



UKRI FLF Round 11

UofG Frequently Asked Questions

- **How many applications is the University of Glasgow allowed to submit?**
 - UofG is allowed to submit 6 academic and 1 clinical application for FLF Round 11.
- **When is the EOI deadline for external applicants?**
 - Each School or College have their own internal deadlines in place ahead of the Institutional deadline. External applicants should contact their perspective School or College for more details on deadline.
- **What if your proposal sits across Schools and Colleges?**
 - It is expected that plenty of applications to be interdisciplinary in nature. If you think that your project sits across different Schools and/or Colleges, you should have a conversation about School remit with your supporting academic and College Research Support Office.
- **If not successful in internal selection, can we apply in the next round?**
 - If an applicant is unsuccessful during the internal selection process, they are allowed to resubmit in a future round. Unsuccessful applicants should review their feedback from previous round when preparing their new application.
- **Any tips on who we should choose to be our academic sponsor? Does the Professor title useful?**
 - Sponsoring academics are usually one's mentor or line manager. You should be approaching those academics who have a good grasp on your research. Think of someone who you would ask to write a letter of recommendation. Professor title is not essential in this circumstance.
- **Is Ignite just for FLF or more generally for fellowship application?**
 - While there is an FLF-specific programme for those that are selected by the institutional panel, Talent Lab is running Ignite in 2026 for those looking to develop any Fellowship application. Find more information on Ignite here: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ljxbSvCgy0Gnppnl>
- **Eligibility:** During the webinar, there were several questions regarding applicant-specific eligibility. The questions below are taken from the Birmingham City University FLF webinar held in November 2025. The full FAQ from this session can be found [HERE](#).
 - **Do New Investigator Awards affect UKRI FLF eligibility?**
 - Having a New Investigator Award does not automatically exclude you. Some FLF holders have previously held such awards. Panels look at the case you make: How the



FLF would take you further/what new potential and opportunities it unlocks. Ultimately, it's about your narrative of independence and leadership potential.

- o **Can associate professors or more senior researchers apply?**
 - Yes. Eligibility is based on early career researcher (ECR) status relative to your trajectory, not strict years post-PhD or job title. Applicants should demonstrate potential for leadership and transformative research. Each career path is considered individually and the onus is on the applicant to make the case for their ECR status.
- o **What does 'Early Career Researcher' mean in the FLF scheme?**
 - There is no rigid definition. It's about your trajectory and leadership potential, not job titles. You could be an assistant professor with rapid research progress, or an associate professor whose career has been teaching-heavy but is now building research momentum. Panels do not rely on job titles, as institutions use them differently. STEM careers often involve long postdoctoral phases, while social sciences may involve teaching-heavy roles before full-time research. Applicants must define for themselves why they are still early career and how the FLF would transform their trajectory.
- o **What counts as ECR status?**
 - Panels assess whether you are at a stage where the fellowship could significantly enhance independence, leadership, and research impact, not whether you fit a strict time frame post-PhD.