

Session 1: Agenda

| Time | Session | Speaker |
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| 9.30am | Tea, coffee, biscuits | |
| 9.45am | Welcome to the programme and brief introduction to the pathway to fellowship submission | David Hannah, College DoR |
| 10.05am | Outline of cohort programme: Introductions followed by an outline of each session in the programme including; expectations, candidate participation, online resources, other events. | Jen Jennings |
| 10.20am | The experiences of current fellows: Short talks by current fellows around their personal experiences, how they started their process, what the journey was like – including Q&As | Kirsty Edgar, Leverhulme ECF Patrick Moynihan, BBSRC FLF Sarah Greene, NERC IRF Jess Blair, BBSRC DPF |
| 11.20am | Tea, coffee, biscuits | |
| 11.30am | An introduction to Business Engagement | Sue Wilde-Greer |
| 12.00pm | When to speak to Alta Innovations | Veemal Bhowruth |
| 12.15pm | Introduction to Research finance | Jamaliah Dewi |
| 12.30pm | Lunch and networking | |
| 1.30pm | End | |

LES Fellowships Cohort

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Introductions, expectations and networking

Professor David Hannah
College Director of Research

Why apply for a Fellowship?

A Fellowship will offer you:

- Enhanced career prospects (prestige, profile)
- The opportunity to define your research project
- Time to focus on research
- Independence
- Opportunities to collaborate
- The resources to build a research group
- The opportunity to publish as senior author
- Added value (funder mentorship schemes, networking events, training etc)

Are you ready?

- Funders are looking to support the next generation of science leaders through their Fellowships
- Competition is extremely tough. YOU must be able to demonstrate:
 - The potential to become an internationally renowned research leader
 - A proven track record of producing excellent science (PUBLICATIONS!)
 - A strategic vision (that aligns with the priorities of the funder)
 - Potential to act as an advocate for your field/funder

