



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Postdoctorate Pathway Fellowship 2025- Two Fellowships available



**Salary: Grade 7 (£39,355 – £46,735 p.a. Appointments will be made at spinal point 31 (£39,355), plus a £13,000 grant as additional funding for outreach)**

**Reference EPSRC1009**

**Closing date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Fixed-term for 2 years**

**It is anticipated that interviews will be held middle of June 2025**

# **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Postdoctoral Pathway Fellowship.**

## **Faculties of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Environment and Biological Sciences.**

**Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have experience of working in a research laboratory/research environment at a postgraduate level? Are you looking to establish a research career in Science or Engineering at one of the UK's leading research intensive universities?**

The [EPSRC](#) Postdoctoral Pathway scheme supports Fellowships of two years' duration for exceptional researchers who have been in receipt of EPSRC funding (fees and/or maintenance) during their PhD. To be eligible for this year's scheme candidates must have a PhD (awarded after October 2024), or have sat their viva or submitted their thesis for examination between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025.

Your research area must fall under the [EPSRC remit](#).

These prestigious Fellowships are designed to support you in the development of your independent research and innovation career. As part of the programme we will offer you flexible support, including induction, mentoring and career development planning. You will also be assigned a mentor and a formal supervisor appropriate to your area of research.

This is a national scheme and all EPSRC-supported postgraduate researchers (PGRs) are encouraged to apply. You will be expected to start between 1 August 2025 and 30 October 2025. If you have already been offered or hold a professional research or academic-related position with a contract for 12 months or more, you will be considered to have achieved the aims of this programme and as such will not be eligible.

## **What does the role entail?**

As an EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Leading on the continuation and extension of the research in your PhD project and developing/adapting this into new independent areas of research;
- Developing new research collaborations within the University and external to the University as appropriate;

- Working independently with minimal supervision and developing independence in research;
- Evaluating your own methods and techniques and those used by others in your discipline in order to enhance the quality and reliability of your work;
- Communicating your research results through writing and submitting papers to leading international journals on your PhD project and/or subsequent work and disseminating your research results through other recognised forms of output;
- Contributing to applications for further external funding to further your own research or that of your research group;
- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and taught postgraduate students and PGRs, where appropriate, including assisting with the supervision of projects in areas relevant to your own work;
- Continually updating your knowledge and understanding in the field or specialism, applying this knowledge to your work;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post and depending on your area of research.

## What will you bring to the role?

As an EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellow, you will have:

- A PhD (awarded after October 2024), or have sat your viva or submitted your thesis for examination between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025;
- Been in receipt of EPSRC funding (for fees and/or maintenance) during your PhD, or tied to an EPSRC research grant by having received partial fees and/or maintenance payments from the grant (working on a piece of equipment funded by an EPSRC grant is not acceptable);
- Experience of working in a research laboratory/research environment at a postgraduate level;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral, with experience of reporting on research progress, such as presenting research results at meetings/conferences or publishing your own research in an international peer reviewed journal, as appropriate;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;



- A proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and as part of a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

You may also have:

- The ability to develop collaborative relationships and seek future funding;
- Experience of assisting less experienced colleagues and/or students with their research.

## How to apply

You can apply for this role online. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

Your online application should include the following attachments:

- A detailed curriculum vitae, including full academic history, research, and publications to date;
- A supplementary information sheet (Please access the template from the 'Downloads' section on the Job advert);
- A signed short statement from the relevant Head of School/Institute indicating how the fellowship plans would fit with the School/Institute's strategy. This statement must be obtained from the Head of School/Institute as a .pdf document and the Head of School/Institute should email it directly to [pg\\_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:pg_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk).

If you are struggling to access any of the attachments, please contact [EPSHR@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:EPSHR@leeds.ac.uk)

You should specify your plans for the use of funds and discuss your application with the Head of School/Institute, where the work is to be carried out prior to submitting your application.

It is your responsibility to contact your two referees and the relevant Head of School, in advance of the closing date, to make them aware of your application, request a supporting statement and to discuss your research area.

Applications will be reviewed by Faculty Committees, who will make recommendations to the Central Selection Committee. The Central Selection Committee will decide the final shortlist, conduct interviews and award the EPSRC Postdoctoral Pathway Fellow.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**Caroline Neave, Postgraduate Scholarships Manager**

Email: [C.F.Neave@adm.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:C.F.Neave@adm.leeds.ac.uk)

## Additional information

### Faculty and School Information

Further information is available on the research and teaching activities of individual Faculties:

- [Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences](#)
- [Faculty of Environment](#)
- [Faculty of Biological Sciences](#)

### Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

### Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at [disclosure@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).

**Please note:** If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

## Criminal record information

### Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.



Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.