

Sanger Excellence Fellowship - Q&A

Q: Can I still apply to the Sanger Excellence Fellowship if I have not yet completed my PhD?

A: Yes, candidates are eligible to apply during the final stages of their PhD, bearing in mind that the successful Fellows will be expected to take up the Fellowship position at Sanger/Connecting Science by the end of 2022. It is a requirement of all Postdoctoral Fellow positions that the post holder has been awarded their PhD or will be awarded within the first 6 months.

Q: Can I apply if I haven't yet published any papers?

A: Yes, you can still apply for the Fellowship even if you haven't published any papers yet.

Q: How many fellowships are you awarding per year?

A: We're committed to awarding at least one fellowship per year.

Q: Do you have to be a UK national to apply?

A: No, you do not have to be a UK national to apply but there is a general requirement to have an Undergraduate and PhD awarded from institutions from within the UK, the Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands (the common travel area).

Q: Can the Fellowship be administered elsewhere?

A: The Fellowship is a post-doctoral opportunity within the Sanger Institute, or with our partners Connecting Science, so cannot be administered by another institution.

Q: It says in the application process guidance: "identifiable institutions/people/information will be removed as part of the anonymising process", do I have to anonymise the information myself?

A: No, you do not need to anonymise the information yourself. This will be anonymised by the Sanger Excellence Fellowship Team before the application is sent to the research lead.

Q: It says that shortlisted candidates will be invited to work with Wellcome Sanger Institute or Wellcome Connecting Science research lead on your project proposal. Do I need to have experience of writing research proposals?

A: No, you do not need to have experience of writing research proposals independently. If you are invited to co-develop a research proposal, this will be done in collaboration with the research lead and 1-1- support will be given as part of this process.