**Cambridge University Careers Service**

**Developing your research ideas into fundable fellowship applications**

**A practical workshop for life science postdocs**

Thursday 26th May 2016

N.B. Preparation is required to book a place on this workshop

**Target Audience:** Postdocs from a life sciences background who are interested in applying for a fellowship to set up their own independent research group or apply for an earlier postdoc fellowship such as the Marie Curie Awards.

**Overall Aim:**To help you expand your research ideas into a persuasive fellowship application that will stand out from the competition and clearly demonstrate that you are the ideal person in the ideal place with the ideal project.

By the end of the workshop you will:

* Be given peer feedback and feedback from a grant writing trainer ([Dr Rachel Cowen](http://www.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/staff/Cowen/)) on your fellowship ideas.
* Have considered your target funder, and project fit with their assessment criteria.
* Be able to develop a project plan demonstrating feasibility and a clear return on investment for the funder
* Have developed a lay summary of your research and be able to clearly show the impact of your proposal.
* Have considered your training and development needs and the development of a network of academic support to ensure that you emerge as a leading researcher in your field at the end of your fellowship.
* Have established an action plan and peer support fellowship writing groups to help you maintain momentum and submit a high quality external fellowship application on time.

**How to apply:** You need to capture your fellowship ideas and submit a brief fellowship proposal prior to being offered a place on this workshop. Your proposal should target a fellowship scheme open to life science fields which will enable you to increase your research reputation, grow as a future research leader and establish your own independent research group.

You need to apply using the form overleaf. The completed form should be no more than two sides of A4, although literature references cited in the project idea can be added on a third side. The project idea(s) should be written for a **general life science audience** (please note the language needs to be accessible to life scientists outside your specialism but it should NOT be ‘lay summary’ which is meant for a non-academic audience).

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

* Your ability to carry out the project and your potential to develop as a research leader.
* The suitability of the research environment.
* The scientific merit of the project including its importance and originality
* How well it is communicated to a general life science audience.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please send your proposal to pdoclife@careers.cam.ac.uk by 10 am Monday 25th April 2016.

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| Name of Applicant:  |  |
| Potential funder(s) and how your research links with their strategy: |
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| Dates of Calls/Submission Deadlines: |  |
| **What makes you a credible fellow and what will the fellowship mean to your career development?** |
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| **Where do you want to carry out the research? Why would the environment(s) be best for you and your project?** |
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| **What local and external academic support will you need before and after applying for a fellowship?** |
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| **What is your project idea(s) and why is it important?** |
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