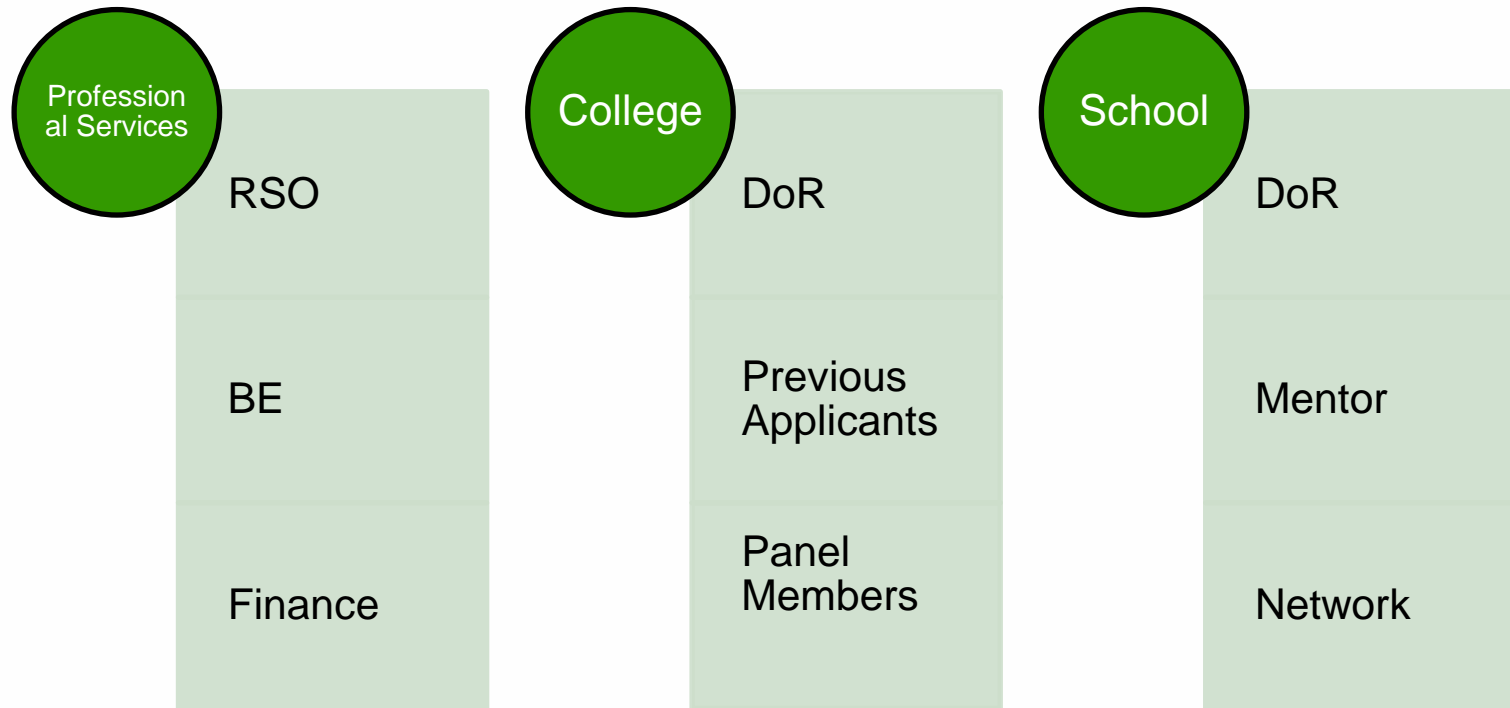
How to develop an application

o **Build your track record**

- Publish (top journals, independent of supervisor if/where possible)
- Network – build your profile (within and outside academia)
- Present at conferences
- Take advantage of travel opportunities
- Build your funding portfolio -use internal pots of money where possible
- Organise events – demonstrate leadership amongst peers
- Public engagement
- Get involved in your department – teaching/student supervision

How to develop an application

- o Take advantage of the support on offer



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Jen Jennings
Research Support Partner

Programme overview

- Session 1 (*4th April*) :
 - Introductions, expectations and networking.
