**Centre for National Training and Research Excellence in Understanding Behaviour (Centre-UB)**

**Early Career Researcher Fellowship Application Form 2026**

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| **Application overview**  |
| Applicant name  |  |
| Project title |  |
| Name of partner organisation  |  |
| Duration of fellowship (fellowship should be 12 months full time or up to 2 years part-time)[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |
| PhD award date |  |
| If not yet completed, please state date of viva voce  |  |
| Expected award date  |  |
| I confirm that I have not held a substantial individual research award after completing my PhD  | [ ]  |
| If awarded PhD prior to 6 May 2024, please confirm that you have  |
| 1. held a post in a non-academic organisation for at least 2 years OR
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| 1. had a career break for personal circumstances (e.g., parental or maternity leave)
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| Number provided following completion of [EDI/sociodemographic data survey](https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/bham/centre-ub-edi-fellowship-survey) |  |
| I can confirm that the Research Strategy and Services Division has approved the costings of fellowship application  | [ ]  |
| I confirm that I will attend the Centre-UB induction events at the start of the Fellowship | [ ]  |
| I confirm that I will attend the Centre-UB Fellows training programme throughout my Fellowship | [ ]  |
| I confirm to provide a Centre-UB webinar and a Centre-UB masterclass during my fellowship | [ ]  |
| **Mentor Team**  |
| Primary University of Birmingham mentor  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | College  | Choose an item. |
|  | School |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| Second University of Birmingham mentor (if applicable) |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | College  | Choose an item. |
|  | School |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| Partner organisation mentor  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | Role in organisation  |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| **Partner organisation details**  |
| Name of Organisation  |  |
| Address of Organisation  |  |
| Website of Organisation  |  |
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| This organisation is  | Choose an item.Registered charity Choose an item. |
| **Describe the process used to co-design and plan your fellowship with the partner organisation** *(max 250 words)*  |
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| **Personal career aspirations** *Please provide information about your career aspirations as a behavioural researcher and how the proposed fellowship will support this aspiration (max 500 words).* |
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| **Case for Support** *Please provide information about* 1. *Aims and rationale of the fellowship*
2. *Programme of activities, including methods, timeline, and justification. Please note that the fellowship activities include the following components: development as behavioural researcher (at least 25% of fellowship), and translation of behavioural research to knowledge exchange and impact (no more than 75% of fellowship) and/or further behavioural research (no more than 75% of fellowship). Please include information on how you will work together with the partner organisation. This includes the facilities you will have access to while working with the partner organisation, training provided while with the partner organisation, and the activities you are likely to be engaged with. The best way of working together will depend on the nature of the project being conducted, therefore please justify your chosen way of working together and how this will support the delivery of the fellowship aims and your development.*
3. *Impact and outcomes, including expected pathway(s) to impact and anticipated academic and non-academic outputs. Please note that if the fellowship does not specifically include a component of translation of behavioural research to knowledge exchange and impact, the potential pathways to impact will need to be described in the application, even though the generation of impact through these pathways is outside the scope of the fellowship.*

*Projects will be evaluated based on the relevance of the research area and its fit with Centre-UB remit and* [*ESRC remit*](https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-funding/) *(i.e., behavioural research with at least 50% social science), coherence of the overall fellowship programme, collaboration with the partner organisation, and feasibility to deliver the planned outcomes during a 1 year fellowship.* Max 6 sides A4 with letter font Calibri, font size 11. References are included on a separate page and do not count towards 6 side limit.  |

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| Max 6 sides of A4 with letter font Calibri, font size 11. References are included on a separate page and do not count towards 6 sides of A4 limit.  |

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| **References** *Please include references/bibliography used in the case for support* |
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| Consideration of **ethical** issues and how these will be mitigated. These can include ethical issues related to the participants, as well as the researcher.  |
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| Is it anticipated that any **restrictions** will be placed on public access to publications or other outputs arising from the research project? If so, please state these and include information on how you will meet the ESRC expectations around deposit of data.  |
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| **What financial or in-kind contribution(s) will the partner organisation make to the Fellowship?** *Please state any additional contributions from the partner organisation, if applicable. Either indicate the value of financial contributions from the partner, or the estimated financial value for in-kind contributions.* |
| 1. Project expenses
2. Support for development of postdoctoral fellow
3. Other support
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| ***Finance*** *The fellowship will be costed on the basis of full Economic Costs (fEC), with the ESRC providing funding at 80% of the fEC costs requested. Please see application guidelines for more detail and support available related to the costings for your application.*  |
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|  |  | Full economic cost | ESRC contribution | % ESRC contribution |
| Directly incurred | Staff |  |  | 80 |
|  | Travel and subsistence1 |  |  | 80 |
|  | Other costs1 |  |  | 80 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Directly allocated | Estate costs |  |  | 80 |
|  | Other costs1 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Indirect costs | Indirect costs |  |  | 80 |
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|  | Total |  |  |  |

*1 The combined request of these costs cannot exceed £10,000.*

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| **Justification of resources** *Please provide a breakdown and justification for the costs requested in the application (max 1,000 words). No justification is needed for estates and indirect costs* |
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| **If applying for part time fellowship, please provide a justification.** *Please note, part-time grants are intended for applicants whose normal working hours are part-time and not for applicants who wish to hold the fellowship and continue other employment. The exception to this are applicants whose PhD was undertaken on a part-time basis alongside permanent part-time employment. Applicants in this position can continue to hold their part-time employment alongside the fellowship but all other fellows must spend 100% of their working time (whether full-time or part-time) on the fellowship and cannot take any secondary paid employment during the course of the grant.* |
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| **OPTIONAL Individual Circumstances***Centre-UB is committed to widening participation and opportunity for early career researchers to a diverse community of applicants. To help provide further context to your application, here is an optional opportunity to provide information or context that may be relevant to assessing your academic career path thus far. This may include (but is not limited to) caring responsibilities, disabilities, ill health and/or financial pressures. Personal details are NOT needed, but a note about the effect of the circumstance on time available for study/extra-curricular experience and the timescale over which the event(s) took place would be helpful for appropriately evaluating your application relative to opportunity.*  |
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| **Other documents***Please confirm that the following documents have been attached to the application*  |
| [ ]  | Applicant CV (max 2 sides of A4) |
| [ ]  | Abstract of PhD thesis (abstract of the submitted thesis on the basis of which your PhD was awarded)  |
| [ ]  | Partner organisation supporting statement (maximum 1 side of A4) and summary CV of mentor (max 2 sides of A4) |
| [ ]  | Statement of Head of School/Department where the fellow will be based (max 1 side of A4) |
| [ ]  | University of Birmingham mentor statement and summary CV (max of 2 sides of A4) |
| [ ]  | 1 referee statement (max 2 sides of A4) |
| [ ]  | If applicable, data management plan1 (max 3 sides of A4) |

*1 data management plan is only compulsory if new data will be generated as part of the fellowship*

1. Part-time grants are only intended for applicants whose normal working hours are part-time. Please see the end of this application form for more detail. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)