



# King's Prize Fellowships, including the Professor Anthony Mellows Medal & Fellowship

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The prestigious King's College London Prize Fellowships are awarded twice a year to outstanding post-doctoral scientists. These awards seek to encourage individuals with a strong research interest to become leaders in their field, in the hope that they will extend the frontiers of research in the health sciences. Applications are encouraged both from candidates seeking to move to King's and applicants already working at King's.

The Professor Anthony Mellows Medal and Fellowship is supported by The Anthony and Elizabeth Mellows Charitable Settlement, in association with King's College, and is awarded to one King's Prize Fellow each year.

The Fellowships provide 18 – 24 months of funding and aim to support the Fellows' transition to independent research careers. The awards will provide a generous salary plus running expenses (c£20K) for 18 – 24 months. They will enable the appointees to establish their own research programme at King's and to compete for intermediate-level post-doctoral fellowships from Research Councils, the Wellcome Trust and other funders. The awards may be held in any part of King's College London but must be focused on biomedical or health-related research.

The next deadline for applications is **26<sup>th</sup> April 2024** Interviews for shortlisted applicants will be held in the week commencing the **17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

To apply please see the job advert in the King's recruitment system [here](#). Applications must include:

- Cover letter (1 page). The cover letter should give an indication of fellowship applications planned or pending.
- Résumé for Researcher (2 pages). This should answer the following questions: 'How have you contributed to the generation of knowledge?', 'How have you contributed to the development of individuals?', 'How have you contributed to the wider research community?', and 'How have you contributed to broader society?' See here for more information about these questions: <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/research-culture/tools-for-support/resume-for-researchers/>. A template is also available to download from the Royal Society.
- CV (including 2 referees) including full list of publications (any length)
- Outline of the proposed research programme (4 pages)
- Explanation of choice of host Research Department and academic sponsor (1 page)
- Letter of support from proposed academic sponsor including confirmation from the Head of department would host the fellowship if successful (any length)

For further details, please contact [Healthresearchdevelopment@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Healthresearchdevelopment@kcl.ac.uk)

Katie Long, who received the Medal in 2018, explains the value of the award: “This funding provided me with a platform in which to establish myself as an independent investigator, and played a key role in my successful application for an MRC Career Development Award”.

Professor Mellows was an undergraduate and postgraduate student at King’s, and went on to become Head of the Law Faculty at King’s, as well as serving on the King’s College Council. He died in January 2016 and his memory lives on in the following awards:

- 1) The London Law Trust Medal, which carried with it The London Law Trust Fellowship. This award was established in 2009 by the Trustees of a charity known as The London Law Trust who, under the chairmanship of Professor Mellows, instituted it in agreement with King’s.
- 2) The Professor Anthony Mellows Medal which carries with it The Professor Anthony Mellows Fellowship. The Trustees of The London Law Trust donated funds to King’s to establish the award, in conjunction with the Trustees of The Anthony and Elizabeth Mellows Charitable Settlement. The Medal and Fellowship, which replicate the aims and ethos of The London Law Trust Medal and Fellowship, have been awarded annually by King’s from 2017 onwards.

Previous recipients of the award are\*:

| Name                      | Duration  | Start date | End date   |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| David Andersson           | 12 months | 2009       |            |
| Mark Dodding              | 12 months | 2010       |            |
| Dr Louisa James           | 12 months | 2011       |            |
| Oleg Glebov               | 12 months | 2012       |            |
| Ian Robertson             | 12 months | 2013       |            |
| Dr Michael Cowley         | 12 months | 2014       |            |
| Dr Luca Fusi              | 18 months | Mar 2014   | Oct 2015   |
| Dr Ryan Driskell          | 18 months | Oct 2014   | Mar 2016   |
| Dr Steven Williams        | 18 months | Oct 2015   | Mar 2017   |
| Jonathan O’Muircheartaigh | 12 months | Jan 2016   | Dec 2016   |
| Athanasios Didangelos     | 12 months | Aug 2016   | Jul 2017   |
| Fabrice Caudron           | 18 months | Jul 2016   | Aug 2017   |
| Alexis Lomakin            | 18 months | Aug 2017   | July 2019  |
| Zoe Mann                  | 12 months | July 2018  | July 2020  |
| Katie Long                | 24 months | Jan 2019   | Dec 2020   |
| Adam Nabeebaccus          | 24 months | Oct 2019   | Sep 2021   |
| Francesca Puledda         | 24 months | Sept 2020  | Sept 2022  |
| Rafael Tapia-Rojo         | 18 months | Sep 2021   | Feb 2023   |
| Toby Wise                 | 18 months | Oct 2021   | March 2023 |
| Stephen Sharman           | 18 months | Oct 2021   | March 2023 |
| Carla Mulas               | 18 months | Oct 2021   | Mar 2023   |
| Lucy Vanes                | 14 months | Jan 2022   | Mar 2023   |
| Daniel Hayward            | 24 months | Oct 2022   | Oct 2024   |
| Ryan Patel                | 24 months | Nov 2022   | Oct 2024   |
| Joseph Wanford            | 24 months |            |            |
| Sharon Jewell             | 24 months |            |            |

