten 2.5-hour sessions covering all aspects of the UKRI or EPSRC Fellowship application process. This includes understanding the types of Fellowship available and their purpose, communication of key concepts, proposal writing, finance, responding to reviewers, and preparing for interview panels. Although we will focus on the processes at UKRI and EPSRC, the core course contents are also relevant for other Fellowship and grant applications.

N.B: The first two sessions are open to everyone involved in UKAN+. These will be informational and will set the scene for applying for Fellowships. We would encourage PhD students and early-career researchers (ECRs) to join these sessions to help with their career planning.

WHO SHOULD APPLY TO ATTEND SESSIONS 3–10

Sessions 3–10 will be delivered to a cohort of 16 people to provide more focussed training that will support participants in writing a competitive Fellowship application. These sessions will include a significant amount of time given to feedback and reflection based on homework assignments that will help participants draft their Fellowship proposals as the course progresses.

The people most likely to benefit from the full training course will be those preparing for an EPSRC Open Fellowship or UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships, i.e., awards lasting at least four years. These people are most likely to be post-doctoral research associates (PDRAs) or early-career academics (ECAs), but others are welcome to apply for a place.

Applications to join sessions 3–10 will be open after sessions 1 and 2 are complete.

YOUR COMMITMENT

UKAN+ asks that participants selected for the full course pay £50.00 towards the training expense. Applying for one of the 16 training places likewise assumes your commitment to:

- Prioritise attendance at training sessions.
- Participate in group discussions.
- Treat in confidence all discussions and ideas presented by other participants.
- Undertake the homework assignments following each session.
- Submit a Fellowship application within 18 months of the course finishing.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a training place, please complete the following form and submit it and a two-page CV that includes your work history to Zoë Hunter (z.hunter@sheffield.ac.uk; UKAN+ Network Manager) by 31 July 2022.

ASSESSMENT

A panel of UKAN+ members and the trainers will select the participants to attend the in-depth training. To ensure that participants get the most out of this training opportunity, the panel wants to confirm participants are not starting completely from scratch but have begun to consider key aspects of the Fellowship proposal. They will be evaluating the following criteria:

- Individual Readiness
- Career Vision
- Research Vision

All applicants will then be informed of the outcome of their application, but feedback will not be provided.

Information submitted as part of any application will be treated confidentially.

NAME:**CURRENT
EMPLOYER:****CURRENT
POSITION:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PhD Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Lecturer | <input type="checkbox"/> Professor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PDRA | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Lecturer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Please do not provide links to external sources; all relevant information must be included in the application form and CV. We recommend reading the full application first to avoid duplication in your responses.

1. Describe your current research (200 words max.):

2. How developed is your Fellowship research idea? Select one answer from the options below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | I do not have a research idea yet. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | I have a basic idea of my research theme. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | I am starting to understand my relevant research question. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | I have defined a research question, but I have not yet finalised my approach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | I have a defined research question and I am confident that I have chosen an appropriate methodology. |

5. Please describe your career aspirations and how the Fellowship training will help you achieve your career aims (350 words max.):

6. What do you see as the main challenges for you in preparing a Fellowship application? Please feel free to write this as a list (250 words max).