

# Christian Korff's Application Guide for Postdocs\*

There are two main funding mechanisms for postdoctoral positions:

1. **Fellowship applications with one of the UK's or European research councils.** Applications involve the writing of a detailed research proposal in liaison with an academic staff member who acts as host. Many of these fellowship schemes come with additional funds for research costs such as travel and IT equipment and are highly competitive.
2. **Positions funded by an external grant.** These positions are usually tied to a concrete project for which financial support has already been secured.

**This application guide focusses on postdoctoral fellowships.** Look at my research webpages and publications to see if we have matching research interests. If you would like to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship with me please send me an initial e-mail introducing yourself including

- **a curriculum vitae,**
- **a publication list,**
- **a brief outline of your past and future research**

It might also be a good idea to ask your current supervisor to send me an informal recommendation letter via e-mail.

**Most application deadlines are usually during July-October the year before you wish to start the position. Contact me as early as possible in order to take advantage of all available funding schemes.**

## **Important points to note:**

- **Allow sufficient time for the preparation of the application (3-4 weeks).** Even documents that you might already have written (such as a CV or a research track record) will often require careful rewriting in order to meet the requirements of the potential funding agency. This can be a time consuming process and should not be underestimated.
- **Contact potential referees well in advance.** This will ensure that they have adequate time to write recommendation letters in order to support your application in the best possible way.
- **Be aware of the submission procedure.** The recommendation letters as well as any other supporting documents and the application itself will usually be submitted electronically via a webportal. However, prior to submission the application needs to be approved by the administration here at Glasgow University and therefore the actual deadline for finishing the application is in general 5-7 days before the deadline set by the funding agency.

\* This application guide is not endorsed by the Department or the University of Glasgow. You can find related information on the Department's web pages:  
<http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/mathematics/postdoctoral/>

# Fellowship Schemes

## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- **EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships, deadline: 12 August**
- **Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (Intra-European and International Incoming), deadline: 17 August.**

### **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)**

The EPSRC is one of the major research councils in the UK. Fellowships are offered in all branches of pure and applied mathematics.

*(EPSRC) Postdoctoral fellowships enable talented new researchers to establish an independent research career shortly or immediately after completing a PhD. They provide funding to cover the fellow's salary and a small amount of travel and subsistence, equipment and consumables. The fellowships last for up to three years ...*

*There are no nationality or age restrictions on who may apply for a Fellowship. Potential candidates should have up to but no more than three years postdoctoral research experience by the start date of the fellowship. This period is calculated from the date of the PhD viva to the proposed start date of the fellowship. You should not currently hold, or have previously held, a permanent academic post in either the UK or overseas.*

... For successful candidates who have not yet completed their PhDs, the award is conditional on gaining a PhD by 31 December 2011.

Consult the [EPSRC funding guide](#) for further details.

### **European Union: Framework Programme 7**

The European Union offers fellowships in all science areas under the [People Section](#) of Framework Programme 7. Follow the links below to the guide for applicants (PDF).

- [International Incoming Fellowships](#) (IIF) (deadline: **12 August**)
- [Intra-European Fellowships](#) (IEF) (deadline: **12 August**)

Consult the [UK Research Office](#) for further information.