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| Olivia Kowalczyk | 24 months |  |  |
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Eligibility

#### Am I eligible if I have less than 3 years of post-doc experience?

This is a PhD level role but candidates who have submitted their thesis and are awaiting award of their PhDs will be considered. It is also worth mentioning that because these fellowships are highly competitive 2-3 years of postdoctoral research experience are generally expected. Nonetheless, occasionally there have been exceptional candidates with less post-doctoral experience. For context, these awards aim to place Fellows in a competitive position to apply to external intermediate fellowships towards the end of the 24 months Prize fellowship.

#### Am I eligible to apply for this fellowship if I have recently been awarded a grant?

In terms of eligibility, there are no conflicts with the other funding you have been recently awarded.

#### Are there any criteria on the fields supported by the fellowship?

The fellowships aim to support biomedical or health-related research, which can be approached from any field.

#### Can this fellowship be held on a part-time basis?

Candidates wishing to undertake a fellowship on a part-time or flexible basis should discuss the suitability of their proposed approach with their intended academic sponsor.

#### Is this fellowship open to clinicians as well?

The fellowship is open to clinicians, however there are a few things you may want to consider:

The salary range offered is a non-clinical salary (£51,974 - £61,021) per annum, including London Weighting Allowance). The post is also full-time basis only, so it would not be compatible with clinical work over 2 P.A.s.

#### Is this a full time research fellowship or can you combine with a few clinical sessions?

The post would not be compatible with clinical work over 2 P.A.s. (one day/week maximum). Unless the shifts are over the weekend, in which case that is up to your discretion.

### Funding

#### Will I receive salary increments within the years of the fellowship?

Yes, each year of the fellowship you will receive a salary increment within the band of £51,974 - £61,021.

### Will the award provide both my salary and running expenses?

The award will provide both the Fellow's salary and running expenses for the duration of the post (24 months).

### What constitutes as running expenses?

Any directly incurred costs are eligible. This includes: consumables, travel some equipment and conference fees.

## **Research Environment**

### Who does the KCL Academic Sponsor have to be?

Your academic sponsor is your choice, but it must be a senior, permanent member of staff under who you will develop your research programme.

### Can the fellowship be spent at two departments within King's?

From an administrative perspective, the Prize fellow would need to have a single departmental "home" for the fellowship. The supervision and physical location can be shared across departments, but this won't be set up as two part-time contracts running in parallel, or similar arrangement.

### Could the KCL sponsor be a senior clinician at GSTT with an Honorary Contract with KCL?

I'm afraid that a senior clinician with an honorary appointment is not a permanent member of King's Staff, therefore they can't be an academic supervisor for the purpose of this award. If they had an Adjunct appointment, then that would make them eligible to act as your academic supervisor. However, please be mindful that the 'research environment' is an important part of the assessment, and the panel takes into account the potential supervisor's suitability to mentor the recipient towards an external fellowship.

### How do I address the 'choice of host Research Department and academic sponsor'?

In this section is about the research environment. You should address why you have chosen the department and academic sponsor that would host your Fellowship

You must engage and secure the support from your selected sponsor and department prior to submitting your application, as you will be required to include their letters of support confirming they would host the fellowship and provide sponsorship if successful.

## **Applications**

### How do I apply?

Applications are received via the King's recruitment system, as it is open to external and internal candidates:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/jobs/085288-kings-prize-fellowship>

You can upload all your application documents as a single PDF file in the supporting documents section.

What time does the application portal close?

You can submit your application on the closing date until 23.59 however we do not recommend you submit so close to the deadline.

What should be included in the 'Outline of the proposed research programme (4 pages)?

There is no specific format for the research proposal, generally it includes some scientific background/research questions, aims/objectives, methodology/experimental approach, timeline/milestones and references. These are by no means prescriptive, you should structure your proposal in a way that makes the best case for support for your research project.

If you would like to include references, these are not included in the word count but we recommend you include a maximum of 1 page of references.

Would the application need to include information about costings for the proposed studies?

It is not necessary to include costings in your research proposal, however if you have some high level estimates there is no harm in including them to support the feasibility of your project. What is also important is to show that there is a clear work plan and that the project is achievable within the fellowship timeframe.

When will a decision be communicated?

Candidates who have not been invited to interview will be informed within a month of the closing date.

When should the successful candidate begin the new role?

There is no fixed start date, after notifying the successful awardees, how quickly they can take the post will depend on finalising salary agreements, and other practical arrangements made directly with the host department. We would expect the successful candidate to start within 6 months of appointment.

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