The Alan Turing Institute Research Fellowships

Information and Guidance for Candidates

Assessment process

Assessments will be carried out in two stages:

Stage 1- Person Specification, Research Quality and Visions

Qualities of the applicant will be assessed against the Fellowship person specification above, along with the applicant’s proposed research agenda (specifically, the quality and ambition). However, all elements of the application will be considered.

Guidance for applicants – Person Specification
This phase will focus predominantly on the applicant’s CV and track record, although other sections of the application will also be reviewed. Applicants are advised to approach these materials as would be the case with any call for applications for Fellowship funding.

Guidance for applicants – Research Quality
Please ensure that your research proposal includes the following criteria:

1. **General summary** - this should be a short paragraph explaining the focus of your research in a non-technical manner, suitable for a non-specialist.

2. **Scientific aims and objectives.**

3. **Vision and ambition** - a short paragraph outlining the vision and ambition of your research programme, identifying individual research challenges. Innovative and ambitious approaches to challenges from across data science are strongly encouraged, and collaborative aspects will be highly valued.

Stage 2 – Interview

Successful candidates will be invited to interview. This will involve a short presentation from the candidate based on their application, which will then be followed by a discussion with the interview panel.

Guidance for applicants

Further advice on specific requirements and guidance will be provided to applicants when invited to interview.

Eligibility

As this scheme is predominantly aimed at early-career researchers, applicants must hold a PhD with a Viva date within 5 years of the anticipated starting date window (1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018). Consideration will additionally be given to applicants who have taken a non-standard career path following their PhD, or where the applicant has lost time in their careers through extenuating circumstances.

Applicants must have at least one preprint.