

NRN-LCEE Returning Fellowships (2018)



The NRN-LCEE wishes to fund up to three individual Returning Fellowships of up to £10,000 each for researchers returning after a minimum of 6 months away from their work for reasons of maternity/ paternity/ adoption/ long-term health/ long-term caring.

These Fellowships can be requested by individuals employed by a Welsh Higher Education Institution, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology at Bangor or the British Geological Survey in Wales who have returned (or will return) between 1 January 2017 and 1 July 2018.

These Fellowships are available for a maximum of 11 months between 1 February and 31 December 2018. Without exception, all Fellowships must end by 31 December 2018.

Purpose of funding

Funding can be used for the following purposes:

- Travel & subsistence costs to establish new collaborations for research. These must be genuine new collaborations and not simply extensions of already existing research partnerships. The novelty of the collaborations must be explained in the application.
- Travel & subsistence costs and registration fees to attend national and/or international research conferences/workshops.
- Travel & subsistence costs for potential new collaborators to visit the Returning Fellow's host institution. Again these must be genuine new collaborations.

N.B. This funding cannot be used for any salary of the Returning Fellow, institutional overheads, equipment or consumables.

Deliverables

1. A minimum of 1 peer-reviewed publication to an ISI accredited journal to be submitted before 31 December 2018 (attributable to this NRN-LCEE funding).

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants should have a contract of employment at a Welsh HEI, CEH Bangor or BGS Wales that extends beyond 31 December 2018. Applicants must have been absent from work for at least 6 months due to maternity/ paternity/ adoption/ health/ caring and return or have returned to (full or part time) work between 1 January 2017 and 1 July 2018. Professors (or equivalent) are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 3 ISI peer-reviewed papers published/ accepted/ in press.
- Applicants must be active/ propose to be active in research areas that fit within the remit of the NRN-LCEE themes (sustainable intensification; low carbon energy pathways; the bio-economy; impacts and mitigation of climate change and human activities. More detail on: www.nrn-lcee.ac.uk/themes).

N.B. NRN-LCEE Fellows and PIs/Co-Is on funded NRN-LCEE Clusters, or former recipients of an NRN-LCEE Returning Fellowship, are not eligible to apply.

Application Process

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF including the following five sections:

- 1) **Case for support:**
 - a. A brief summary of the proposed Fellowship for non-specialist (max. 100 words)
 - b. Science and/ or travel plan (max. 500 words)
 - c. Justification of how the planned work is a new initiative and not simply a continuation of existing activities (max. 500 words)
 - d. Work plan, including Gantt chart and timetable of activities (max. 500 words)
 - e. Justification of the resources applied for (max. 500 words). This should include a spend profile *signed by an authorised representative for your Institution*. Please use the template available at: www.nrn-lcee.ac.uk/funding.
- 2) **CV and publication list**
- 3) **Letter of Support from the Head of School of the host institution**
- 4) **Statement from the host institution's HR department** that the applicant: i) has a research contract of employment at the host institution that extends beyond 31 December 2018. ii) Has returned, or will return, from a period of at least 6 months of leave for reasons of maternity/ paternity/ adoption / health/ caring in the period 1 January 2017 to 1 July 2018.
- 5) **A Letter of support** from a Professor (or equivalent) from an institution that *is not* host to the potential Fellow.

This is an open call (i.e. no deadlines) until 31 May 2018 and submissions will be accepted until this date, or until 3 Fellowships have been awarded (whichever is sooner). It is advised to check with contacts below if funds are still available prior to submission.

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF by email to: nrn-lcee@bangor.ac.uk, with the subject heading "Returning Fellowships Application".

Only applications that meet all the eligibility criteria will be considered. Any enquiries about the scheme should be made to the NRN-LCEE Project manager at: s.j.vanwijk@bangor.ac.uk