- Session 2 (*4th May*):
 - Person, Project, Place. Funder specific advice on all parts of the proposal, networking with current fellows (buddies).
- Session 3 (*24th May*):
 - Pitch to Peers. and panel members Q&A

RSO Support

- **Why a Fellowship?**
 - What will it mean for your career?
- **Funder landscape**
 - Who funds Fellowships?, Success rates
- **Which funder/scheme to apply to**
 - Career Pathways
 - Remit
 - Eligibility (you need to check)
 - Assessment Criteria
- **Advice on internal processes**
- **Application support**
 - Application form/Sections, Letters of Support, Institutional Statements, Review, Mock Interviews,

Meet the RSO team



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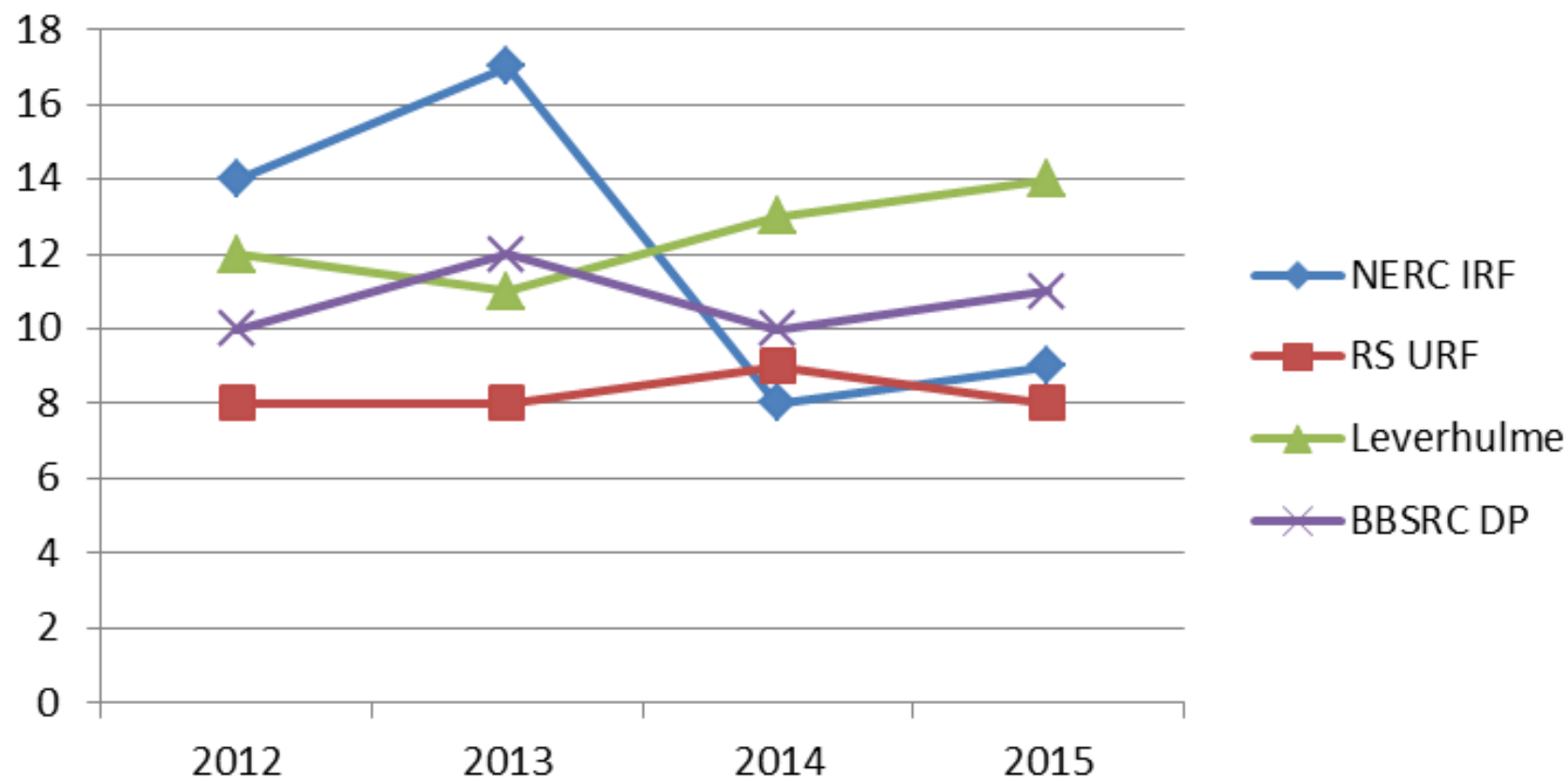


