**Expression of Interest Form**

**School of Physical Sciences – Open University: Fellowship Candidates 2025/2026**

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| **Name** |  | **Email contact** |  |

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| **Current Institution** |  | **Research Area** |  |

I am an internal / external candidate (**delete as appropriate**)

I wish to be considered for early career / independent / senior fellowships (**delete as appropriate**).

For early career and independent fellowships a sponsor is required. Senior fellowship applicants may choose a mentor, but should seek prior support of their line manager / HoS to be considered for fellowship applications. Senior candidates should indicate this support by the HoS / LM signing this form. Mentors will additionally be appointed to candidates selected for School support of their applications / career development.

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| **OU SPS Sponsor** |  | **Email of sponsor** |  |
| I confirm I have been in discussion with the above-named candidate and am happy to support and mentor their application, making myself available for internal processes prior to submission and around the deadline. I recognise that I am only able to mentor one individual to submit any one fellowship in any one year. | | | |
| **Signed (sponsor)** |  | **Dated (sponsor)** |  |

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| I confirm I have read and understood the internal requirements attached in the Appendix to this form, describing the timescales, deadlines and individual responsibilities I must undertake to complete my fellowship application if successfully selected. | | | |
| **Signed (candidate)** |  | **Dated (candidate)** |  |

Senior candidates may fill the following section themselves: independent and early career fellowship candidates should liaise with their sponsor to complete this section.

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| **Motivation for fellowship application (< 400 words)** |
| Briefly describe here (~100 words / question)   1. Why you are suited to this /these particular fellowship(s) at this stage of your career. 2. How your work is a strategic fit to the OU School of Physical Sciences research, Faculty and University teaching KE and research aims? 3. Why the OU is suitable as a host institution for your fellowship application. 4. How this fellowship contributes to your career aims beyond the fellowship period (which may not be at the OU). |

Please list below **all potential fellowships** that you wish to be considered as a candidate for in the 25/6 academic cycle. Note candidates may only select those for which they meet the eligibility criteria. Details can be found in the Appendix to this form. If selecting more than 1 please add a number of preference next to each “X” e.g. X1, X2 etc. Feel free to list other fellowships not listed here that you wish to be considered for.

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| **Scheme** | **Tick “X”** |
| UKSA Space Exploration Fellowship |  |
| EPSRC postdoctoral |  |
| 1851 |  |
| EU Marie Curie |  |
| Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship |  |
| RAS |  |
| Daphne Jackson Fellowship |  |
| Royal Society Newton International Research Fellowship |  |
| UK IC Postdoctoral Programme |  |
| EPSRC open (Independent and Senior level) |  |
| NERC IRF |  |
| Royal Society URF |  |
| Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin |  |
| STFC ERF |  |
| UKRI FLF |  |
| Hawking Fellowship |  |
| Webb Fellowship |  |
| ERC Starter |  |
| ERC Consolidator |  |
| Leverhulme Research Leadership Awards |  |
| Royal Academy of Engineering |  |
| EPSRC Quantum Technology Fellowship |  |
| Royal Society Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship |  |
| Royal Society Wolfson Fellowship |  |
| ERC Advanced |  |
| Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowships |  |
| Leverhulme International Fellowships |  |
| Leverhulme International Professorships |  |
| Leverhulme Visiting Professorships |  |
| Royal Academy of Engineering |  |
| Turing AI world-leading researcher |  |
| Royal Academy of Engineering Industrial Fellowships |  |
| STFC Public Engagement Fellows |  |

**Additional Information:-**

1. Overleaf, please provide a 2 page summary of your proposed research. This should include a brief background and context of the fellowship work, a brief overview of the methodology, a description of why you are best placed to complete the work, a timeline, and the expected outcomes. It should be clear from this if your work is laboratory based or computer based or facilities based, if you have the data / equipment needed to complete the work (or the OU do) and if you anticipate any other staff (PDRAs PhDs technicians or POs) being involved in the fellowship. Please keep margins to 2 cm throughout, use at least 10 pt Calibri or 11pt Times New Roman text, with at least single line spacing. Figures may be used within the 1 page limit. References to your own publications can refer to the separate publication list provided this is made clear; references to other documents should be contained within the 2 page statement as short references (e.g. Bloggs+ (2023) MNRAS).
2. Please attach a narrative CV. We encourage using the UKRI narrative CV template which can be downloaded [here](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ukri.org%2Fpublications%2Fresume-for-research-and-innovation-r4ri-template%2F&data=05%7C02%7CSTEM-SPS-Admin%40open.ac.uk%7C50c89a702289492a36c308dc847b00ef%7C0e2ed45596af4100bed3a8e5fd981685%7C0%7C0%7C638530911032083404%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Y4l9%2BP7DBXwLr5PuhzyKkkxxBNl9fK3uy1ZPs8lpgZg%3D&reserved=0) or alternatively use the template provided on our website.
3. Please attach a full publication record.

**YOUR NAME: Research Statement**

**PROJECT TITLE & ACRONYM HERE**

**YOUR NAME HERE – Publication Record**

**Please now return the completed EOI CV and Publication record to** [STEM-SPS-HOS@open.ac.uk](mailto:STEM-SPS-HOS@open.ac.uk) by **12 noon on the date provided on the webpage**.