

FOUNDATIONS' VAWG FELLOWSHIP FAQs

(Updated 13 August 2026)

Is the candidate expected to have already obtained a PhD before applying?

To be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must either have a PhD or equivalent research experience. Applicants without a PhD must clearly demonstrate their equivalent research experience.

Is there any flexibility around the start date?

We may be able to accommodate small adjustments to the start date. However, please note the published start date reflects budget availability and the benefits of starting the fellowship alongside fellows based at YEF and the College of Policing.

Do we need to provide a breakdown of costs per standard UKRI detail, or would that only be required if I were offered the post?

Only successful applicants will be asked to provide a breakdown of costs and they will be provided with further support and guidance by UKRI.

Travel to and from London - as I'm outside of London, are these travel costs to the office allowable in the application, or would they have to be covered by the applicant?

Successful applicants should include budget for travel to the host office for the duration of their fellowship when they submit a breakdown of costs to UKRI. Please note that only successful applicants will be asked to provide a breakdown of costs and will be provided with further support by UKRI. UKRI will follow the same guidance used for the UKRI Policy Fellowships 2025:

<https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/UKRI-140425-Funding-OPP-PolicyFellowships2025-ResourcesCostJustificationGuidance.pdf>

Given UKRI funds 80% of the Full Economic Cost and the employing organisation needs to support the remaining 20%, does this mean we can apply for £144k (for the fellowship) and £32k (for research and collaboration costs)?

That is correct. The funding available is quoted at 100% full economic cost, with UKRI funding 80% of the full economic cost. Please note that only successful applicants will be asked to provide a breakdown of costs.

What kind of experience is considered to be 'PHD or equivalent'?

This means that the knowledge, skills, and experience required to perform the role are at the competency level expected of an individual who has completed a PhD or gained equivalent research or innovation experience in an academic or other professional setting. Equivalent experience will vary across different disciplines and sectors and is assessed on a case-by-case basis. However,



broadly, we expect a demonstrable capability to work at an independent, postdoctoral level, backed by a track record of driving research and innovation outputs.

I note that a 3-page CV is a requirement - does UKRI have a specific format it would like this CV in?

There is no prescribed format. Applicants may use their own format, provided the CV is no longer than three pages.