

# The Newton Advanced Fellowship

## 1. Overview

This programme focuses on early to mid-career international researchers who have already established (or are in the process of establishing) a research group or research network and have a research track record. The focus will be on developing their research strengths and providing support for more formalised training and development in collaboration with a UK partner. The award will support the international researcher in their own country, providing them with funding through a UK partner to establish and develop collaborations with the UK with the intention of transferring knowledge and research capabilities to partner countries. The Fellowship can be for up to three years, and can provide salary top up, research support, training costs, and travel and subsistence.

This programme is offered under the [Newton Fund](#), which is an initiative that aims to develop the long-term sustainable growth and welfare of partner countries through building research and innovation capacity, and forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance commitment.

### Objectives of the Newton Advanced Fellowship:

We will recognise and support early to mid-career group leaders in partner countries to develop their research by linking them with some of the best research groups in the UK. The primary aims of the programme are to:

- **Support the development of a well-trained research community who can contribute to advancing economic development and social welfare of the partner country by transferring new skills and creating new knowledge.**
- **Strengthen research excellence in partner countries by supporting promising independent, early to mid-career researchers, and their research groups and networks, to develop their research through training, collaboration, reciprocal visits, and the transfer of knowledge and skills from the UK.**
- **Establish long-term links between the best research groups (and networks) in partner countries and the UK to ensure that improvements in research capacity are sustainable in the longer term.**

**Subjects covered:** These awards will support researchers working on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural, biological and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography and experimental psychology and clinical or patient-oriented research. Applicants for social science and humanities should apply to the [British Academy](#).

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract (see country specific criteria below) in a University, academic research organisation, publically funded or not for profit research institution outside the UK, which must span the duration of the project. Collaborations should focus on a single project involving overseas-based researcher (“the Overseas Applicant”) and UK-based researcher (“the Co-applicant”). **We strongly welcome applications from female researchers.** For further details please refer to the ‘Eligibility details’ on page 3.

**Duration of funding:** Awards are available for up to three years (depending on country). Should the budget not be spent at the end of the award period, applicants may be able to apply for a no-cost-extension of up to 12 months.

**Countries covered:** Researchers from the countries listed below are eligible to apply for the Newton Advanced Fellowships in this round. The Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences have established partnerships with funding organisations in each of these countries (listed below). These partners are offering similar opportunities for UK researchers wishing to visit partner countries.

|                     | <b>The Academy of Medical Sciences<br/>Clinical and Patient orientated research</b>                                    | <b>The Royal Society<br/>Natural and Physical Sciences</b>   |
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| <b>Brazil</b>       | in partnership with CONFAP   | in partnership with CONFAP   |
| <b>China</b>        | N/A  | in partnership with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)  |
| <b>Mexico</b>       | In partnership with the Mexican Academy of Sciences (MAS) and the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) | In partnership with the Mexican Academy of Sciences (MAS) and the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) |
| <b>South Africa</b> | In partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF)   | In partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF)   |
| <b>Thailand</b>     | N/A  | In partnership with The Thailand Research Fund (TRF)   |
| <b>Turkey</b>       | N/A  | in partnership with TUBITAK  |

**Value: The maximum award value cannot exceed £111,000 for a three-year period (up to a maximum of £37,000 per year).** The following costs will be provided annually up to three years. Please note that the Fellowship does not provide FEC, contribution to overheads or administrative costs:

- **Salary top up** of £5,000 for the overseas-based researcher and/or project leader (“the Applicant”) from the partner country.
- **Research support** of up to £15,000: Covering costs for a contribution towards overseas research assistants, publication costs, conference, workshop or seminar costs, consumables and equipment.
- **Travel and subsistence** of up to £12,000: Covering travel costs of the UK partner and/or experienced postdoctoral researchers to the international partner and/or travel of the international partner and their research group, including PhD students to the UK.
- **Training costs** of up to £5,000: Covering costs for courses, conference attendance, training modules and specific training activities.

