



Fellowship FAQs

Do you need references in the project description?

Ideally yes; references do not count towards the word count.

Can you include a collaborator who is not getting direct funding from the project?

Yes, as long as they are relevant to your project.

Can I include industry collaborations?

Yes, absolutely.

Can I apply for a Fellowship if I have already received other funding from VALIDATE?

Yes, receiving funding from one VALIDATE funding stream does not preclude you from applying to other VALIDATE funding streams. E.g. you could have a Pump-priming grant and also apply for a Training grant; or have a Training grant and also apply for a Fellowship etc.

Obviously, though, you cannot claim more than 100% of your salary for any given year and you must have enough time to complete both pieces of work if you have both a Fellowship and are part of a Pump-priming grant.

What indirect/overhead costs are allowed?

You can add FEC to your salary costs, but no additional indirect/overhead costs are allowable (as per MRC guidelines/rules).

I'm confused whether to apply for a Fellowship, or a Pump-priming grant?

	Fellowship	Pump-priming
Project length	2 years	1 year
Costs allowed	Salary up to £100,000 plus £20,000 consumables per year	£50,000
Funded at	100% of costs	80% of costs for non-LMIC institutes / 100% for LMIC institutes (as per usual MRC rules)
Collaborators	Encouraged	Mandatory
Open to	VALIDATE Associates	VALIDATE Investigators and Associates

What font/size of font should I use for my CV and publications?

Anything legible; not smaller than size 10.