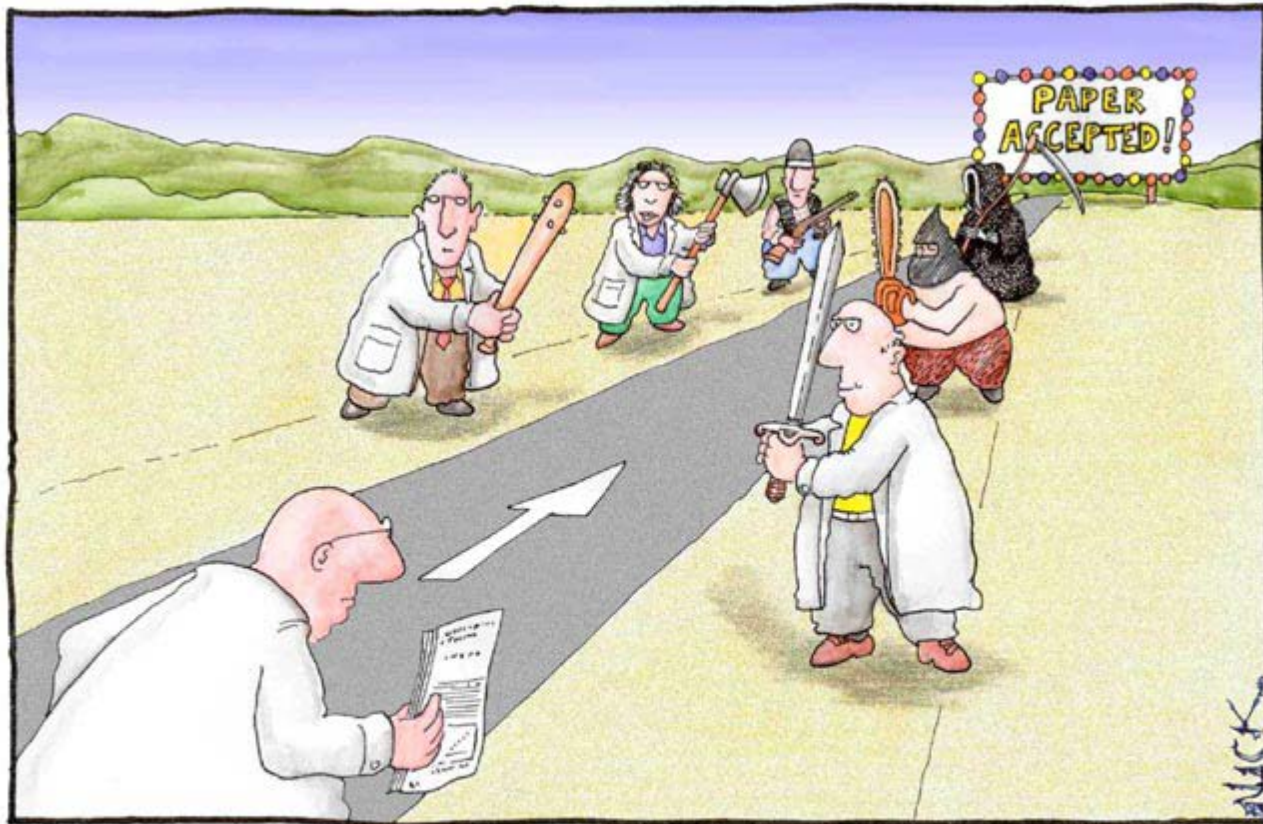
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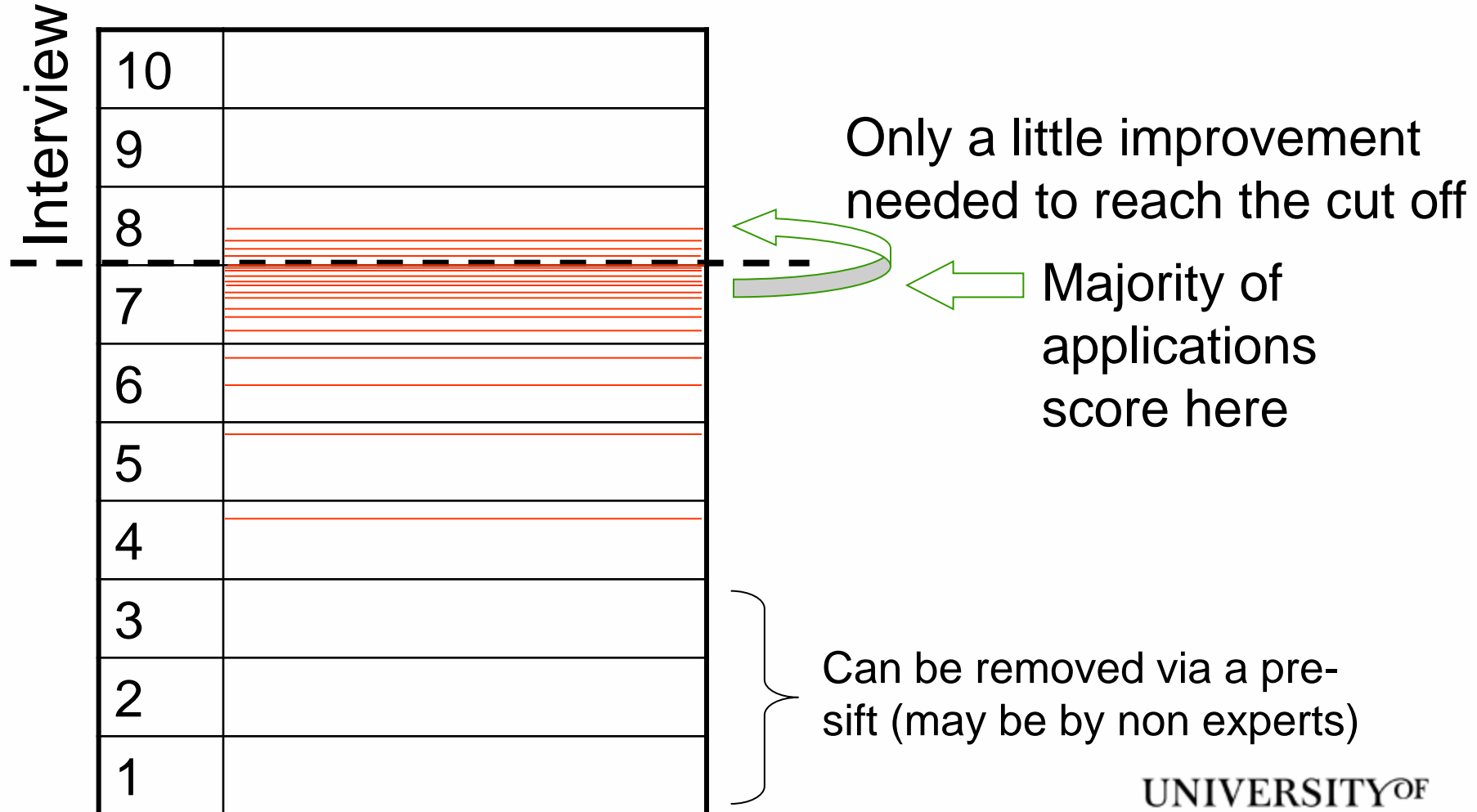
Success Rates





Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as 'quite an improvement.'

Prioritisation panel ranking of grant applications



What makes a successful grant application?

View from a former Committee Chair

- Is it top quality internationally competitive science?
- Is it addressing an important problem?
- Is it novel and exciting?
- Are the aims and potential outcomes of the grant crystal clear from the case for support?
- Does the accompanying data support the proposal?
- Is the work feasible – are there contingencies?
- Has the applicant considered the potential impacts of the research?
- Can a non-specialist understand why the work is important?

Questions?