

## 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.