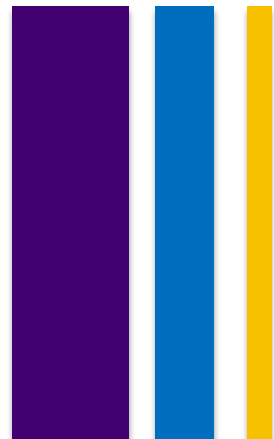




# Fellowships

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- Inform QMUL about the fellowship schemes in EPSRC and UKRI
- Discuss the Peer Review process



# UK Research and Innovation



## Future Leaders Fellowships

# Overview of Future Leaders Fellowships

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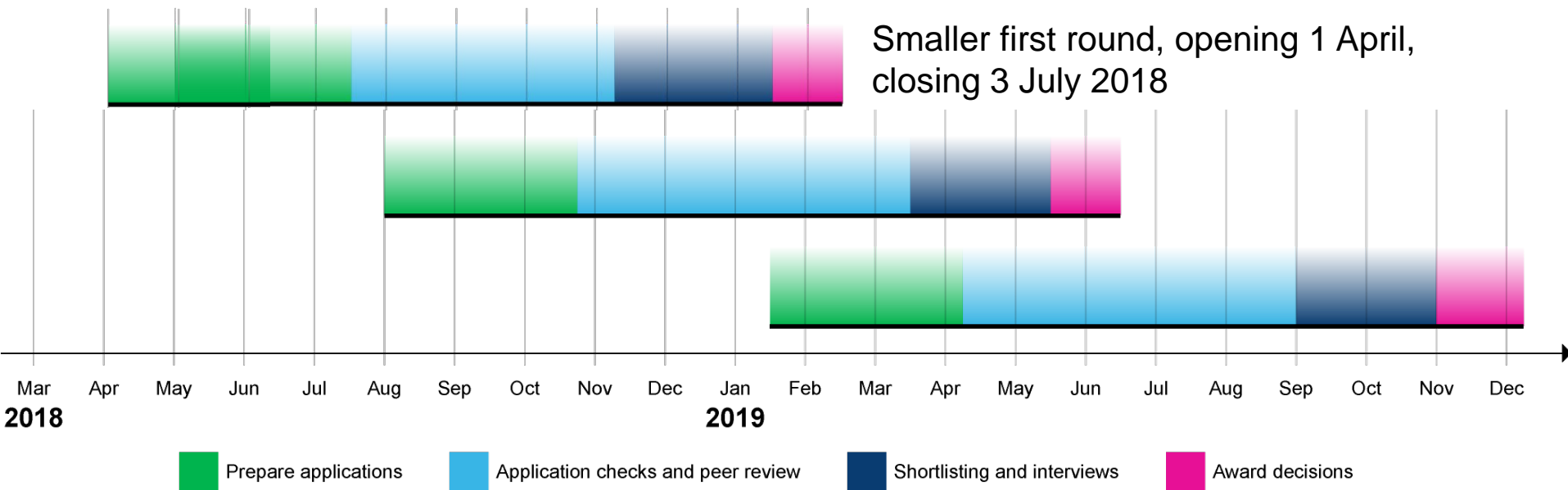
- Flagship UKRI Fellowship scheme to grow the strong supply of talented individuals needed to ensure that UK research and innovation continues to be world class
- New funds from the National Productivity Investment Fund
- Attract, develop and retain the most promising future leaders at a known career pinch point; for Early Career Researchers
- Aiming to fund 550 fellowships in total over 3 years (6 rounds), supporting ~200 individuals per year for up to 7 years (4+3)

# How are Future Leaders Fellowships different?

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- Open across entire UKRI remit, no barriers to interdisciplinarity and no priority areas
- Open to individuals based in business or Universities, and working with other research and use environments
- Provide long term funding (4+3 years) to tackle adventurous programmes or multidisciplinary questions
- Academic employer commitment: tapered salary support and upfront follow-on position
- [link](#)

