

Industry Fellowship and Short Industry Fellowship Awards Frequently Asked Questions

ELIGIBILITY

1. I have industrial experience but don't hold a PhD, am I eligible to apply?

The office will need to review your proven track record, please contact the grants team to check your eligibility: innovationgrants@royalsociety.org.

2. Can I apply for both an Industry Fellowship and a Short Industry Fellowship at the same time?

No, you cannot have concurrent applications detailing similar projects submitted to both The Royal Society Industry Fellowship and The Royal Society Short Industry Fellowship rounds at the same time.

3. My previous application was unsuccessful, can I reapply?

Yes, resubmissions are eligible and will be treated separately. The outcome of applications from previous rounds will not be considered in the assessment process. Applicants who wish to reapply should ensure that they have addressed the main areas of concerns as highlighted within any feedback received.

4. I am on a fixed-term contract. Would I be eligible to apply?

For the Royal Society Industry Fellowship, you must have a permanent or an open-ended contract.

For the Royal Society Short Industry Fellowship, the contract may be fixed-term, but the end date must be after the expected end of the Short Industry Fellowship.

5. I was awarded a Short Industry Fellowship, can I apply for the 4-year Industry Fellowship Scheme?

Yes, we encourage you to apply to the Royal Society Industry Fellowship scheme if you are seeking to build longer-term collaborations.

6. I previously held a Royal Society Industry Fellowship can I reapply?

Yes, but your new application cannot be a continuation of your previous fellowship therefore you will be required to apply with a new partner organisation and propose a new project.

7. I am a shareholder of the Industrial company, am I eligible to apply?

If you have more than or equal to 25% shares in the company, you will not be eligible to apply with this Industrial company. If you hold less than 25% of shares, then you must clearly state how the fellowship will benefit the not-for-profit research organisation or university.

APPLICATION FORM

- 1. I cannot find my industrial partner organisation on the drop-down list, would you be able to advise us about their eligibility and how to get them registered as a potential industrial partner?**

In order for us to check the eligibility and add the organisation, we would need a statement on company headed paper from the organisation head of research with the below information sent to innovationgrants@royalsociety.org:

- official registered company name and number, as recorded at Companies House
- declaring that the company has the capacity to support research activities, including details of the facilities available and the number of active research staff (full-time or part-time). Facilities can vary depending on the project and partner, and can include for example lab space, cloud-based computing, or access to co-working space.

- 2. If I apply for the fellowship over 4 years, will this pro-rata the allowable annual research expenses?**

No, you can request £4,000 for each year, up to a total of £16,000 for research expense over 4 years.

- 3. I have completed all the sections and the application is at 100% but I cannot see a button to submit my application.**

All participants on the participants tab must appear as 'complete' in green before the submit button appears. If a participant appears in orange as 'incomplete' they need to login and select 'Save & Submit' on the application form page or 'Submit your contribution' on the summary page – otherwise you will not be able to submit your application to your host institution for approval.

- 4. Do images and references need to be included within the page limit of the research proposal or are they in addition to?**

All images and references must fit within the page limit of the research proposal document.