

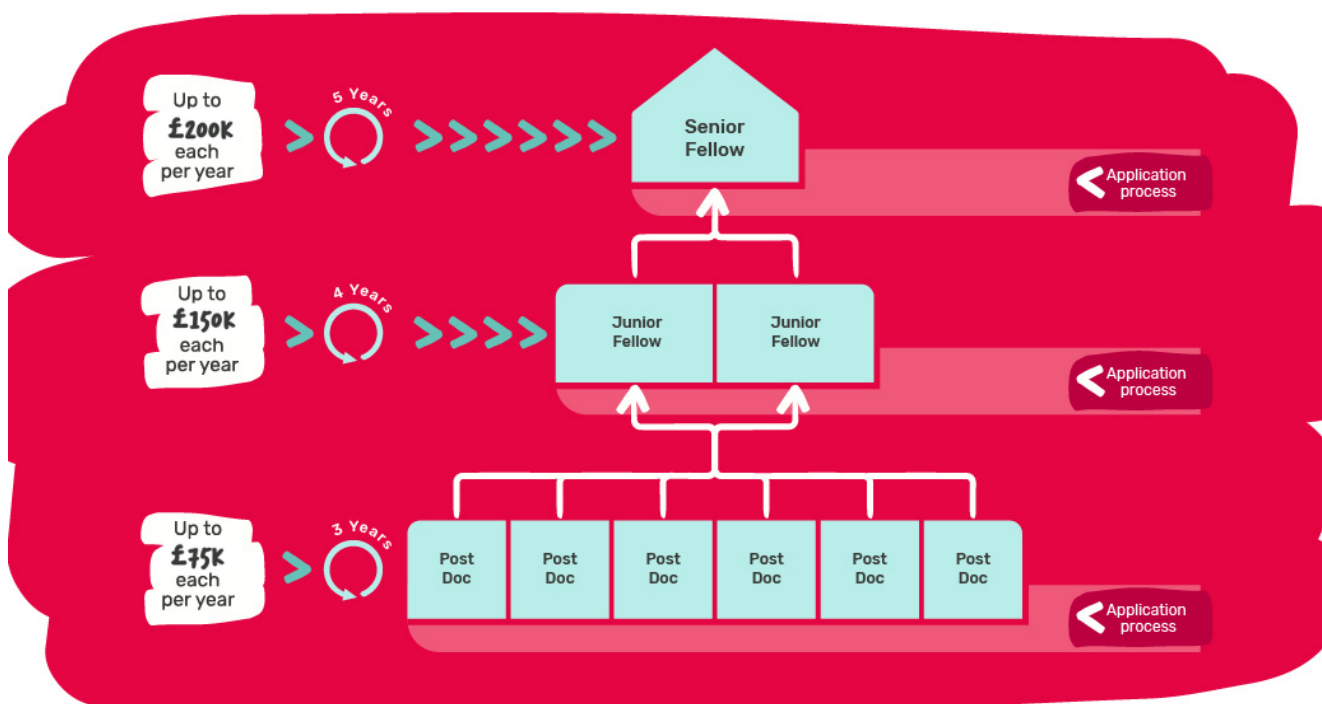
Future Leaders

This step-changing funding programme will fund the future leaders of scientific and clinical research into brain tumours.

Over 12 years, this award could provide the right researcher with up to £1.8 million in funding and the support needed to set up their own lab.

We established this funding to support and encourage the future leaders of scientific research in the brain tumour field. We'll identify excellent early stage academic and clinical researchers and provide support so they can establish themselves as leading researchers in our field.

