

EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellowship Call Guidance 2025-6

The EPSRC Doctoral Landscape Award Management Board are accepting applications for Postdoctoral Pathway Fellowships.

Closing date: **12:00 on 3rd September 2025**

1. Summary

The Sussex EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellowship scheme is intended to help Sussex recruit and retain the very best newly qualified doctoral researchers, and help them launch careers in research in Science and Engineering. Fellowship activities include not only developing new research but also completing publications arising from the PhD, planning funding applications, developing research networks and attending conferences and facilitating knowledge exchange and research impact activities.

2. Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply:

- Are proposing Fellowship projects that lie within the **EPSRC remit**. At Sussex, these projects will be hosted by the departments of:
 - Engineering
 - Informatics
 - Mathematics
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
- Must have received **EPSRC studentship funding** and their funded studentship must have ended no earlier than 30th June 2022.
(This funding may have been from an EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training, an AI Centre for Doctoral Training, an EPSRC iCASE award or an EPSRC Doctoral Training Partnership. It cannot have been from another Research Council).
- Do not need to have been awarded a Sussex PhD but must have received EPSRC funding.
- Must have submitted their PhD **thesis before 1st October 2025**, the start date of the fellowship.

Candidates who have not yet submitted their thesis at the time of application are still eligible, but they must have submitted their thesis prior to the Fellowship start date, and the supervisor's letter of support must clearly state the expected submission date. Where the viva exam has not taken place before the start of the Fellowship, the outcome must be an outright pass or pass with minor corrections otherwise the Fellowship will be withdrawn.

- Must be able to start their 6-month fellowship on **1st October 2025** – no other start date is possible. Applicants requiring a visa are unlikely to be able to meet this requirement.

- Should conduct their fellowship under the guidance of someone other than their PhD supervisor but may continue with their PhD supervisor if they can make a strong case for increasing independence.

3. Funding and Duration

Fellowships will be for 6 months and must run from October 1st 2025 to 31st March 2026 as the funding is only available during this period.

The fellowship may be undertaken on a Full-time or Part-time basis, but a part-time fellowship must still conclude by the end of March 2026.

The funding covers:

- 6 months of postdoctoral salary at Grade 7.30-33 (starting £38,784 to £42,254)
- Up to £5000 research and training expenses (e.g. facilities use, consumables, visits to collaborators, conferences, and outreach activities such as public engagement, knowledge transfer).

4. Application timeline

Closing date:	12:00 on 3 rd September 2025
Shortlisted candidates invited to interview:	by 8 th September 2025
Interviews:	10 th - 17 th September 2025
Successful candidates notified:	Around 19 th September 2025

5. How to apply

All applications must be submitted via email. **The deadline for submission is 12:00 on 3rd September 2025.** PhD supervisors of shortlisted applicants will be contacted for references.

The candidate should email the following documents to pgr-scholarships@sussex.ac.uk

- EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellowship Application Form
- Academic CV

The proposed Host Department Mentor should email the following document to pgr-scholarships@sussex.ac.uk

- Mentor Letter of Support (up to 500 words describing the suitability of the applicant, the strategic fit with the Department's research, and confirming that the mentor is able to support the fellow and make available adequate resources - noting that standard computing resources are not eligible for EPSRC funding)

6. Some advice

All applicants should be in contact with their proposed mentor as early as possible in the application process to discuss how they can support the application process.

The shortlisting and interview panels consist of academics from across the EPSRC remit. All applicants should ensure their applications are written to be accessible to a general scientific audience, and avoiding subject specific technical acronyms and jargon.