

## Winter Fellowships Challenge 2013/14

### Overview

Part of the Research Challenge Series, Winter Fellowships Challenge offers the opportunity for researchers to share knowledge and support each other through the process of applying for fellowships.

Open to all Faculties, participants will discover more about the schemes and opportunities available, tap into the expertise of successful Fellowship-holders to help hone their idea and receive 1:1 guidance to help complete their own application.

By the end of the workshop participants will have:

- Learned about existing UK and EU funding schemes available, receiving comprehensive resources to find out more about the opportunities
- Shared and reviewed fellowship applications from successful and unsuccessful submissions
- Discussed and provided feedback on draft fellowship applications through peer review groups and input from experts.
- Engaged in a supportive structure which encourages researchers to submit an application in 2014.

*Students enrolled on the PG Certificate in Researcher Professional Development will also receive 5 credits towards RD903 on successful completion of the challenge.*

### Session schedule

#### **Session 1:** 18 December (11am -2pm), Insight Institute

The first meeting will provide an introduction to the 'challenge' process and then focus on the types of fellowships available, with a specific focus on European funding. The session will encourage participants to consider which programme is most suitable and their readiness to apply, as well as initiating peer-to-peer interactions.

**Pre-session requirements:** To have read the Fellowships guide and be familiar with the types of opportunities available.

#### **Session 2:** 22 January 2014 (11am -2pm), Insight Institute

This session will focus on the key requirements and next steps in applying for the various fellowship programmes. Participants will be split into groups based on the type of fellowship they wish to apply for and will take part in peer-to-peer discussion to develop proposal ideas. They will also have the opportunity to hear from past and present fellowship holders and engage in discussion of what makes a successful / unsuccessful application,

**Pre-session requirements:** Participants will be required to indicate which fellowship

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programme/s they are interested in and submit a brief outline in advance. This should take the form of a 2 page summary which provides background on the applicant as well as an outline of the project idea.

**Session 3: 11 March 2014 (11am -2pm), Insight Institute**

The final workshop will centre around a discussion of draft applications with peer-to-peer feedback and input from other experts. Participants will work in small groups to further refine applications and will hear tips and advice from academics involved in fellowship review panels. Participants will also have the opportunity to sign up for a follow on Advice Clinic to receive one-to-one advice and feedback on their application.

**Pre-session requirements:** Participants will be required to submit a draft document covering key sections of the fellowship application 2 weeks before the final workshop.

**Draft Programme – workshop 1**

<b>11:00 - 11.30</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>11.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Overview of Fellowships Challenge</b> <i>Professor Rein Ulijn</i>
<b>12.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>EU funding opportunities</b> <i>Fiona McKenna, International Programmes RKES</i>
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>Overview of UK funding</b> <i>Madeleine Rooney, R&amp;KE Development RKES</i>
<b>13.00 – 13.30</b>	<b>Group discussions</b>
<b>13.30 – 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

