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Externally Funded Research Fellowships

School of Biosciences, University of Nottingham

We are inviting expressions of interest from outstanding early career researchers seeking externally funded Research Fellowships. We welcome applications from candidates across the breadth of biosciences, including (but not limited to) Microbiology, Plant and Crop Sciences, Animal Sciences, Food and Nutritional Sciences, and Agriculture and Environmental sciences.

We are a diverse and vibrant research community, home to about 150 academic staff, 2000 undergraduates and 200 post graduate students. Our School is based at the Sutton Bonington Campus - a beautiful campus just 20 minutes south of the city of Nottingham. We share the campus with the University of Nottingham Veterinary School.

Our widespread [facilities](#) include:

- a 440ha university mixed farm with arable and dairy
- extensive glasshouses
- modern laboratories and advanced imaging facilities
- category 2 and 3 pathogen laboratories
- access to state-of-the-art phenomics and genomics platforms

We are particularly keen to support candidates applying for major UK or international fellowship schemes (e.g. UKRI, BBSRC, NERC, Wellcome Trust, Royal Society, or international equivalents) to start their independent groups. Selected candidates will receive tailored mentorship and support throughout the application process and, if successful, will join a dynamic research environment with opportunities for collaboration and career development.

How to Apply:

To express your interest, please complete the Microsoft office form by clicking the link below:

[Application for external independent fellowships at University of Nottingham](#)

To complete your application, you would need following information:

- A one-page research plan
- A 200-word statement on why you wish to join the School of Biosciences at Sutton Bonington
- A list of any specialist facility or equipment needs
- Your CV (preferably in R4RI format)

- A full list of publications (including a link to your Google Scholar profile)
- Contact details for two academic referees
- Contact details of two potential hosts/mentors at Nottingham

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a campus visit, which includes:

- A 30-minute presentation covering your career path, recent research highlights, future research plans, and potential synergies with our School
- A tour of facilities and one-to-one meetings with potential academic hosts
- A panel interview

Application deadline: 7th August 2025

Interview day: 15th September 2025

We are committed to supporting equality, diversity and inclusion in all areas of our work and particularly encourage applications from underrepresented groups in academia.

Career progression

The School of Biosciences is committed to supporting Fellows in establishing independent research careers and progressing toward permanent academic positions.

Fellows will have access to:

- A dedicated academic mentor and support from experienced research development staff
- Opportunities to co-supervise PhD students, apply for internal pump-priming grants, and build interdisciplinary collaborations
- Teaching experience, if desired, to strengthen future academic applications
- Annual career development reviews to support strategic planning and progression

We expect that Fellows who secure significant external funding (either as PI or Co-I, depending on the fellowship) and demonstrate excellence in research - through high-quality outputs (e.g. publications, datasets, software or influence on policy), esteem indicators (such as invitations to speak at key conferences) and citizenship contributions (including supervision to UG/PG students, teaching, public engagement and other services where possible) - will be strong candidates for permanent academic posts within the School. Such appointments will be subject to availability and alignment with the University's key research priority areas. Many of our former Fellows have successfully transitioned into Lectureships or more senior academic roles at Nottingham or other leading institutions.