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Key Dates

Stage 1 application (LOI) open: Wednesday 10 May 2023

Stage 1 application (LOI) deadline: Wednesday 12 July 2023, 1pm BST

Stage 2 full applications invited: October 2023

Stage 2 full applications close: November 2023

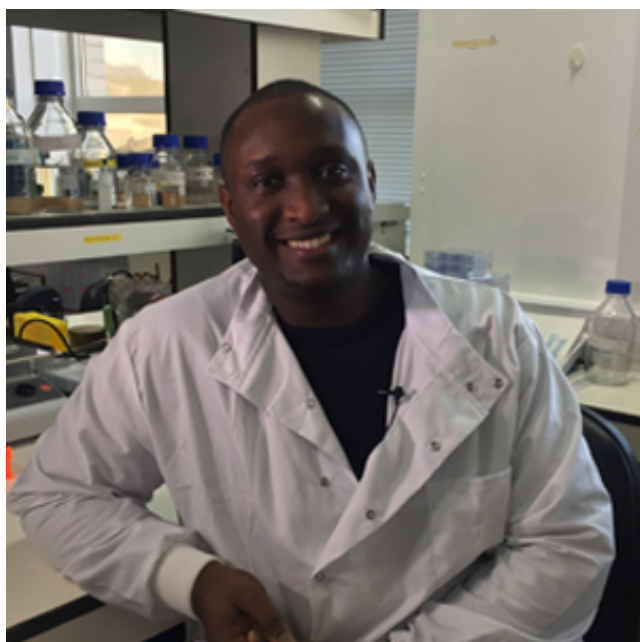
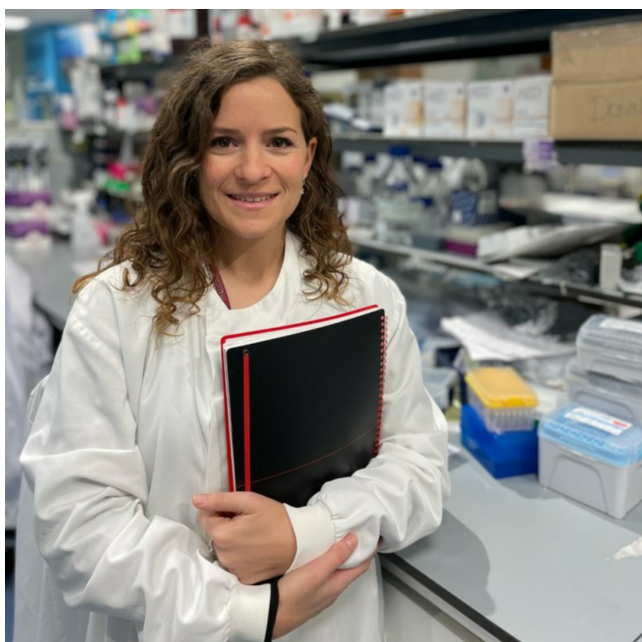
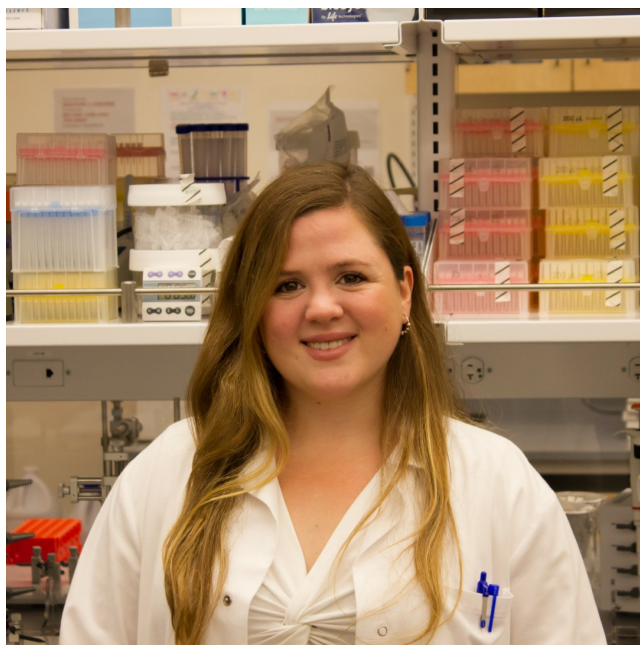
Funding decisions: April 2024

Who are our current Future Leaders?

Future Leaders 2023

Future Leaders 2023

Here are the research projects that were funded as part of our Future Leaders grants that were awarded in 2023.





