**Faculty Strategic Research Funding - Researcher Mobility Grant for Postdocs and Fellows**

**Guidance and Application Form (2023/2024)**

The Faculty of Natural Sciences wishes to support early career researchers (Postdocs and Fellows) to undertake short term visits to work (for a minimum of one week) with collaborators at overseas or UK organisations. These awards are to contribute towards travel to and from the host institution (academia or Industry) and subsistence during the visit.

The applicant can apply for up to £2,000 with no more than two visits in one year. Note this scheme is not intended to fund conference fees/travels and the [Imperial College Expenses Policy](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/finance/financial-services/expenses/expenses-policy/) are expected to be followed.

**Key dates**

The deadline to apply is **Monday 22nd April 2024, 10:00 am**. The awardees will be announced in the week commencing 6th May 2024.

Please note the research visit(s) should be taken within 12 months of receiving the award.

**Selection Criteria**

The researcher mobility grants proposals will be evaluated using the criteria below:

* Eligibility:
  + The travel must be undertaken within the term of the postdoctoral or fellowship appointment
  + Applicants with a permanent academic role will not be eligible
  + Funding is limited to £2,000 per applicant with no more than two visits allowed in one year
  + Proposals must have the support from the line manager – See appendix 1
  + Proposals must have the support from the host institution – See appendix 1
* Research quality: added value of collaboration between Imperial and the host institution and potential impact of this visit to the applicant’s research.
* Career impact: potential impact this grant will have on the development of the applicant’s career
* The cost breakdown: are the costings realistic?

**How to Apply**

* Applicants should complete the application form without exceedingly two pages (see Appendix 1)
* Applicants should include a letter or e-mail from the host institution with the application form (there must be a clear confirmation that there is commitment from the host institution)
* Application must be signed by the line manager (see Appendix 1)
* Completed form should be submitted to [fonsfundinghighlights@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:fonsfundinghighlights@imperial.ac.uk) (please put in copy [Dr Ester Buchaca-Domingo](mailto:e.buchaca-domingo@imperial.ac.uk))
* Deadline to submit the 2-page proposal is **Monday 22nd April 2024, 10 am**

**Review Process**

Proposals will be reviewed by member of the Faculty Research Committee (FRC).

Appendix 1: **Faculty Researcher Mobility Grant – for Postdocs and Fellows**

**(Please include the support letter or e-mail from the host institution with this application)**

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| **Date(s) of Research visit (s) – Visit(s) MUST occur within 12 months of the award date:** |
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| **Applicant Details:** | | | | | | |
| Name |  | | Department | | |  |
| Name of line manager | |  | | | | |
| Please indicate when your contract ends: | |  | | | | |
| **How is your current PDRA/Fellowship funded?** Explain why you cannot use existing funding to support the proposed visit: | | | | | | |
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| **Host Institution (academia or industry) Details:** | | | | | | |
| Name |  | | | Main Contact |  | |
| Address |  | | | | | |

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| **Detail for the planned visit(s):** | | |
| **Funding requested** |  | |
| **Is this visit aligned with** [**Imperial international partners**](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/international-relations/international-partnerships/) **(e.g., TUM, CNRS, MIT)?** Click link to view ICL international collaborations | |  |
| **100-word abstract** (outlining scientific aims of this research visit) | | |
| **Explain why you need this scheme.** Please provide a brief explanation of why this visit is important to your research and career development | | |
| **Justification of Resources (up to £2,000 per applicant; 2 visits maximum per year).** Please provide a full breakdown of travel costs (e.g., transport\*, accommodation, subsistence meals)  \* *Although the College is still in the process of selecting a suitable Travel Carbon Offsetting Provider for the longer term, it is optional to use*[*There Must Be An Alternative (THEMBA)*](http://www.thembatrust.org.uk/)*as a carbon offset provider in the interim.* | | |
| **Support from the applicant’s line manager**  Signature of the applicant’s line manager: Date: | | |