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**Neuroadapt Fellowships**

**Call 1 (2025)**

FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL

“PROPOSAL TITLE”

***In drafting the proposal, applicants must follow the structure outlined below.***

***This page and all instructions in highlighted italics should be deleted.***

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***1.*** ***EXCELLENCE***

***2.*** ***IMPACT***

***3.*** ***IMPLEMENTATION***

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***GANTT CHART***

***The Front Page and Gantt Chart are not part of the page count.***

***This document will be submitted along with, a CV (5 pages) and, if required, an ethics statement (max 2 pages).***

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**"PROPOSAL TITLE"**

**1. Excellence**[1]

**1.1** **Quality and credibility of the research plan (level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects)**

*Describe your fellowship concept considering the following aspects:*

* *Introduction, state-of-the-art, objectives and overview of the proposal: the research question that will be addressed, the starting point and expected finish point / goal*
* *Research methodology and approach: the type of research / innovation activities proposed*
* *Originality and innovative aspects of the research programme: explain the contribution that the research is expected to make to advancements within the field. Describe any novel concepts, approaches or methods that will be employed*
* *The gender dimension in the research content (if relevant). This refers to any gender aspect of the research plan and not the gender of the applicant*
* *The interdisciplinary aspects of the action*
* *The relevance to the Neuroadapt thematic areas (Diagnostics, Therapeutics, Digital Health)*
* *The intersectoral engagement proposed, including at least one proposed Secondment of between 3 and 6 months*
* *For Global Fellowships, details of the outgoing phase*

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1 Literature or other references should be listed in footnotes, font size 8 or 9. All references will count towards the page limit.

**1.2**  **Quality of transfer of knowledge between the applicant and the host**

*Training in a variety of technical and non-technical (transferable) skills will be provided as part of the Neuroadapt programme, to aid you in conducting your project and to support career development. In this section, describe briefly:*

* *Specifics on how you could take advantage of the training offered, and any skill areas you feel you would benefit from in particular*
* *Any individual training activities you have identified that you intend to pursue*
* *Outline any previously acquired knowledge or capability that you may transfer to the research group you will join, the FutureNeuro and partner institute, intersectoral / outgoing host partners as applicable, and to your community of peers on the Neuroadapt programme*

**1.3** **Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution**

*Relevance of the experience of the Supervision:*

* *Provide relevant details on the primary Supervisor and proposed co-supervisors (inter-institutional and/or intersectoral) for your research plan: e.g., their track-record in the field, access to infrastructure and resources, international collaborations, projects, or publications*

*Appropriateness of the research environment:*

* *Provide evidence of the match between your research proposal and the capabilities of the laboratory / group you will join*
* *If you require additional resources and support that the host does not have, explain where they can be found*

**2.** **Impact**

**2.1** **Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher**

* *Explain the expected impact of the planned research and training (including transferable skills) on your career prospects after the fellowship. Which new competences do you wish to acquire?*
* *Describe how the proposed research, training and intersectoral activities will contribute to your further professional development as an independent/experienced researcher, or the relevance of the fellowship if you have alternative goals*

**2.2** **Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the action results**

* *Describe how the new knowledge generated during your fellowship will be disseminated and exploited, e.g., communicated, transferred into other research settings or, if appropriate, commercialised*
* *What is the dissemination strategy - targeted at scientists, potential users and/or to the wider research and innovation community – that will achieve the optimal impact? Follow the principles of open science where possible. Note that the ‘Green’ route to* *open access is available via your host institute library at no additional cost to your project*
* *Specifically, how is PPI (Public and Patient Involvement) integrated into your project plan?*
* *You may also refer to the "Dissemination & Exploitation" section of the Horizon Online Manual****2****. The European Charter for Researchers also refers specifically to dissemination*
* *Concrete planning for section 2.2 must be included in the Work Plan / Gantt (see section 3.1)*

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2 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1867974>

**2.3.**  **Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the action activities to different target audiences**

*Researchers should ensure that their research activities are made known to society at large in such a way that they can be understood by non-specialists, thereby improving the public's understanding of science*

* *Note that Neuroadapt provides access to Public Engagement and PPI coordinators based in the various institutions that you may refer to in your plan*
* *You may refer to the guidelines* [*Communicating EU research and innovation guidance for project participants*](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/gm/h2020-guide-comm_en.pdf)***3*** *as well as to the "communication" section of the Horizon Online Manual****4***
* *Concrete planning for section 2.3 must be included in the Work Plan / Gantt (see section 3.1)*

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3 <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/25e20ad1-d2aa-4b4d-8a36-2a98ee258b05>