Future Leaders 2020

Future Leaders 2020

Here are the research projects that were funded as part of our Future Leaders grants that were awarded in 2020.





Information for applicants

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Purpose and scope

The funding programme runs in three parts (Postdoctoral Fellowship, Junior Fellowship and Senior Fellowship), with only those entering the programme as postdoctoral fellows eligible for the subsequent grants.

Up to six postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded, for an investment of up to £75,000 each per year for three years. The initial application is to be made by a strong mentor who will guide them through this initial term.

After three years these postdoctoral fellows will be invited to submit an application for a four year Junior Fellowship, totaling up to £480,000, to support themselves and a research associate in a host laboratory. During this time, fellows should develop as independent researchers and begin to build their own groups.

In the third stage of funding, the Junior Fellow cohort will be invited to apply for a five year Senior Fellowship, totaling up to £1million, to support the applicant and a small

research group. Applications that have a UK institution as the location of the senior fellow's research will be looked upon favourably.

We encourage a change in host institution and mentor at each stage to facilitate the applicant's development into a fully independent group leader.

All rounds will be competitively assessed and applicants will be interviewed, either in person or via video conferencing.

Public and patient involvement

To obtain input from those affected by brain tumours, we strongly recommend that applicants access our Involvement Network (IN) for public and patient involvement. In order to receive feedback from the IN, please allow for a minimum of three weeks turnaround time.

Eligibility criteria

- All grant applications must focus on at least one of the research priorities highlighted in our Research Strategy '**Accelerating a Cure**'.
- The named postdoctoral fellow must, at the date of the call deadline, be in possession of a doctoral degree.
- Clinicians moving into full time laboratory based research are welcome to apply, providing they also have a PhD.
- Clinicians wishing to spend part of their time on laboratory based research and complete the fellowship alongside their clinical duties will also be considered on a case by case basis. A minimum of 50% FTE must be spent on the fellowship.
- The named postdoctoral fellow's previous research need not be in the brain tumour field, but they must be able to demonstrate how they will apply their prior learning to the study of brain tumours.
- The Mentor must hold an employment contract beyond the period of the grant.
- The Host Institution should provide additional transferable skills training to the fellow, such as planning and writing of publications, project management, supervision of junior lab members and presentations in conferences and to the general public.

- This scheme is initially open to international researchers. However, Senior Fellowships must be taken up at a UK university or institute.

Assessment criteria

Potential of the Fellow

- The fellow must be appropriately trained and be able to demonstrate a strong track record in scientific research.
- The fellow should be well suited to carry out the planned studies.
- Applications must contribute to the development of the fellow, allowing them to reach a position of professional maturity and independence.
- At all application stages, fellows must evidence their willingness to relocate to the UK to take up a Senior Fellowship.

Expertise of Mentors

- Mentors must be well positioned to provide fellows with appropriate training, supervision and mentoring to help them establish themselves as independent researchers.
- There should be identifiable programmes for personal development at the Host Institutions that the fellow can be enrolled upon.

Methodology

- Projects must have a sound approach and methodology in order to address the questions raised while exposing the fellow to different techniques.

Potential for patient benefit

- Applications should demonstrate a potential pathway for the research to lead to patient benefit and the anticipated impact of this.
- Applications with a clear path to clinical application will be strongly favoured.

Value for money

- Applicants should justify how the requested funds are essential for the work and explain how the project represents value for money.
- Leveraging matching funding from other organisations will be favoured.

The Brain Tumour Charity is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) and adheres to its principles of peer review. All applications will be considered by our Biomedical Scientific Advisory Board (Biomedical SAB) alongside lay representatives of people affected by brain tumours.

Further essential reading

There are other documents you must read before applying to our grant rounds. These include, but are not limited to Grant Conditions and Finance Guidelines. These documents can be found by following the link below.

[Essential reading](#)

How to apply

All applications should be made through our grant management portal.

If you need help creating or accessing your account please contact the Research Team on research@thebraintumourcharity.org.

[Apply Now](#)

Further information

If you would like to discuss your application or need any information, please contact the Research Team.

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