

Newcastle University Briefing Note

Turing AI Fellowships

11th March 2019

1. On 21st February The Alan Turing Institute, in partnership with the Office for AI and UKRI, formally launched its first call for [Turing AI Fellowships](#). The Fellowships are intended to attract and retain exceptional researchers in Artificial Intelligence. This briefing note provides key information relating to Newcastle University's internal process for the Fellowships.

KEY DATES

Sunday 17th March	Newcastle University's internal submission deadline
Friday 29th March (23:00)	The Alan Turing Institute's Stage 1 submission deadline
Sunday 9th June	The Alan Turing Institute's Stage 2 submission deadline

Disciplines

2. The Turing AI Fellowships will cover a broad view of AI, including applications of foundational disciplines across:
 - mathematical sciences,
 - statistical sciences,
 - computational sciences, and
 - engineering.
3. Consideration may also be given to AI work that interfaces with the life sciences, social sciences or humanities (see further page 4 of the [Call Document](#)).

Levels of Expertise

4. In the current call, 3-5 Fellowships are available across two levels of expertise:
 - **Turing Senior AI Fellowships** are available to existing leaders in the field (already demonstrating leadership equivalent to a full professorial position) (*the maximum salary contribution per annum from the Fellowship is £110,000 + on-costs, or pro rata if 0.5FTE or above but below 1FTE*);
 - **Turing AI Fellowships** are available to established mid-career researchers with recognised leadership potential (*the maximum salary contribution per annum from the Fellowship is £75,000 + on-costs, or pro rata if 0.5FTE or above but below 1FTE*).

Applications

5. **The University is able to support a maximum of 3 applications.** Each application must be supported by a letter of intent (signed by the relevant Head of School or Dean) to confirm support of the application, and to confirm the appointment (current or at the point at which the Fellowship will be taken up).

Application Timeline: Outline Proposals

6. Newcastle University needs to set an internal deadline to enable us to shortlist applications and produce costings and letters of intent. The timeline is set out below:

Newcastle University Timeline for STAGE 1: OUTLINE PROPOSALS		
DATE	ACTION	NOTES
Mon 18th Feb	<p>Turing applications open. Staff to encourage applications from relevant individuals within and outwith the University. All applicants who are considering applying for a Fellowship hosted by Newcastle University are strongly encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register on Flexigrant and work on their Turing applications from this point onwards; • contact Newcastle University's Turing Liaison Manager, Elena Gorman, as early as possible to express an interest and receive further information about the internal process. 	<p>Sources of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turing Call Document • Turing FAQs
Sun 17th Mar	<p>All applicants who wish to apply for a Fellowship hosted by Newcastle University must send the following to Newcastle University's Turing Liaison Manager, Elena Gorman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of whether they will be applying for a Fellowship or Senior Fellowship • Confirmation of the Fellowship FTE (0.5-1FTE) • Applicant CV (max. 2 sides of A4) • List of relevant research outputs (max. 1 side of A4) • A case for support, addressing the assessment criteria (pp.9-10 of the Call Document) (max. 4 sides of A4) • Additional references related to the proposal (max. 1 side of A4) • Draft letter of intent (max. 1 side of A4): <i>Newcastle will be producing a template.</i> 	<p>The list of documents requested is the same as that which the Turing requires for its application process.</p> <p>See further: the Call Document and FAQs. <u>Costings are NOT required at this internal review stage</u></p>
Mon 18th Mar	Newcastle University's internal review of applications	<p>The Turing's criteria for the AI Fellowships will be used to identify which 3 applications the University will support.</p> <p>Outcomes reported to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all applicants; • the relevant Faculty/School research administrators
Tue 19th Mar - Tue 26th Mar	<p>The relevant Faculty/School research administrators work with the 3 applicants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • produce costings • produce the letter of intent 	<p>The letters of intent must comply with the Turing's requirements (see the Call Document and FAQs), and be signed by the relevant Head of Department / Dean</p>
Wed 27th Mar	The relevant Faculty/School research administrators provide the applicants with costings and signed letter of intent by this date.	
Fri 29th Mar (23:00 GMT)	Stage 1 (outline proposal) submission deadline for applicants to apply directly to the Turing via Flexigrant.	As part of the application process, the applicant uploads the letter of intent and inputs information about costings.

Further Information

7. For more information, please contact Dr Elena Gorman, Newcastle University's Turing Liaison Manager, elena.gorman@ncl.ac.uk