**For further details and limits for individual costs please refer to the ‘Eligible Costs’ on page 6.**

**The only fixed cost is the salary top up.** You may request different amounts than stated above for research expenses, travel and subsistence and training as part of your application up to the maximum value of £37,000 per year. Your request will be considered as part of the assessment process.

**Please check with your research/finance office if the overseas applicant is eligible for a salary top up. If you are unable to receive a salary top up, the maximum of £5,000 per year can be attributed to other costs, such as consumables, providing this is justified in your application.**

**Transfer of funds to overseas institutions:** The funds associated with the award will be paid to the UK institution in the first instance. The UK Host organisation must identify a safe and efficient way to transfer the funds to the overseas institution.

**Closing dates: 14 March 2018 15:00 UK time**

**By submitting a Newton Advanced Fellowship application via the Royal Society's FlexiGrant® you agree that the information provided in your application can be shared both with the Royal Society and the Academy of Medical Sciences.**

**Results available:** Results of the competition will be available approximately 6 months after the application closing date.

### **Contact Information**

Enquires about this scheme can be made using the contact details below. Before contacting us, please check whether your question is answered by these scheme notes. If not, please email: [newtonadvancedfellowships@royalsociety.org](mailto:newtonadvancedfellowships@royalsociety.org) or call +44 20 7451 2291.

### **Eligibility details**

Overseas Applicants

- The overseas-based researcher and/or project leader (“the Applicant”) and the UK-based researcher and/or project leader (“the Co-applicant”) must have completed a PhD or have extensive research experience at an equivalent level at the time of application.
- The Applicant must be working as an independent researcher at an overseas institution (in one of the eligible countries), **and should not have more than 15 years of post-doctoral research experience.**
- Applicants must either:
  - Hold a permanent independent research post in a University, academic research organisation or publically funded or not for profit research institution.OR
  - Hold a named, limited-tenured/fixed-term independent academic research post, obtained in open competition, and held in their **own name** in a University, academic research organisation or publically funded or not for profit research institution. Applicants must demonstrate that they have sufficient tenure in their post to cover the duration of the award.
- Contact between the overseas Applicant and the UK-based Co-applicant prior to the application is essential. This contact should lead to a clearly defined and mutually - beneficial research project proposal. Please note that the implementing academies will not be able to assist in locating a UK collaborator, but you can use the LinkedIn sites ([here](#) for physical and natural sciences, and [here](#) for clinical and patient oriented research) site on the webpage to communicate with interested parties.
- Applicants must be competent in oral and written English. The UK-based Co-applicant must confirm the competency of the Applicant on the application form and in their supporting statement.

Resubmission

- Individuals who have previously been in receipt of a Newton Advanced Fellowship are not permitted to apply again.
- Applicants who have been unsuccessful in a previous round of the competition may make another application in this round.

#### UK-based Co-applicant

- The Co-applicant must be an independent academic researcher based in the UK and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in a University or eligible publicly funded research organisation, which includes government research institutes. In the case of fixed-term contracts, the employment must continue for at least the duration of the project.
- The UK based Co-applicant and their host organisation must agree to administer the grant.
- The Co-applicant must make all the necessary practical and administrative arrangements for the duration of the Fellowship.
- Applications cannot be accepted from private or commercial organisations.

#### Country Specific Eligibility Criteria

As well as fulfilling the above the eligibility criteria, at the request of the in country partner, applicants from the following countries must fulfil the below criteria:

##### Brazil

- Awards can only be held up to a maximum of two years

##### China

- Applicants applying from China must be based in one of the CAS institutions
- Applicants can only apply under the natural science remit and not clinical or patient-orientated research.

##### Thailand

- Researchers applying from Thailand can only apply under the natural science remit and not clinical or patient-orientated research.
- Awards can only be held up to a maximum of two years.
- The applicant must be first author or corresponding author of at least 5 international publications published in the ISI database and those publications must not be part of the applicant's Master Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation.
- The applicant must not hold an administrative position of head of department or higher during the funding period.
- Successful applicants applying from Thailand will be eligible for additional funding from TRF. TRF will provide funds for research expenses, travel and subsistence, and training of approximately THB 1,500,000 for two-year awards, or approximately THB 750,000 for one-year awards, to further their collaboration with the UK.

