



BBSRC Early Independence Fellowships – Application caps for host organisations

To ensure funding decisions can be delivered in a reasonable timescale without overloading our research and innovation community with peer review, academic institutions are asked to prioritise the number of applications they submit to this funding opportunity, with the maximum number of applications permitted per organisation outlined in the table in Annex A.

Only HEIs that submitted applications to the outline stage of this opportunity are permitted to submit applications to the full stage. HEIs not listed in Annex A are therefore not permitted to submit an application.

Demand Management Grouping	Number of FTE Staff submitted to the REF 2021	Number of applications permitted
1	>2000	3
2	1400-1999	2
3	1000 - 1399	1
4	600-999	1
5	400-599	1
6	<400	1



Annex A – Maximum Number of Applications to the 2026 round of the BBSRC Early Independence Fellowship scheme per HEI

These figures have been calculated based on submissions to the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF) with the number of Early Independence BBSRC Fellowship applications permitted related to the FTE staff numbers included within each institutions REF submission as follows:

Academic organisations who did not submit to the REF and are not identified within the grouping are permitted to submit one application to this opportunity.

Higher Education Institution (HEI)	Number of outline applications submitted	Maximum number of applications to this opportunity
Aberystwyth University	8	1
Aston University	4	1
Babraham Institute	1	1
Brunel University London	1	1
Cardiff University	8	2
Cranfield University	4	1
Durham University	5	1
Earlham Institute	1	1
Edge Hill University	2	1
Harper Adams University	3	1
Heriot-Watt University	3	1
Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS)	-	1
Imperial College London	27	2
Institute of Cancer Research	3	1
James Hutton Institute	1	1
John Innes Centre	3	1
King's College London	28	2
Lancaster University	3	1
Leeds Beckett University	1	1
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	3	1
London South Bank University	2	1
Loughborough University	2	1
Manchester Metropolitan University	1	1
Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom	1	1
Moredun Research Institute	2	1
MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology	1	1
National Institute of Agricultural Botany	1	1



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Natural History Museum	5	1
Newcastle University	12	1
Northumbria University	1	1
Nottingham Trent University	2	1
Oxford Brookes University	1	1
Quadram Institute Bioscience	8	1
Queen Mary University of London	7	1
Queen's University Belfast	7	1
Rosalind Franklin Institute	1	1
Roslin Institute	-	1
Rothamsted Research	3	1
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	4	1
Royal Veterinary College	4	1
Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre	1	1
Swansea University	2	1
The Francis Crick Institute	5	1
University College London	34	3
University of Aberdeen	2	1
University of Bath	5	1
University of Birmingham	30	2
University of Bradford	1	1
University of Bristol	13	2
University of Cambridge	57	3
University of Dundee	4	1
University of East Anglia	2	1
University of Edinburgh	22	3
University of Essex	2	1
University of Exeter	16	1
University of Glasgow	21	1
University of Hull	2	1
University of Leeds	13	2
University of Leicester	7	1
University of Lincoln	1	1
University of Liverpool	12	1
University of Manchester	25	3
University of Nottingham	11	2



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Higher Education Institution (HEI)	Number of outline applications submitted	Maximum number of applications to this opportunity
University of Oxford	56	3
University of Plymouth	3	1
University of Reading	8	1
University of Sheffield	8	2
University of Southampton	13	1
University of St Andrews	4	1
University of Stirling	1	1
University of Strathclyde	3	1
University of Surrey	4	1
University of Sussex	1	1
University of Warwick	10	1
University of York	9	1
Wellcome Sanger Institute	4	1