Discovery Fellowship Narrative CV template (2022)

The narrative CV is designed to allow you to make visible all the relevant contributions you have made to the research and innovation community1. However, this is not a checklist; examples are provided under each heading, but you are not limited to or required to include an example of each. Your narrative CV will be viewed as a whole, and the panel will draw from examples across the template to make an assessment. In this call, the CV will be used to assess your career trajectory towards independence and leadership in your field relative to your career stage.

Your narrative CV should include the headings and boxes provided in the template. The document should be completed in single-spaced typescript in Arial 11 or other sans serif typeface of equivalent size, with margins of at least 2cm.

1 <https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-were-improving-your-funding-experience/introducing-a-better-way-for-you-to-evidence-your-contributions/#contents-list>

**Personal and Career Information**

This box should be used to summarise your experience to provide context for your outputs and allow reviewers and panel members to make their assessment relative to your career stage. You should provide details of:

* Key qualifications
* Relevant positions held
* Awards or prizes
* Your role in securing any funding received to date

You may also wish to declare a career break for additional context, although there is no requirement to do so.

Please also provide:

* Your current institution/organisation
* Your previous or current academic supervisors
* How you found out about the BBSRC fellowship competition

**Section 1 – Independent contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies or knowledge** (up to 500 words)

In this section you should describe your contributions to previous research, innovation or technical projects. Key outputs might include peer-reviewed publications, data sets, software, conference presentations, evidence of innovation, patents, and policy publications.

Please detail up to ten of your research outputs and address the following questions for each one:

* What was your personal contribution to the work? (for example, performing key experiments, supervision of others, acquiring funding to support the work, bringing in new collaborators etc. Please comment on when and how you have demonstrated research independence from your previous/current supervisors or teams?
* What is the significance of these findings in the context of your field? (for example, how the findings led to new areas of research or independent collaborations, how they challenged the state-of-the-art, whether the work was highly cited, highly accessed by the community or affected policy direction, etc.)

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**Section 2 – Leadership in the development of others and maintenance of effective working relationships** (up to 500 words)

In this box you should describe how you have demonstrated leadership skills during your career to date. Provide examples of:

* How you have helped support the development of others.
* How you have developed and maintained effective working relationships at all levels.

These might include project management, supervision, mentoring or line management contributions to the success of a team or advancement of colleagues, involvement in collaborations or networks within your organisation or beyond, or where you exerted strategic leadership in shaping the direction of a team, organisation, company, or institution.

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**Section 3 – Contributions to the wider scientific community and research and innovation culture** (up to 500 words)

In this section you should demonstrate how you have contributed to the bioscience community, improved research and innovation culture, and how you would seek to improve research culture as an independent researcher.

Examples might include contributing to networks or steering groups, receiving invitations within your sector to deliver seminars or other presentations or the organisation of workshops, conferences or other events that have benefited your scientific community in improving research and innovation culture.

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**Section 4 – Impact on the broader scientific community beyond your field and exploitation of research towards wider societal benefit** (up to 500 words)

Please address the following questions:

* How have you sought to exploit the outputs of your research and what has been the resulting impact?
* What is the long-term impact of your work?

Examples might include knowledge exchange, engagement with industry, private or public

sectors, clients, policy makers, researchers in different fields or disciplines or the broader public and other impacts across research and innovation.

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