Eligibility criteria for ‘Exceptional Talent’ and ‘Exceptional Promise’

**Exceptional Talent (leader)**

- Whether you are the winner of a prestigious prize or award;
- Whether you have secured significant funding for your work in the past ten years;
- Whether you are regarded as a leader in your field.

**Exceptional Promise (potential leader)**

- Whether you have provided evidence sufficient to demonstrate that you have the potential to be a future leader in the field;
- The level of additional funding secured during or following tenure of a relevant fellowship;
- Whether you have provided evidence of a relevant prize or award for early career researchers;
- The significance of your contribution to your field relative to your career stage.

**Exceptional Talent (leader) and Exceptional Promise (potential leader)**

- Your track record/career history (including your international standing, the significance of your publications, prizes and research funding awarded, patents, and the impact of past innovation activity, in a company, academia or as an individual);
- The strength of the supporting statements in the letter of personal recommendation, and evidence in relation to qualifying criteria, including a written recommendation from a reputable UK organisation concerned with research in your field (if relevant);
- The expected benefits of your presence in the UK in terms of the contribution to UK research excellence and to wider society, including potential economic benefits from exploitation of intellectual capital.