

## Race Against Dementia – ARUK Fellowship Q&A 2020

### Can I apply for a Race Against Dementia (RAD) Fellowship?

Both clinical and non-clinical researchers from across all disciplines may apply (except for social or carer-focused research).

Applicants must have no more than three years post-PhD research experience at the time of applying, adjusted for part time working and career breaks. The three years begins when you have received official confirmation of your PhD.

Applicants to the 2018 RAD Fellowship call may re-apply.

Check [our website](#) for more details on eligibility criteria.

### What types of research will the Fellowship cover?

We strive to support research that will improve the lives of people living with dementia now and in years to come. We fund the very best biomedical research, from basic to clinical, that will:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of the diseases that cause dementia.
- Improve diagnosis of dementia.
- Reduce the risk of developing dementia.
- Develop treatments, ensuring they get to patients and ultimately preventing dementia.

### When can I start my application and when is the deadline?

You can start your application now via our [grant application website](#). You can also download an example application from our [website](#).

The deadline is 20 January 2021, 23:59 GMT.

## When can I start my project?

We would expect successful projects to start from September 2021 and no later than March 2022, however this is defined by the applicant/Host Institution, and when the contract is signed (July-August 2021).

RAD expect successful candidates deferring their start date to still make themselves available in that intervening period to take part in activities within the RAD Fellows' development programme (e.g. meeting the other Fellows, attending online training or a tour of an F1 facility).

## Do I need to be based at a UK Institution?

The Fellowship must have a UK academic or not-for-profit research institution as a Host with whom Alzheimer's Research UK will establish a contractual agreement. The Host Institution will be responsible for administering payments to other Institutions.

However, this does not prevent Applicants from planning their projects to start in another Institution and to return to the Host Institution later on.

Alzheimer's Research UK is able to consider any other administrative arrangements on a case-by-case basis.

## The guidelines strongly encourage an international secondment or collaboration. Is this essential to apply?

Race Against Dementia would like Fellows to explore the potential for collaborations and secondments outside of their host institutions, either within the UK or internationally. These should be based on the requirements of the project and the Fellow, and so it is possible that opportunities will arise at any time during the Fellowship.

Applicants who have an agreed secondment host do not need to have a written formal agreement with your secondment host, however, a letter of support would help to confirm your relationship with the host.

Whilst applicants do not need to secure opportunities at the time they submit their proposals, they should consider how they'd benefit most from potential collaborations and secondments. We also recommend that you make an attempt to budget your proposed secondment. We

will be happy to adjust the budget during the Fellowship, once precise arrangements can be agreed.

We can support applicants and Fellows by providing networking opportunities and facilitating introductions both across academia and into relevant industrial and commercial institutions.

**Do I need to have submitted my thesis at the point of applying for a Research Fellowship?**

No, but you would need to have completed your PhD and passed your viva ideally before the final Grant Review Board meeting in June 2021 and certainly before we can issue a contract.