

Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships toolkit

Purpose of this toolkit

This toolkit provides ready-to-use content and resources to help you promote the Royal Academy of Engineering's Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships scheme.

Scheme overview

Now open for applications, the Royal Academy of Engineering's [Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships](#) (RCSRF) empower **mid-career and established UK engineering academics** to lead ambitious, applied research in collaboration with industry. The scheme provides up to £450,000 over five years, alongside part-time options and tailored support, to enable researchers from all engineering disciplines and diverse identities to deliver real-world impact.

The scheme is currently open for applications and **closes on 26 March at 4pm**.

Core messaging

- **What it is:** A five-year programme offering up to **£450,000**, protected research time, and mentoring and training to help engineering academics establish or grow a high-impact research group in collaboration with an industry partner.
- **Who it's for:** UK-based professors or senior academics (lecturer/reader level) in any engineering discipline.
- **Why it matters:** Engineering innovation thrives when academics and industry professionals come together to develop real-world solutions, driven by diverse experiences and perspectives.

Support for groups underrepresented in UK engineering

Innovation starts with individuals who bring unique perspectives, expertise and ambition. Pre-application mentoring from Academy Fellows is available to applicants from groups persistently underrepresented in UK engineering through the Academy's [Access Mentoring](#) scheme. Early submission of Access Mentoring requests is encouraged (deadline **12 March**).

To find out more about the scheme and the support available, contact research@raeng.org.uk.

Suggested social media posts

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Applications are open for @RAEngNews Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships. Gain up to £450k funding, protected research time, and mentoring from leading engineers to build your team and lead applied research with an industry partner. Apply now: <https://bit.ly/4sOofCT>

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*Please note that the Academy has paused activity on X pending the outcome of the ongoing Ofcom investigation.

Bluesky:

Lead applied engineering research with industry. Applications for the Royal Academy of Engineering (@raeng.org.uk) Research Chairs & Senior Research Fellowships are open. Gain up to £450k funding, protected research time and mentoring from leading engineers to build your team: <https://bit.ly/3LRs4GO>

Turn your industry partnership into a funded, focused research programme. The @raeng.org.uk Research Chairs & Senior Research Fellowships offer up to £450k over five years, protected research time, and mentoring to help academics grow a high-impact research group. Apply at: <https://bit.ly/3LRs4GO>

LinkedIn:

Applications are now open for the @Royal Academy of Engineering's Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships, supporting engineering academics to collaborate with industry partners on research with real-world impact.

If you're a UK academic looking to build your team and amplify the impact of your research, benefit from:

- ✓ Up to £450,000 in funding
- ✓ Protected time for research
- ✓ Networking and mentoring from leading engineers
- ✓ Part-time and flexible working options

Find out more and apply at: <https://bit.ly/49K7GiF>

Engineering innovation is stronger when it reflects diverse experiences and perspectives.

The @Royal Academy of Engineering's Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships (RCSRF) scheme provides pre-application support to applicants from groups persistently underrepresented in UK engineering through its Access Mentoring scheme.

Prospective applicants benefit from mentorship from an Academy Fellow to support them to develop a high-quality grant application.

The RCSRF scheme offers up to £450,000 over five years and protected research time to enable mid-career and senior UK engineering academics to lead ambitious, applied research in collaboration with industry.

Awardees also benefit from part-time options, training and development opportunities, and access to an inspiring community of researchers driving innovation across all engineering disciplines.

Find out more and apply for support by 12 March: <https://bit.ly/49K7GiF>

Sample content for newsletters/email

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Awardees benefit from up to £450,000 over five years, protected research time, flexible working options and expert mentoring, enabling them to grow a research group and deliver real-world impact.

Pre-application support is also available to researchers from groups persistently underrepresented in UK engineering.

Learn more and apply by 26 March: <https://bit.ly/4qGlv7S>

Social cards

Social cards to accompany the posts above can be found at: www.raeng.org.uk/rcsrf-resources. These are available in landscape and square formats.

Contact

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