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# Back 2 SCIENCE

## Back to Science Fellowship Scheme

GUIDELINES 2014/15

### Principles

1. The University has established the **Back to Science Fellowships** to provide a one-year opportunity<sup>1</sup> for both women and men in STEMM subject areas, who have taken extended career breaks (>5 years), to join an established research group, build confidence and gain contemporary research experience.
2. The aim of the Fellowships is to provide a sound platform for Fellows to kick-start their careers, providing opportunities for researchers to develop independent research projects, funding applications and research publications, or undertake further study.
3. Each Fellowship consists of a **£16,000** bursary, with a further **£5,000** available for consumable costs. There are TWO Fellowships available per annum.
4. Applications are open between **1–31 August** annually, and successful applicants will normally begin on 1 October in the year of application.
5. Anticipated outputs from each Fellowship will be at least **one high impact publication** plus submission of an **external funding application** to further develop the individuals' research, or entry into high level study.
6. As part of the Fellowship, a **package of training and development** is offered, drawing on the existing provision for PGR/ECRs to further develop the individuals as rounded researchers.
7. The quality of candidates is assessed through a **formal application** and **interview** process, considering qualifications held, experience gained and demonstrable motivation / enthusiasm for research.

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<sup>1</sup> One year full-time, or two years part-time



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8. The Fellowship Scheme is coordinated by Professor Belinda Colston (WiSE@Lincoln Committee Chair and Athena SWAN Coordinator) [bcolston@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:bcolston@lincoln.ac.uk). The fund Administrator is Nikki Oliver (Finance Clerk) [noliver@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:noliver@lincoln.ac.uk).

## Procedure to Apply

1. Enquiries to Professor Belinda Colston ([bcolston@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:bcolston@lincoln.ac.uk)).
2. Potential applicants must first identify an academic supervisor within the College of Science, and with them, develop an outline research proposal prior to submission.
3. Formal online application made at <http://jobs.lincoln.ac.uk/> when call is open (usually 1-31 August).
4. Research proposals, forming part of the application process, must be sent by email to Professor Belinda Colston (maximum of two sides of A4). Proposal must contain:
  - a. details of the proposed host research group;
  - b. a summary of the proposed research project, including relevance to the School's research strategy;
  - c. the proposal, including timescales, breakdown of costs, and details of intended outcomes (e.g. income generation, publication and dissemination of work and other research or professional practice outcomes); and
  - d. a clear statement of how the Fellowship will support the applicant's research aspirations.
5. Interviews will usually take place during September.
6. Applicants are requested to produce a brief report (one side of A4) at the end of the Fellowship, giving an overview of the research carried out, the research outcomes, and the benefits gained by the Fellow.

## Web links

College of Science (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/collegeofscience/>)

School of Chemistry (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/chemistry/>)

School of Computer Science (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/socs/>)

School of Engineering (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/engineering/>)

School of Life Sciences (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/lifesciences/>)

School of Mathematics and Physics (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/smp/>)

School of Pharmacy (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/lsp/>)

National Centre for Food Manufacturing (<http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/holbeach/>)



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