Maximum value that can be requested for each heading is given in the table below:

|                        | Maximum Value for 1 Year | Maximum Value for 2 Years |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Research Support       | 350,000 Baht             | 700,000 Baht              |
| Travel and Subsistence | 350,000 Baht             | 700,000 Baht              |
| Training Cost          | 50,000 Baht              | 100,000 Baht              |

**Applicant applying from Thailand: by submitting your application you are agreeing that the information provided in your application can be shared with TRF.**

## References

Four reference statements are required for the application. The following individuals need to be listed in the application for a reference:

## Departmental Support

UK Host Organisation approval and Departmental Support

- The UK Host Organisation approver must approve the completed application by the submission deadline.
- Under the participants tab displayed on the application form summary page, please enter the e-mail address of the following individuals:
  - The **applicant's** Head of Department
  - The **co-applicant's** Head of Department
- It is recommended that Departmental Support is completed at least **5 working days** before the submission deadline to ensure there is sufficient time to submit the application for organisational approval.

**Note:** if either the applicant or co-applicant is the Head of Department, then details of the individual to whom they report to must be supplied instead i.e. Head of School/Head of Faculty/Dean.

- **It is the applicant's responsibility to liaise with the UK Host Organisation's Approver and Heads of Department to inform them of the deadline, check that they have received the email instructions for supplying the approval or indication of support through Flexi-Grant® and to ensure that the task is completed by the deadline. Please contact the Royal Society before the deadline if there is a problem. Alternatively, UK Host Organisation's Approver and Heads of Department can contact us directly if they have not received the email. The Royal Society will not be held responsible for emails that are not received due to address errors or spam filters and no provision is made for non-receipt of emails sent by the Royal Society.**

No two references provided under the departmental support tab and the nominated referee tab can be from the same person. If this is the case then it may make the application ineligible, and alternative referees will need to be provided in accordance to the guidelines.

## Nominated References

- Under the participants tab displayed on the application form summary page, please enter the e-mail address of the Nominated Referees who you wish to invite to provide the relevant statements. These two referees should be able to provide unbiased comment on the field of research and on the applicant and/or the Co-applicant. At least one of the nominated referees must be a UK-based researcher.
- The following individuals must be listed under the participants tab
  - The **applicant's** Nominated Reference
  - The **co-applicant's** Nominated Reference
- It is recommended that the Nominated Reference is to be completed at least **5 working days** before the submission deadline to ensure there is sufficient time to submit the application for organisational approval.
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The guidelines for choosing a nominated referee are as follows:

- The primary consideration is that he/she is able to comment authoritatively on your application.
- At least one nominated referee must be based in the UK.
- It is requested that one referee be nominated by the Applicant and one by the Co-applicant.
- Nominated referees from the same institution as the Applicant or Co-applicant will not be accepted.
- Nominated references from the Applicant's former/current supervisor (including PhD supervisor) will not be accepted.
- The referee must not be a member on the assessment panel for this programme or a member of any of the Academies' Councils.
- References must be submitted in English. If a reference is not submitted in English, it will not be accepted and may render the application ineligible.

