

## How do I know I'm ready to apply for a fellowship?

Start by reading the funding guidelines and checking you meet the basic eligibility criteria, such as time since PhD requirements. Look at the previous funding announcements (at least the last round, if not several previous rounds) for the scheme you are interested in and see who has been successful. Explore these successful applicants track records considering the aspects listed below.

If you are unsure whether your research track record is on par with those of previously successful applicants talk with your research mentor or ADR. If needed, develop a plan on how you can further develop and strengthen your track record before submitting an application.

### Readiness Checklist

Google (scholar and general searches) previously successful applicants and look at their track records, and compare their track records with yours, including:

- Years since PhD awarded
- Publications
  - Number since PhD
  - h-Index
  - Average Field Weighted Citation Index (FWCI) publications
  - Number of first author publications since PhD
  - Number of publications involving international collaborators
  - Number of publications in Q1 journals
- Awards or prizes from state, national or international organisations.
- Invited or keynote/plenary talks at scientific conferences.
- Research income
  - From nationally or internationally competitive grant sources, including whether they were lead CI.
  - Other research income from outside the university.
  - What were the roles of the grants? Lead CI is significantly more important than the 10<sup>th</sup> in a group of 12.
- Number of HDR completions.
- Scientific leadership contributions to field or profession outside of the university, including memberships, chairing of committees, editorial board contributions, etc.
- Contributions to relevant industry, governments and/or community bodies.
- Invited presentations at industry or community-linked fora.
- General science advocacy or communication promotion outside of universities.
- Evidence that your research is making a difference to or for the relevant end-users and stakeholder groups.
- Any research activity that has led to any paradigm shifts or significant advancement in research directions, methodical developments, international thinking, or industry directions.

### Contact

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