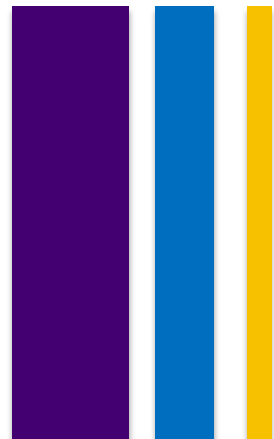
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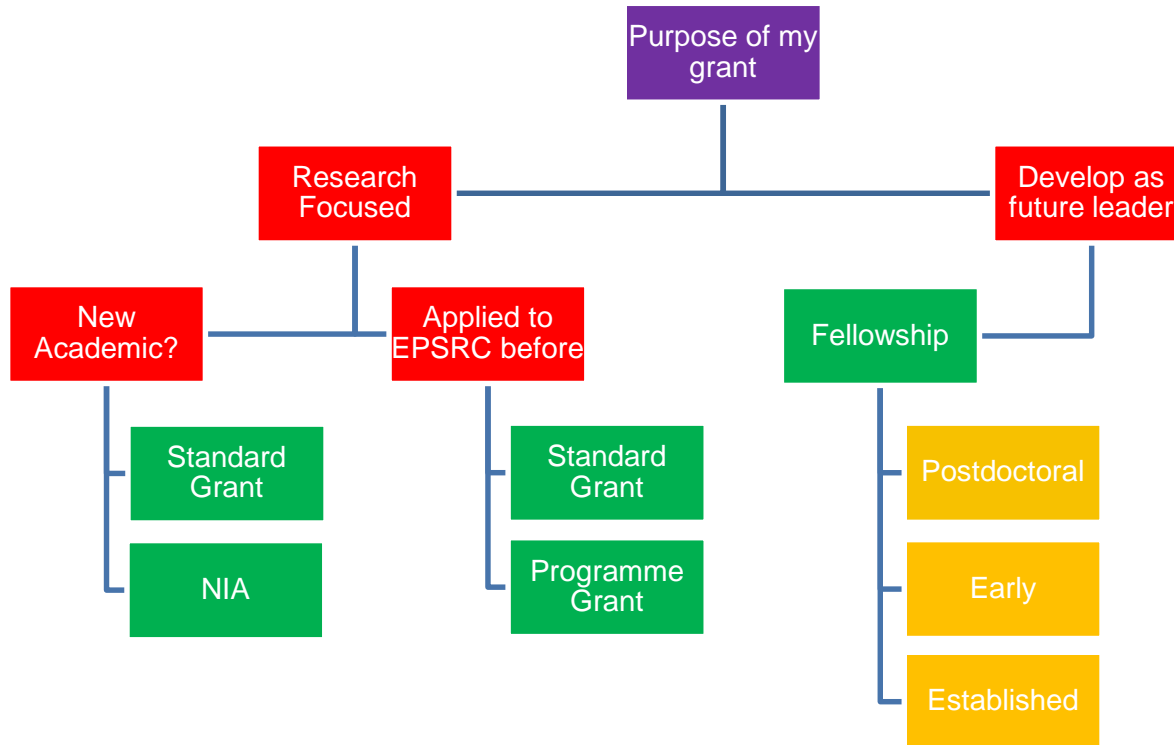




# EPSRC Fellowships



# Which grant is for me?





## Self-identified against the person specification

(<https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/peerreviewprocess/whocanapply/>)

### Post-doctoral

- Independent researcher, understands own research area and where their research can impact

### Early Career

- Evidence of leadership within own community, potential to act as ambassador and leader, awareness of international context

### Established

- Demonstration of leadership at national level, evidence as an ambassador and advocate, potential to be international leader



# Fellowships – Career Stage differences

| Resource              | Postdoctoral  | Early         | Established   |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Duration              | Up to 3 years | Up to 5 years | Up to 5 years |
| Salary Requested      | From 50-100%  | From 50-100%  | From 50-100%  |
| Travel & Subsistence  | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |
| Staff                 | No            | Yes           | Yes           |
| Visiting Researchers  | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |
| Equipment             | Small items   | Yes           | Yes           |
| Consumables           | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |
| Facilities            | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |
| Public Comms training | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |



# Fellowships – Priority Areas

| <b>Postdoctoral</b>   | <b>Early Career</b>   | <b>Established Career</b>          |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Statistics and Applied Probability  | Statistics and Applied Probability  | Statistics and Applied Probability |
| Intradisciplinary Mathematics   | Intradisciplinary Mathematics   |                                    |
| New Connections from Mathematics  | New Connections from Mathematics  | New Connections from Mathematics   |
| Continuum Mathematics and Advanced Materials in the Mathematical Sciences | Continuum Mathematics and Advanced Materials in the Mathematical Sciences |                                    |
| Mathematical Aspects of OR  | Mathematical Aspects of OR  |                                    |

||| <https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/areas/priorityareas/mathematicalsciences/>



- Follows same process as New Investigator Awards and Standard Mode
- But with additional interview stage
- Fellowships are assessed against the Person Specification

