

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIP 2025-26
Stage 2: Full Stage Application Form**

Application forms should be completed **ONLY** by applicants invited to proceed to full application stage, following confirmation of eligibility after review of the Statements of Intent to Apply (confirmation and invitation to submit to Stage 2 expected **w/c 3rd March 2025**).

Full applications to be submitted via [! RIDA](#) by the deadline: Monday 28th April 2025, 17:00.

All applicants are advised to discuss their proposals with the appropriate Research Innovation & Knowledge Exchange (RIKE) Lead and **MUST ensure that they have approval via signature from the relevant [RIKE Lead](#) PRIOR to submission.**

Applications will be assessed by a peer review panel coordinated through the College.

Successful Fellowships will run from Semester 2 (January 2026) of the 25/26 academic year and will be integrated into the Fellow's workplan as 'additional research time'. Where feasible, the 0.4FTE ECRIF time allocation may be allocated as: a block during Semester 2 (25/26); a block during Semester 1 (26/27) or may be allocated across Semester 2 (25/26) and Semester 1 (26/27).

Track record/Narrative CV

As part of our ambition to create a more inclusive and supportive culture, applicant track record will be assessed via a **Resume for Researcher and Innovation**. This is a **narrative CV** designed to evidence a wider range of skills and experience, which moves beyond traditional metrics-based CVs. All named SHU applicants on an academic/research contract should complete the template provided in Appendix 1.

Information and guidance on completing a narrative CV can be found at: [ECRI Fellowship SharePoint Page 2025/26 / Narrative CVs](#)

Name	
Staff ID No.	
College	
School/Institute/Research Centre	
Signature of your RIKE Lead: In support of the Fellowship(Name/date)	
RIKE Lead Comment: please provide brief approval comments to confirm that local arrangements will be in place to support and facilitate the fellowship.	

Summary of proposed Fellowship (750 words maximum)

The Early Career Research and Innovation Fellowship Scheme is intended to assist those at an early stage of their research careers to establish their research and innovation portfolio and/or develop a new research area. Each successful ECR&I Fellow will be expected to lead a programme of R&I activity which may include, for example, a significant piece of publishable work, the establishment of a new research and innovation area/collaboration, or the development of a major funding application.

Summarise the plans for the Fellowship. Specify the project areas to be explored, how this links to your track record of research/innovation output, and to the College and Institute strategic plan.

Expand as needed up to 750 words.

Fellowship deliverables / outcomes expected (500 words maximum)

Provide a detailed delivery plan including activities, expected outcomes and outputs from the Fellowship and indicate any potential risks and mitigations to delivery. Include key milestones and deliverables.

Examples of expected outcomes could include:

- *Planned research outputs.*
- *External profile building and new (or consolidation of) collaborations.*
- *Potential funding applications and research/innovation income.*
- *Development of a new strategic research/innovation activity and profile.*

Expand as needed up to 500 words.

**Contribution to the transformation of our research culture
(Not Assessed)**

Please provide statements that demonstrate consideration of Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), environmental sustainability and research integrity in the proposed activity. Note training for carbon literacy available, see [here](#).

EEDI (100 words approx.)

Climate action (100 words approx.)

	Research integrity (100 words approx.)
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Criteria for assessment:

- Depending on current career stage, demonstration of clear potential to become either: (i) an independent researcher or (ii) a research leader, as evidenced by having distinct research/innovation plans that build on previous experience and track record.
- A clear vision for the strategic contribution the Fellowship will make to the research and innovation landscape of Sheffield Hallam University.
- Demonstration of how the proposed research and innovation activity will engage with and contribute to the wider national and international research and innovation landscape through, for example, the generation of high-quality research outputs and/or impact from research.
- Demonstration of clear and feasible project delivery plans, including consideration of risks and mitigation.

Appendix 1: Résumé for Research and Innovation

(ONLY required for Stage 2 applications)

(Two pages maximum – Arial 11 pt, single-spaced)

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1. Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies or knowledge
2. The development of others and maintenance of effective working relationships
3. Contributions to the wider research and innovation community
4. Contributions to broader research/innovation-users and audiences and towards wider societal benefit