Information for Applicants
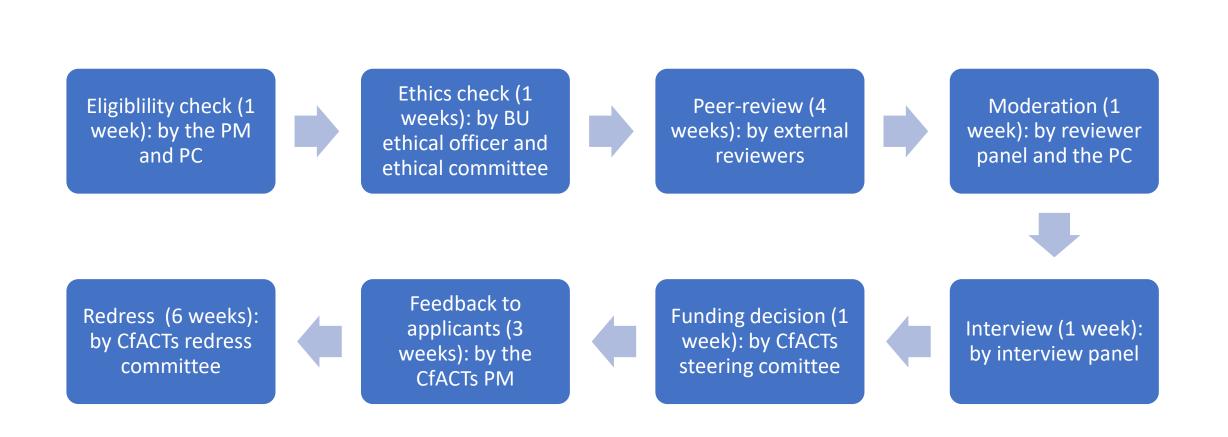

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Selection Process

Eligiblility check (1 week): by the PM and PC	→ Ethics check (1 weeks): by BU ethical officer and ethical committee	→ Peer-review (4 weeks): by external reviewers	→ Moderation (1 week): by reviewer panel and the PC

Redress (6 weeks): by CfACTs redress committee	← Feedback to applicants (3 weeks): by the CfACTs PM	← Funding decision (1 week): by CfACTs steering comittee	← Interview (1 week): by interview panel

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply an applicant must :

- Be in possession of a doctorate or have at least four years full-time equivalent research experience.

- Not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the United Kingdom for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline.

Application Process- Template

- All application forms must be in English. A completed application consists of:

- **Part A – Administrative information**

- **Part B1 – Research Proposal** (max. 10 pages);

- **Part B2 – Applicant CV** (max. 5 pages);

- **Part C – Ethics issues** - Applicants must provide information on how they intend to address potential ethics issues, as required by the Horizon 2020 Guidance on Ethics Self-Assessment;

- **Part D (Optional)** – Signed support letters from the applicants PhD academic supervisors;

- **Part E**– Signed Data Protection Consent Form;

- **Part F** – Criminal Records Declaration;

- **Part G** – BU Equality Monitoring Form.

Overview of Selection Process

- The scores for eligible applications will be collated and the applications with the highest score (e.g. top 9 for each call) and pass the selection criteria will be invited to attend an interview.

- The interview will be conducted via video conference. The interview panel will score the performance of, and provide their recommendation for, each candidate.

- Funding decision: the CfACTs steering committee will meet to discuss the final funding decision based on the review score and interview panel's recommendation.

Selection Process – Peer Review

- **Scoring:**

- Scoring must be in the range from 0-5. Decimal-marks may be given.

- **0** – Proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

- **1** – Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

- **2** – Fair. Proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

- **3** – Good. Proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.

- **4** – Very Good. Proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

- **5** – Excellent. Proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Selection Process – Peer Review

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
50%	30%	20%
Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the ER fellowship	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including the appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the ER fellowship	Quality of industrial implementation and placement of cross-sectoral experiences	

Selection Process – Peer Review Panel

- **The overall threshold**, applying to the weighted sum of the 3 individual scores, is 70/100. Proposals with scores below this will be rejected with feedback in writing.

Overall Score	Proposal quality
< 50/100	The quality of the proposal is poor with serious inherent weakness. **The project is not in a fundable state.**
50/100~70/100	There are major flaws in the proposal and the narrative is not clear. **The project is not in a fundable state.**
70/100 ~ 90/100	The proposal is with good quality. There exist some small issues and concerns to address. **The project is likely to be recommended to receive funding.**
>= 90/100	The proposal demonstrated excellence in research and training. The fellow has strong profile to conduct the research. **The project is highly recommended to receive funding.**

- **Score calculation:** For example, if a proposal scored 4.0 for excellence and 3.5 for impact and 3.1 for implementation, the score will be calculated as: 4/5*50%+3.5/5*30%+3.1/5*20% = 73.4/100.

Research Themes and Partner Organisations

- Theme 1. Application of Machine Learning to Problems in Light Transport (Framestore)

- Theme 2. Learned Resolution Independent Rendering for Future Films (Framestore)

- Theme 3. Deep Learning in 3D Facial Modelling and Animation (Humain)

- Theme 4. NLP and Conversational AI Technologies for Digital Characters (Intel-PA)

Q&A Time
Thank you!

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