DRAFT PROGRAMME: Preparing for Fellowship Success

Mercure Fairfield House Hotel, Skelton

To be facilitated by Karen Clegg, Research Excellence Training Team and Steve Hutchinson (external facilitator) with contributions from the PVC Partnerships and Knowledge Exchange, Existing Fellowship Holders, Faculty facing Research Development Managers and Impact Managers.

Monday 25 March

9:00 Arrival & Refreshments

Overview, welcome and introductions

09.30: Introduction: What is a Fellowship? This session will explore the aspects required of a Fellowship application

10.00 Session 1: Why me? A fellowship is as much about the person as the research. This session will focus on how to provide evidence of personal development, skills, leadership potential, profile and influence

Output: draft career development statement

11:00 Coffee

11:15-12:30 Research Vision Peer Review This session will enable all participants to share their pre-produced research proposal/lay summary and receive peer feedback on it.

Output: draft vision statement for the Fellowship

12.30-13.00 Session 3: Conveying an idea – setting SMART targets This session will focus on the output(s) of the Fellowship. What will be achieved at the end of the Fellowship? What skills will you have developed? What connections and collaborations will have been made?

Output: draft SMART objectives

13:00-14:00 Lunch - Fellowship Mentors invited to Lunch
14:00 - 15.00  **Session 4: The value of a Fellowship: to the University, the Individual & the Funder**

- **Prof Jon Timmis**, PVC Partnerships and Knowledge Exchange
- **Prof Tom McLeish**, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Dept of Physics/Centre for Medieval Studies Humanities Research Centre
- Dr Candy Hassall, Head of Researcher Affairs Wellcome Trust - The Value of a Fellowship to a Funder

15.00 - 16.15  **Session 5 - Discussion and drafting with Buddy**
One to one - review with Fellowship buddy - what’s missing from the original proposal?

*Output: refined vision and professional development statement*

16.15 – 16.30  **Coffee**

16.30-17.30  **Pitch Training** - Steve Hutchinson

17.30 - 18.00  **Perspectives from existing Fellows:**
- **Will Unsworth**, Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowships
- **Alyssa-Jennifer Avestro**, Royal Society - GCRF Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowships & L'Oreal For Women in Science Fellowships

18:00 – 18.45 Drinks reception and Welcome from Professor Deborah Smith, PVC Research and Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor

*To include pitches from Enterprise Fellows*

18.45 – 20.30 Networking dinner for prospective and existing Fellows (and invited Alumni)

---

**Day 2: 26 March**

09.00 - 10.15  **Session 6 Collaborators, Beneficiaries and Impact** - Karen Clegg and Chris Charlton-Matthews

This session will help you to identify the potential collaborators for research and to articulate how the collaboration support the research and potentially leads to impact.

*Output: analysis map of stakeholders, possible collaborators & supporters, ideas for impact summary.*

10.15  **Coffee**
10.45 Session 7 – The Pitch & Mock interview

Group activity - 3-4 candidates plus available Fellowship Mentors

10 mins prep
5 mins pitch
5-10 mins feedback.

12.00 Session 8 Reflections and Action Planning

Feedback and reflections and next steps

12.30 Evaluation, next steps (agree follow up meeting) and Close

NB. We reserve the right to change the programme should this be necessary