**Strategic Leadership in Research Programme**

**Application Form**

The Strategic Leadership in Research Programme aims to equip researchers with the leadership skills, knowledge and behaviours required to win large-scale strategic funding.

Participants will be experienced investigators and research leaders with a clear trajectory toward running a major grant, centre or network within the next few years.

Places are available for all eligible colleagues in CAHSS, CSE and MVM.

The programme will run from May - October 2024 and will require a commitment of up to six full days (the dates will be available on our [programme website](https://www.ed.ac.uk/research-office/research-talent-and-culture/researcher-development/research-leadership-programmes/strategic-leadership-research-programme). It will also offer wraparound support such as coaching, mentoring and action-based learning sets. Key topics will include understanding your purpose, developing your vision, managing collaborations, navigating structures, interacting with funders, securing buy-in, and pitching research ideas. The course is highly participative and you will work with a coach during the duration of the programme to maximise your learning and development.

**Section 1 – Applicant to complete**

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| **Name** |  | |
| **Current academic position** |  | |
| **Contact Details** | **Email:** | **Tel:** |
| **College** |  | |
| **School / Centre** |  | |
| **Line Manager** | **Name:** | **Email:** |

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| **Application Type** | **Self-nomination** |  | **Asked to apply** |  | **By who:-** |  |

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| **Track Record** |
| *Summarise in* ***under 100 words*** *your academic track record, including any specific research activities in which you are involved or planning to develop in the near future. Please indicate your timeline for future proposal development.* |
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| **Research Interests** |
| *In* ***no more than 100 words*** *outline your research interests and explain how they relate to the national and international context.* |
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| **Future Challenges** |
| *In* ***no more than 200 words****, outline what you perceive as the major opportunities for your future career development, and how you think the programme can help you make the most of them.* |

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| **Learning Outcomes** |
| *Summarise in* ***under 100 words****, what your expected learning outcomes are for this programme.* |

We ask that you seek endorsement from your Line Manager to participate in the programme, with the clear understanding that you are required to attend all mandatory dates, and participate in coaching sessions and activity-based learning sets. As part of this conversation, we encourage you to discuss with your Line Manager how they will support you in applying your learning, both during and after the programme.

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| **Applicant signature** | *Electronic signature permitted* |
| **Date** |  |

**Section 2 – Head of School / Centre to complete**

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| **Supporting Statement** |
| *In* ***no more than 100 words****, please confirm you support the above application to the programme, describe why the applicant is a suitable candidate, and explain how you will support them in finding time to fully participate in the programme. Please also describe how you will help the applicant to embed their learning, both during and after the programme.* |

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| **Head of School / Centre Signature** | *Electronic signature permitted* |
| **Date** |  |

Applicants should submit their completed application form to [strategicleadership@ed.ac.uk](mailto:strategicleadership@ed.ac.uk) no later than 9am Friday 12 January, 2024. Please note that as this date directly follows the Christmas break, it is advised that you discuss your application with your line manager in advance of the break.

In the event that your application is successful, we will contact you ahead of the start of the programme to confirm whether you have any accessibility requirements.