### Eligible Costs

The award will be paid to the UK institution in the first instance. Both applicants need to identify the most efficient method to transfer the funds to the overseas institution. Payments of up to a maximum of £37,000 per year are made at the beginning of each year of the award. Payments for year 2 and 3 will be processed on receipt of a satisfactory annual report. The maximum award value cannot exceed £111,000 for the three-year period. **Please note that the Fellowship does not provide FEC, contribution to overheads or administrative fees.**

- **Research support** may be used to pay for:
  - Publication costs (not more than £1,000 per year);
  - Salary contributions of overseas research assistants (not more than £3,000 per year).
  - The cost for organising a conference, workshop or seminar (not more than £3,000 per year).
  - Consumables and equipment.
- **Travel expenses** may be used to pay for:
  - The cost of travel, subsistence and visas for the overseas applicant and their research group, including PhD students. They may also be used for the UK co-applicant and experienced postdoctoral researchers in their group travelling to partner countries to transfer skills or provide training. It may not be used to support travel and subsistence for UK PhD students.
- **Training costs** may be used to pay for:
  - The costs of courses, conference attendance, training modules and any specific activities related to training. They may also be used for consumables and equipment used for training.

### Timing

Fellowships must start between July to September 2018 (Academy of Medical Sciences) or October to December 2018 (Royal Society). The fellowships are for a continuous period of up to three years.

### Assessment criteria

Successful applications should be strong in all respects but the assessment panel will give consideration to:

- Whether the proposal will support training and development of the overseas researcher and transfer of new skills to the Applicant's research group.

- The quality of the science, the proposed research project and the track record of the overseas Applicant and the UK Co-applicant in the area of proposed research.
- The expected benefits for the career development of the Applicant.
- The expected benefits to the Newton Fund country in particular the extent to which the award will contribute to the transfer of knowledge and research capabilities which will contribute to advancing economic development and welfare of the country.
- Evidence that the Fellowship will lead to a long-term collaboration beyond the tenure of the award.

**The following scheme notes set out the application process of the Newton Advanced Fellowship scheme.**

**Please read through the entire document before proceeding**

## **2. Timetable**

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| <b>Applications deadline</b> | <b>14 March 2018 15:00 (UK Time)</b> |
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### 3. Application Guidance Notes

#### Using Flexi-Grant®

Applications can only be submitted online using the Royal Society's Grants and Awards management system (Flexi-Grant®) via <https://grants.royalsociety.org>. Support, FAQs and troubleshooting can be found via <http://royalsocietyapplicantsupport.fluenttechnology.com/support/home>. If you have not previously used Flexi-Grant®, please follow the registration process from the Flexi-Grant®, homepage.

**Paper-based applications will not be accepted.**

Before completing the online form, all applicants should check that they comply with the eligibility requirements and ensure all necessary information is presented in the application. These requirements are strictly adhered to and applications without all the necessary information, or evidence to show the assessment criteria are met, will be rejected.

**ORCID identifier:** All applicants applying to the Royal Society will be required to obtain an ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) identifier before they can commence their application. ORCID maintains a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research funding, research publications, research data and any other research outputs to these unique identifiers. You can register for an ORCID identifier via <https://orcid.org/register>.

Further information about the Grants and Awards Management system can be found via <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/flexi-grant/>.

#### Completing the application form

The application can be completed by using the navigation tabs on the application summary page, with each page categorised as follows:

**Summary**

**Eligibility Criteria**

**Contact Details**

**Lead Applicant Career Summary (overseas applicant/team leader)**

**UK Co-applicant Career Summary (UK co-applicant/team leader)**

**Research Proposal**

**Use of Animals in Research**

**Financial Details**

**Applicant Declaration**

**Head of Department Support (of the overseas applicant/team leader)**

**Head of Department Overseas Support (of the UK applicant/team leader)**

**Nominated referees Support (of the overseas applicant/team leader)**

**Nominated referees Support (of the UK applicant/team leader)**

#### Inviting Participants

To complete and submit the application form, the lead applicant is required to provide supporting statement from up to four individuals (including the overseas applicants Head of Department, the UK co-applicants Head of Department, and two nominated referees, one from overseas and the other from the UK). These individuals can be invited through the participants tab displayed on the application form summary page. Under this section of the form you will find each of the required participants as described above displayed. Please select invite and enter the e-mail address of the person who you wish to invite to provide the relevant statements, and send the invitation. Once the recipient has accepted your invitation, their status will be displayed as 'active'. Upon completion of their section of the application form, their status will be displayed as 'complete'. You will not be able to submit your application form until the status of all participants' shows 'complete'. You can monitor the progress of your participant's activity through this section of the application form, and issue reminders is required.



