# Wellcome Trust Early Career Award expression of interest form

You should familiarise yourself with the funder’s requirements and scheme guidance.

You must discuss your potential application with your Head of School; some Schools may have internal processes and deadlines for approval of applications, so you should contact them at the earliest opportunity.  EOIs without mentor and HoS authorisations will not be considered by the panel.

Potential applicants who receive support in principle from their School should provide the information requested below and return to [R-IDevelopment@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:R-IDevelopment@leeds.ac.uk) by **midday on the relevant deadline date.**

Please complete sections 1- 7 below

1. **Applicant details**

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| Applicant name: |  |
| Current Organisation / Faculty / School: |  |
| Mentor name: |  |

1. **Application details**

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| Title of application: |  |
| Theme/discipline: |  |
| Faculty / School where you will be based for the award (if different from above – please note that for ECA applicants a change of environment is strongly encouraged by Wellcome) |  |

1. **Describe your research vision.**

The Wellcome Trust want to understand how your research programme will be bold, creative and of high quality.

In your description make sure you include:

* your aims and research questions
* the expected outcomes from your work
* the background and work which has led up to the project
* your approach, methods and how you will address challenges
* key stages in your research plans, indicating location and milestones

Please provide as much detail for each point as possible ~1500 words total for the EOI stage. (3000 available at mainstage)

1. **Your research contributions**

**How have you contributed to the generation of knowledge?**

Describe how you have contributed to the generation of new ideas, tools or techniques and your most important research outputs so far. You may highlight skills you have used to develop and test ideas.

Please also list up to 10 of your most significant research outputs and describe why they are relevant, what difference they made and your contribution to each (up to 50 words per output).

Outputs can include: original publications, open data sets, software, commercial or interventional products or tools, clinical practice developments, educational products, policy publications, and conference publications that you have generated. If referencing original research publications, please give the citation in full, including the title of paper and all authors (unless more than 10, in which case you may use 'et al', ensuring that your position as author remains clear). Citations to preprints must state "Preprint", the repository name and the articles persistent identifier (e.g. DOI). (500 words min, 1000 words max.)

**How have you contributed to the wider research community?**

This may include, for example:

* teaching or supervisory activities, workshops, or summer schools in which you were involved;
* editing, reviewing, or contributions to the evaluation of research projects;
* your involvement in collaborative activities; and
* your participation in conferences or knowledge sharing activities.

Please do not include any sensitive personal information relating to people you have worked with or supported. (250 words max.)

1. **Research environment**

**What considerations led you to choose this research environment and any sponsors for your research? How will this setting help you to develop your research identity and explore your research questions, and be ready to lead your own independent research programme at the end of the grant?** (300 words maximum)

**How will you contribute to a positive and inclusive research culture? This could include, for example, plans for collaborative activities, people management or research integrity training, diversity and inclusion activities.** (300 words maximum)

**Your organisation will give you and the staff employed on your grant a minimum of 10 days a year to do training and continuing professional development. Explain how you will use this time.** (300 words maximum)

1. **Authorisations**

**Confirmation of Head(s) of School(s) where the applicant will be based for the award** (please delete one of the statements below as appropriate)

*I confirm that I have discussed the application with the applicant, that their proposal is suitable for an* ***Early Career Award****, and that they have the competencies to be competitive at this career stage.*

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| *Mentor* | *Signature, or email confirmation with relevant wording above to*[*R-IDevelopment@leeds.ac.uk*](mailto:R-IDevelopment@leeds.ac.uk) |

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