4 https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index\_en.htm

**3.** **Implementation**

**3.1 Management Structures**

*The Fellowship will take place primarily at the host institute, within the Supervisor’s research group and affiliated to the Futureneuro Research Centre.*

* *Outline any other specific management structures you will implement to facilitate your fellowship execution*
* *Describe additional implementation measures for the proposed Secondment, and for Global Fellowships, the outgoing phase host*

**3.2 The Work Plan**

*The proposed research work plan should be designed so that the desired impact can be achieved in a measurable way. For each Work Package (WP; there must be at least one) please include the following information. You can use a table as appropriate*

*WP X: TITLE*

* *Duration (Month Y to Month Z)*
* *Key technical objectives / goals*
* *Main tasks required to reach the work* *package, bullet point format preferred. Describe each task, highlighting new knowledge learned or developed, and stating clearly the endpoint and relation to the other tasks or work packages*
* *Linked deliverables* 5 *or milestones* 6
* *Linked dissemination or public engagement activities*

*Include a Data Management Plan deliverable at M6 as part of the management activities. A detailed data management plan is not required at the proposal* *stage, however you should describe any significant datasets that you will use or produce and strategy for managing them under FAIR principles.*

*A Gantt Chart should be included at the end of the proposal (an example follows) that gives the schedule for Work Packages, Deliverables, Milestones, Dissemination and Public Engagement activities and proposed intersectoral engagement, including Secondment(s)*

*The elapsed time should always be in terms of the number of months elapsed from the start of the fellowship.*

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5 A deliverable is a distinct output, meaningful in terms of the overall objectives and may be a report, a document, a technical diagram, a software, etc. Should the applicant wish to participate in the pilot on Open Research Data, the Data Management Plan should be indicated here. Deliverable numbers ordered according to delivery dates.

6 Milestones are control points in the action that help to chart progress. Milestones may correspond to the completion of a key deliverable, allowing the next phase of the work to begin. They may also be needed at intermediary points so that, if problems have arisen, corrective measures can be taken. A milestone may be a critical decision point in the action where, for example, the researcher must decide which of several technologies to adopt for further development

**3.2** **Budgeting**

*Briefly describe how you will use the Fellowship allowance: major items of expenditure*7 *for research consumables, computers, equipment, training courses, dissemination activities and travel costs*

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7 For details of cost eligibility under the Research Ireland Centres, see <https://www.sfi.ie/funding/sfi-policies-and-guidance/budget-finance-related-policies/>

**3.3**  **Risk planning**

*Describe major risks associated with the implementation of your* *plan, and propose preventative and/or mitigating actions to reduce the likelihood of them occurring.*

* *Should there be any critical risks in the execution, (for example, a challenging intermediate goal that if cannot be achieved prevents any further progress), describe contingencies (alternative goals or workarounds) that could allow you to complete your fellowship.*
* *Response to continuing risks due to the COVID pandemic should be included*

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*In Summary, a complete application consists of:*

*Part A:*

* *Administrative online forms, including contact details and main supervisor contact details*
* *Applicants must agree to the T&C of the program*
* *2000-character summary of the project proposal and 10 key words (in order of importance)*
* *A letter of commitment from associated partners for Global Fellowships to show that the outgoing host has the capacity, infrastructure, etc. to host the Fellow (this letter will have, however, no impact on the openness, transparency, fairness, and impartiality of the selection process)*

*Part B:*

* *Project proposal (including proposed research project in alignment with the Neuroadapt themes, proposed career development/training, communication/dissemination plans), 10 pages max; a template based on the current MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship template will be provided via the website*
* *A paragraph (less than one page) stating potential or planned PPI interactions during the fellowship.*

*Part C:*

* *Applicant CV (including previous and current awards and funding) and list of publications*
* *Names and contact details of 2 referees. 3) Ethical issues table (standard Horizon Europe) and, if applicable, an ethical self-assessment*

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|  | **Gantt Chart*****Example shown below. The Gantt chart should reflect the work packages, Secondment, training events and dissemination / public engagement activities described in the proposal.***  |
|  |  | **Year 1** | **Year 2** |
| ***Work Package*** | **Title** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** |
| ***WP1*** | **Management** |   | CDP  |   |   |   | DMP | D1.1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ***WP2*** | **Research Part x** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | D2.1 |   |   |   |   |   |   | D2.2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ***WP3*** | **Research Part y** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | D3.1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|  | ***Milestones*** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | M1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | M2 |   |   |   |   |
| ***WP4*** | ***Secondment*** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | D4.1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ***WP5*** | ***Dissemination & Communication Events / Activities*** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |

***Notes:***

***This is an example; the titles of the WPs indicated here do not have to be strictly followed or included in the Gantt chart for your specific proposal.***

***Add or remove WPs as needed. Include a level of detail appropriate to your project.***