**Once participants have completed all their sections of the application form, please remind them to select 'Save & Submit' on the application form page or select 'Submit your contribution' on the summary page.**

### **Re-opening the Application form to Participants**

On the occasion that an invited participant accidentally submits their section of the application form prematurely, the lead applicant has the ability to re-open the application form for the participant. To do this, the lead applicant should return to the Participant tab on the application form summary page. You will find a 're-open' button alongside the name of any participant who has completed their section of the form. Once you click this button, the form is reactivated and available for participants to amend.

### **Research Support Role**

The Research Support role displayed under the participants tab is an optional role, which allows you to invite an individual from the relevant UK Host Organisation research support team to review and amend the application prior to submission. The primary purpose is to ensure that the requested finances have been recorded correctly for this specific grant programme. As this is an optional role, it will not affect your ability to submit your application for approval.

Further guidance and support can be found through the [applicant and approver knowledge base](#).

**Please note that questions with \* are mandatory fields, which is typically the majority of questions. You will only be able to submit your application for approval by the Host Organisation once all sections of the application form have been marked as complete, and your participants have marked their work as complete (please check the status of participants under the participants tab on the application form summary page). Late applications will not be accepted.**

In the following table each box represents a page of the application form; the left-hand column contains the questions within each of these pages as set out in the form; the right-hand column contains useful guidance on its completion.

Please read these guidance notes carefully as you complete the form.

Please note the Lead Applicant must be the researcher based in the Newton Fund Country

| Summary              |   |
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| <b>Summary table</b> | <p>The summary page of the application form provides instructions for submission of your application for approval from the Host Organisation. In addition you are provided with an overview for each section of your application form, and the approximate length of time it will take to complete each section.</p> <p>The summary page also allows applicants to manage and invite participants (eg. Head of Department and Nominated Referees etc) who will partake in the application form. Instructions for inviting participants can be found under the 'participants' tab on the application summary page.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> you will only be able to submit your application for approval by the Host Organisation once all sections of the form have been completed.</p> |

| Eligibility Criteria         |   |
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| <b>Eligibility Criteria*</b> | Confirm that the lead applicant and co-applicant meet the eligibility criteria. Details of the eligibility criteria can be found on page 3. |

| Contact Details   |   |
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| <b>Title, Names, address, organisation and country*</b> | <p>Review and complete your <b>personal details</b> accurately. Errors in this section can cause difficulties in processing your application.</p> <p>Under this section, you should edit the <b>contact type</b> of the participants who will partake in your application form. The system default contact type is set as 'collaborator'. To amend the contact type of your Head of Department, click 'edit', and under the contact type field, select the 'Head of Department'.</p> <p><b>Organisation:</b> this table will automatically display details of the intended Host Organisation '<b>marked by a tick</b>' which you selected previously, and your current organisation if different from the organisation where the award will be held and administered.</p> |
| <b>Email address*</b>                                   | This field defaults to the account in which the application has commenced, and is where all correspondence pertaining to the application throughout the application process, and in the event of the application being successful, will be sent.  |

| Overseas Applicant and UK Co-applicant Career Summary |  |
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| <b>Full name *</b>                                    | Please enter your full name, including title below. <b>(Co-applicant only)</b> |
| <b>Title of Current Position*</b>                     | State the title of your current position. <i>(maximum 20 words)</i>            |
| <b>Current Employer*</b>                              | Enter the official organisation name of your current employer.                 |

