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## **UKRI-1406 Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF) Network Development 2**

UK Research & Innovation

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ukri.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research & Innovation

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-1406 Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF) Network Development 2

Reference number

UKRI-1406

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This PIN is being issued in order to undertake a market consultation exercise with regards to the requirements detailed in Section 2. UKRI would like to invite suppliers to attend an engagement session in order to assess the market's appetite for procuring the proposed FLF Development Network 2, to provide information regarding the tender, the expected outcomes from the network, and to enable suppliers an opportunity to ask questions regarding the FLF Development Network 2 and these expected outcomes.

We request that attendance is restricted to key members of your organisation. For clarity, this notice is not a Call for Competition; a Contract Notice will be issued as a call for competition. Not registering an interest shall not prevent any supplier participating in a future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the preliminary market consultation shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,820,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The supplier day information presented in this PIN is for an upcoming UKRI Tender to develop a FLF Development Network 2. UKRI is looking to take advantage of the unique opportunities presented by the cohorts of FLF (Rounds 4,5,6) and potentially further fellows supported by UKRI through the associated activities of this Network. It is envisioned that the activities developed by the supplier will be accessible to all aforementioned participants, and that where capacity is available, wider participation by other Early Career Researchers and Innovators supported by UKRI is envisaged. This proposed network should:

- \* Create a strong cohort experience;
- \* Develop the leadership skills of the fellows;
- \* Enable the fellows to play a leadership role across the research and innovation community;
- \* Create deep links with UKRI and its investments.

Estimated total value: £5.82+

Core requirement for up to £3.5 million for Rounds 4, 5 & 6.

Option for up to £2.32 million for further activity.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

A supplier workshop will be held via webinar on 07/06/21 where suppliers will be able to gain a deeper understanding of the requirement.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the webinar registration form found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ukri-1406-future-leaders-fellowships-flf-network-development-2-tickets-154711912495>

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

12 July 2021

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

#### 2.Requirement

The supplier day information presented in this prior notice is for an upcoming UK Research and Innovation Tender to develop a Future Leaders Fellows (FLF) Development Network. UKRI is looking to take advantage of the unique opportunities presented by the cohorts of Future Leaders Fellows (Rounds 4,5,6), and potentially a further 200 fellows supported by UKRI, through the associated activities of this Network. It is envisioned that the activities developed by the supplier will be accessible to all aforementioned participants, and that where capacity is available, wider participation by other Early Career Researchers and Innovators supported by UKRI is envisaged. This proposed network should:

- Create a strong cohort experience;
- Develop the leadership skills of the fellows;
- Enable the fellows to play a leadership role across the research and innovation community;
- Create deep links with UKRI and its investments.

In order to deliver this, it is expected that the network will provide a series of networking and development activities that provide each cohort of participating fellows with the tools to think creatively and spearhead new and imaginative thinking that spans disciplinary boundaries. In addition to this, activities should be in place that support and enable the development of skills and leadership in; Communications & media, Public engagement with research, Collaboration & cross-sector working, and Impact. Furthermore, it is expected that the network will enable fellows to engage with and receive mentoring from influential research and innovation leaders and will support engagement with key challenges facing the research and innovation environment.

The proposed network should provide these opportunities for up to 300 fellows, funded through rounds four to six of the FLF, and provisionally a further 200 fellows funded by UKRI, and to ensure that each intake of fellows into the network is able to access opportunities over a two-year period. This Network should also have the capacity to be expanded to other Early Career Researchers and Innovators across UKRI, details of which will be confirmed in the contract documentation.

The FLF Development Network 2 should last for three years, and up to £3.5 million, in the first instance, is available to support this.

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