## Session 1: Agenda

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<td>Outline of cohort programme: Introductions followed by an outline of e</td>
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<td>The experiences of current fellows: Short talks by current fellows aro</td>
<td>Kirsty Edgar, Leverhulme ECF</td>
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<td>und their personal experiences, how they started their process, what</td>
<td>Patrick Moynihan, BBSRC FLF</td>
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<td>the journey was like – including Q&amp;As</td>
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<td>When to speak to Alta Innovations</td>
<td>Veemal Bhowruth</td>
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<td>Introduction to Research finance</td>
<td>Jamaliah Dewi</td>
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<td>Lunch and networking</td>
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LES Fellowships Cohort
Session 1
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

- **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

- Take advantage of the support on offer

**Professional Services**
- RSO
- BE
- Finance

**College**
- DoR
- Previous Applicants
- Panel Members

**School**
- DoR
- Mentor
- Network
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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

Ipshita Ghose
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Contact for support with complex, cross-College and interdisciplinary initiatives and proposals.
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Contact for GEES
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Helen Lambert
Contact for Psychology and SportExR
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Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as ‘quite an improvement.’
Prioritisation panel ranking of grant applications

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- Majority of applications score here
- Only a little improvement needed to reach the cut off
- Can be removed via a pre-sift (may be by non experts)
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?