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| <b>Current Department*</b>                          | Enter details of your current department name (e.g. Department of Astrophysics).  |
| <b>Current Position Start Date*</b>                 | Enter the date when your current position started.  |
| <b>Current Position end Date*</b>                   | Please enter the date when your current position is expected to finish. If you are on a permanent contract please enter 31 December 2050.   |
| <b>Subject Group/ Area*</b>                         | Select the subject group/area(s) that most closely reflects your area of research from the drop-down menu and tick box options.   |
| <b>Applicant Qualifications*</b>                    | <p>List all your qualifications in reverse chronological order. The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your qualification information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p>   |
| <b>Applicant Career History*</b>                    | <p>List all your posts and the dates in reverse chronological order. The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p> <p><b>Please provide full details of any periods of part-time working, career breaks, extended sick leave or maternity/paternity/adoptive leave as your eligibility may depend on the accuracy of this information.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your career history information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p> |
| <b>List your key and/ or relevant publications*</b> | <p>Provide details of authors, titles and references for up to <b>five</b> of your best publications in refereed journals, in reverse chronological order. You should choose not only the best but also those most relevant to the application to support your case. (<i>Maximum 250 words</i>)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> if you have an existing ORCID identifier, you can retrieve your key publications from your profile to complete this section of the application form.</p>  |
| <b>Field of Specialisation*</b>                     | Enter details of your field(s) of specialisation. ( <i>Maximum 20 words</i> )   |
| <b>Summary of Your Current Research*</b>            | Provide an outline summary of your current research. Please also include a brief comment on the strength of your organisations. ( <i>Maximum 200 words</i> )  |
| <b>Country*</b>                                     | Select the country where your current employer is based. ( <b>Overseas Applicant Only</b> )   |
| <b>PhD Awarded Date*</b>                            | Please enter the date that you were awarded your PhD. If you have not received your PhD, please enter your expected completion date.  |
| <b>PhD Institution*</b>                             | State the name of the institution where you were awarded or are completing your PhD.  |
| <b>PhD Country*</b>                                 | State the country in which you were awarded or will be awarded your PhD   |

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| <b>Applicant Research Funding History*</b> | <p>Please list all your current and previous research funding in reverse chronological order. The depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> You can retrieve your qualifications and career history information from your profile to complete this section of the application form using your ORCID identifier.</p> |
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| <b>Research Proposal</b>   |   |
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| <b>Project Title*</b>      | Give the full title of your proposed project. ( <i>Maximum 20 words</i> )   |
| <b>Start Date*</b>         | Please enter the proposed start date of the project. Start dates must commence between 01 October 2018 and 31 December 2018.  |
| <b>End Date*</b>           | This must be either 2 or 3 years from the start date.   |
| <b>Which Academy*</b>      | Select which Academy you are applying to for funding support: Royal Society or Academy of Medical Sciences.   |
| <b>Subject Group/Area*</b> | Select the subject group/area(s) that most closely defines the research area of the research proposal from the drop-down menu and tick box options. This will enable us to allocate the application to the most appropriate assessment panel.   |
| <b>Abstract*</b>           | Please provide a scientific summary of your proposed project. This should be a summary of your research proposal, briefly outlining the background and summarising the aims of your project. ( <i>Maximum 400 words</i> )   |
| <b>Lay Summary*</b>        | Provide a lay summary of your proposed project. This should be understood by a layperson. Explain why you have chosen to work in this subject area and what it is about your proposed research that you find particularly exciting, interesting or important. Please also explain the potential impact or wider benefits to society of your research. ( <i>Maximum 250 words</i> )  |
| <b>Research Proposal*</b>  | <p>You can either detail your research proposal within this application form (<i>Maximum 1500 words</i>), or alternatively upload it as a PDF file. PDF files must be no longer than 3 sides of A4, portrait orientation, be titled and the text size cannot be smaller than Arial size 10.</p> <p>Your research proposal should provide a general description of the proposed research to be carried out. This should include, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clear specification of the context and research objectives of the proposed study.</li> <li>• description of the methodology to be used</li> <li>• indication of milestones/timescales</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Training*</b>           | <p>A training programme is a critical aspect of the Newton Advanced Fellowship and must be included as part of the application. This is a requirement of the scheme and the Newton Fund.</p> <p>It is expected that the fellowship will address specific gaps relevant to the applicant's own development and that of their research group. It is advised that the applicant undertakes a thorough skills gap analysis to identify the training required.</p> <p>Within the text field of the application form please provide an overall summary of the proposed training programme, its relevance and suitability. Please ensure you include the structure of the training programme (e.g. courses, training modules, specific activities), who will deliver and who will receive the training, which training will be</p> |