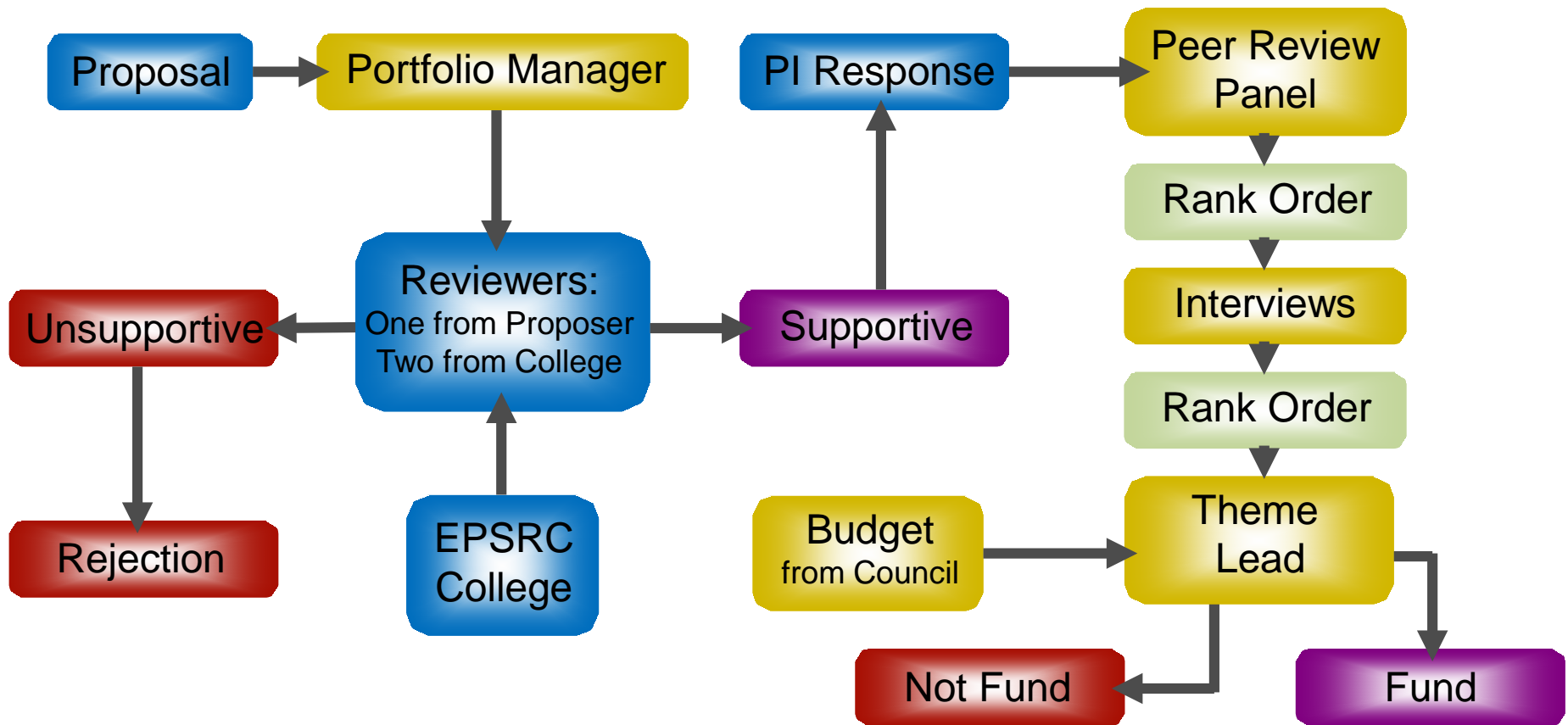


- ■ ■ Research Quality
- ■ ■ Applicant's Ability (including qualities and experience)
- ■ ■ National Importance
- ■ ■ Research Environment
- ■ ■ Impact
- ■ ■ Resources and Management
- ■ ■ Fit to Strategic Priorities
- ■ ■ <https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/peerreviewprocess/>



- Applicants are expected to demonstrate how they fulfil each of the expected attributes:
  - Research excellence
  - Setting the research agenda
  - Strategic vision
  - Profile and influence
  - Inspirational team leader
  - Communication and engagement skills
- <https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/peerreviewprocess/whocanapply/>





||| <https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/assessmentprocess/>

||| <https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/assessmentprocess/prprinciples/>





- Cover Letter – for EPSRC only
- Proposal Form
- Case for Support
- Justification of Resources
- Pathways to Impact
- Applicant CV
- Host Organisation Statement
- Work Plan
- <https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/peerreviewprocess/howtoapply/>



# Differences between Fellowship and Standard Mode Proposals

- ■ ■ Cover letter – need to justify Career Stage and how your research fits to priority area
- ■ ■ Case for Support – 9 pages for Fellowships (instead of 8 pages)
- ■ ■ Include CV for PI
- ■ ■ Include Host Organisation Statement (also for New Investigator Award)
  
- ■ ■ Most crucial difference:
  - ■ ■ How do you relate to the Person Specification?



- Maths Fellowships are assessed at two prioritisation panels a year in June and November
- Successful proposals are invited to interviews in July and January
- The interview assesses the fit to the person specification:
  - Particularly The Applicant
- It does not assess the research quality, this is done in postal peer review and prioritisation panels



- Remember, you are both applicant and reviewer!
- By reviewing proposals, you can see what makes a good or bad proposal
- To become a reviewer:
  - Make a Je-S account
  - Fill in and update your research interests
  - Provide plenty of keywords to help the Council choose you as an expert reviewer
- After completing some reviews, you can apply for the Associate College
  - <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/assessmentprocess/college/memberselection/>



# Any Questions?

