

To support researchers and innovators with across
the whole of UKRI remit

Provides long-term support in order to enable fellows to tackle ambitious programmes or multidisciplinary questions and new or emerging research areas and partnerships.

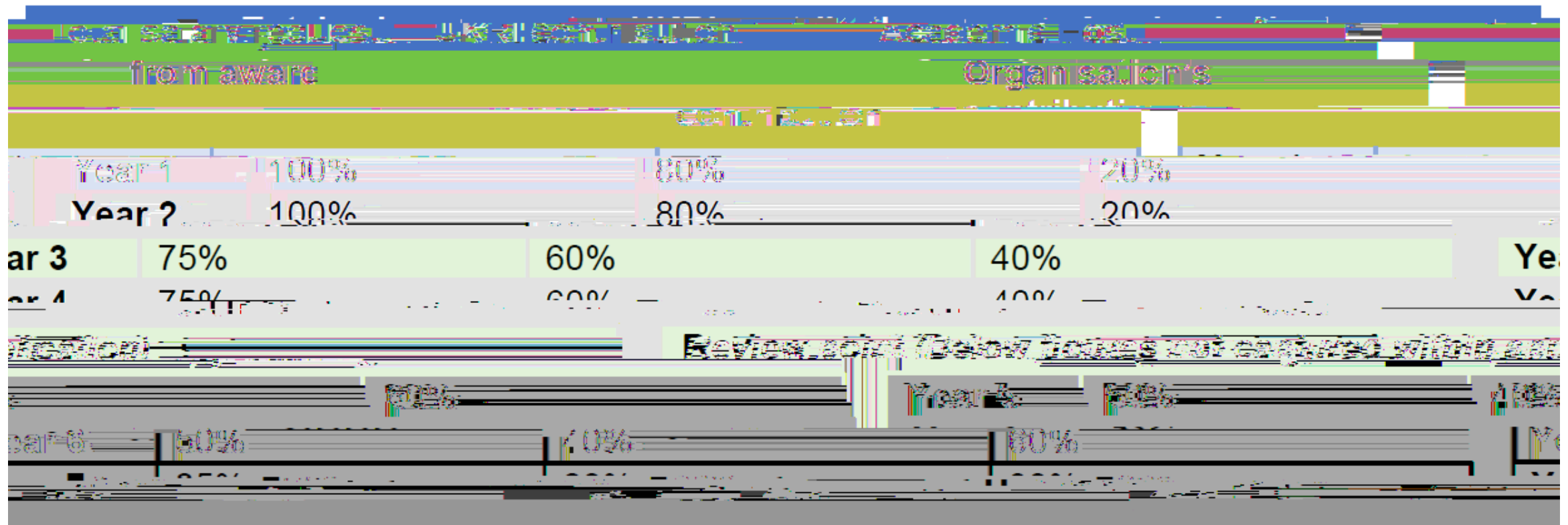
No barriers to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and innovation

Up to 7 years support in a 4 + 3 model

- Apply for 4 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years

Tapering salary support for the Fellow from year 3

All other costs associated with the project



Early career academics and innovators who are transitioning to/ establishing independence.

No eligibility rules based on years since PhD or current role

As FLF aims to enable the fellow to transition to or establish their research/innovation independence, applicants who have already achieved research/innovation independence e.g. by securing funding aimed at this career stage will not be competitive.

Can be held part-time but expected that Fellow's full working time is committed to the FLF for the duration of the award.

- 6 hours per week on additional commitments or related activities provided they enhance career development

Full person specification available on the website (p.43 of guidance)

Applicants need to be clear on what they will gain from a long-term, flexible, fellowship as opposed to other funding mechanisms such as a series of project grants. For example:

- Why me? And why now?
- Why could the programme of work not be supported via standard grants?
- How will the fellowship enable a demonstrable step change in your career trajectory?
- What will be the value added to your career by holding this fellowship

This is a scheme for Early Career Researchers, not established academics

- No time bound criteria, applicants need to be clear why they should be considered an early career researcher
- Where they have previously received funding at this stage, for example a New Investigator award, they need to demonstrate why further investment would present a good investment –holding a New Investigator award does not automatically exclude applicants
- Candidates who are further towards being established and independent have become less competitive as the scheme has progressed

Strong applicants consider leadership and career development not only for themselves, but also for the staff they plan to employ on the award

Professional development should be specific

Host commitment is crucial

- The proposed support should not just be generic but must demonstrate that they have considered the specific development needs of the applicant

Candidates need to be able to articulate their research and the intended impact of such an award on their career to an interview panel from range of different backgrounds

Things to consider when developing your proposal:

- Why you should be considered an early career researcher?
- Why is this fellowship the most appropriate funding for you and your programme of research?
- What would be the demonstrable benefits of you having an FLF award?
 - Why me? Why now?
- How will you ensure that the award allows you to maximise your potential?
- How will the award develop you and your research team?
- Are you are working with the right stakeholders to ensure that you maximise the impact of your research?



Proposals will usually have 3 usable reviews before progressing to a meeting:

Applicants are encouraged to nominate reviewers on their application form. Speak to your nominated reviewers before submitting your application so they are aware

Be constructive when responding to your reviewer comments

Organised by themes rather than disciplines

Peer reviewers provide the expert view, panels have broader representation

Consider how to articulate your research to a non-specialist audience –the interview panel will include social scientists and members from other disciplines and user

Internal EoI deadline	30 th August
Successful candidates notified	w/c 12 th September
Outline proposal deadline	18 th October
Internal full proposal deadline	22 nd November
Full proposal deadline	6 th December

Full application deadline to award announcements – approx. 10 months

Read the [scheme guidance](#) and [information](#) in detail

Get in touch with your [Research Development Manager](#) to discuss

Book to attend one of the UKRI Community Engagement events to find out more about the scheme.

Further details can be found [here](#)

Look at examples of successful FLF applications on the [Successful Proposal Library](#)

Discuss your intention to apply with your Head of Support to seek their support for your application

Talk to your colleagues, networks and RDL about your ideas

- Are they suitable for a Fellowship application?
- Give yourself sufficient time to develop your ideas

Broaden your networks to find the best people to be working with:

- Academic and non-