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|  | performed at the Applicant's institution or performed in the UK, and what are the expected outcomes.   |
| <b>Previous Contact*</b>                     | Please provide details of any previous contact with the UK-based Co-applicant and indicate whether you have met them personally  |
| <b>Benefits to Individuals/Institutions*</b> | Describe clearly the planned outcomes and any potential benefits that will result from the proposed collaboration for the Applicant and their home institution. Please comment on how the award will benefit the career development of the Applicant and contribute to the transfer of knowledge and research capabilities, the added value of the collaboration, and any intentions for sustaining the partnership in the longer term. <i>(Maximum 200 words)</i> |
| <b>Benefits to Overseas Country*</b>         | Describe any potential benefits to the overseas country and/or country of origin that will result from the proposed fellowship, especially how the research will contribute to the development of a well-trained research community, and how it will contribute to advancing economic development and social welfare of the country through enhanced research and innovation capacity to benefit the wider society <i>(Maximum 200 words)</i> .                    |
| <b>Benefits to UK*</b>                       | Describe any potential benefits to the UK and UK research that will result from the proposed Fellowship <i>(Maximum 200 words)</i> .   |

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| <b>Data Management and Data Sharing</b>  |  |
| <p>The funding academies support science as an open enterprise, and are committed to ensuring that data outputs from research supported by the funding academies are made publically available in a managed and responsible manner, with as few restrictions as possible. Data outputs should be deposited in an appropriate, recognised, publically available repository, so that others can verify and build upon the data, which is of public interest.</p> <p>The funding academies do not dictate a set format for data management and sharing plans. Where they are required, applicants should structure their plan in a manner most appropriate to the proposed research. The information submitted in plans should focus specifically on how the data outputs will be managed and shared, detailing the repositories where data will be deposited. In considering your approach for data management and sharing, applicants should consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What data outputs will be generated by the research that are of value to the public?</li> <li>• Where and when will you make the data available?</li> <li>• How will others be able to access the data?</li> <li>• If the data is of high public interest, how will it be made accessible not only for those in the same or linked field, but also to a wider public audience?</li> <li>• Specify whether any limits will be placed on the data to be shared, for example, for the purposes of safeguarding commercial interests, personal information, safety or security of the data.</li> <li>• How will datasets be preserved to ensure they are of long-term benefit?</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Outline of data management and data sharing plan*</b>   | If the proposed research will generate data that is of significant value to the research community, then please provide details of your data management and sharing plan. <i>(maximum 200 words)</i> |
| <b>Overseas Field Research *</b>   | Will you be conducting field research overseas?  |

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| <b>Overseas Field Research<br/>(Upload only)</b> | <p>Please upload documents related to the following (if applicable):</p> <p>1. Permission<br/>Any mandatory documents that show local support has been assured by way of permission from the government concerned to travel to and work in the country.</p> <p>2. Collection of specimens<br/>Any mandatory documents that show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific permission has been obtained from the host country to collect and to export specimens and material.</li> <li>• The director of the museum or other decision makers where these specimens will be deposited has indicated his/her desire or willingness to have such specimens and material</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Use of Animals in Research</b>   |  |
| <p>The funding academies are committed to supporting the development of alternative methods to reduce and/or replace the use of animals in research. Applicants proposing to use animals in their research must ensure that the use of animals falls within the regulations stipulated in the Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 and subsequent amendments. Additionally, applicants should continually be aware of developments in best practice, and adopt the principles of the <u>3Rs</u> (<a href="https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/the-3rs">https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/the-3rs</a>) when designing and conducting experiments on animals.</p> <p>As a funder of research, the funding academies take its responsibilities towards the UK Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 seriously, and requires applicants to consider the questions below when preparing grant applications that include the use of animals.</p> |  |
| <b>Does your proposal involve the use of animals or animal tissue? *</b>  | Select 'Yes' or 'No'. If you have selected 'Yes' it is mandatory to complete all of the relevant questions on the Use of Animals in Research page.   |
| <b>Use of Human Patients and Tissue</b>   |  |
| <p>Any application for a research proposal involving human patients or tissue and therefore requiring local ethical committee approval will be considered only when accompanied by the necessary permission certificate or proof that ethical permission will be sought, which must be provided in English.</p>   |  |
| <b>Does your proposal involve the use of human patients or tissue?*</b>   | Select 'Yes' or 'No'. If you have selected 'Yes' it is mandatory to provide either a certificate or letter, as proof that ethical permission has been obtained. Please upload the file as a PDF in portrait orientation. |

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| <b>Financial Details</b> |   |
| <b>Duration*</b>         | Specify the duration of your project: 2 years or 3 years.   |
| <b>Budget Table*</b>     | <p>The following costs will be provided annually up to three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary top up of £5,000 for the group leader from the partner country.</li> <li>• Research support of up to £15,000: Covering costs for a contribution towards research assistants, consumables or equipment.</li> </ul> |

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|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel and subsistence of up to £12,000: Covering travel costs of the UK partner to the international partner and/or travel of the international partner to the UK.</li> <li>• Training costs for up to £5,000.</li> <li>• Maximum per year: Up to £37,000</li> <li>• <b>To add additional years to the budget table, please click “add another period group” at the bottom of the table</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Justification*</b>  | Please fully justify all claims for funding, especially the requests for Research Costs.   |
| <b>Financial plan*</b> | Provide a financial management plan for the project. This should include proposed financial transferral mechanisms to the overseas institution ( <i>Maximum 1500 words</i> )   |

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| <b>Applicant Declaration*</b>   |
| <p><b>Please declare that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have read the Terms and Conditions of Award under which Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences grants are awarded and, if a grant offer is made, you agree to abide by them.</li> <li>• You have access to the necessary facilities to enable you to deliver the research proposed, and will continue to have access to the facilities for the duration of the project.</li> <li>• You have agreed with your Head of Department that you will be afforded sufficient time and resources to deliver the research project as described in this application.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Overseas Applicant and UK Co-applicant Head of Departmental Support*</b>  |
| <p>You should invite both Heads of Department from the overseas and UK organisation to provide a statement of support by following the instructions under the <b>participants tab</b> on the application form summary page. Please check that they are able to supply their statement by <b>14 March 2018</b>.</p> <p>Please Check which email address your Head of Department would like to use, as they may already be registered on Flexi-Grant® and mistakes may lead to a delay in processing your application.</p> <p>The head of department is expected to detail your suitability for the department and also set out their intentions for your career progression at the host organisation.</p> |

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| <b>Overseas applicant and UK co-applicant Nominated referee Support*</b>   |
| <p>You should invite two referees who can provide confidential references for your application, by following the instructions under the <b>participants tab</b> on the application form summary page Please check with them that they are happy to provide the references, and inform them that they will be contacted by email and asked to provide references via the Flexi-Grant® system by <b>14 March 2018</b>.</p> <p>At least one referee should be someone who has worked closely with you, but the other must be external to your current research group. You should not choose both referees from your proposed host organisation, and if possible, one should be an international referee. Your named Head of Department cannot be listed as a referee.</p> |

#### **4. Review Process**

- All applications to the Newton Advanced Fellowships are reviewed and assessed by three members of the selection panel who have the most appropriate scientific expertise using the criteria detailed on page 6.
- It is expected that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email approximately 5 months after the application deadline.

Please be assured that the Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences specifically requests anyone involved in reviewing applications to consider them in confidence.



## Appendix 1: Application Submission Process Flow Diagram

