

NRF International Collaborative Fellowship for the Commonwealth

Background

1. To spur collaboration amongst the participants of the Commonwealth Science Conference 2017 and to signal Singapore's intent to engage scientific talents, NRF is starting a Post-doctoral International Collaborative Fellowship for the Commonwealth to do research in Singapore in two areas, i.e. oceans and sustainable cities.

2. Up to ten Post-doctoral Fellowships will be awarded. Each of the Fellowship carries an award of S\$250,000, inclusive of 20% overheads, to support the salary of the awardee over a duration of three years. There will be an open call for applications and the shortlisting is done by eligible host institutions.

Eligibility and Period of Fellowship

3. Applications are invited from outstanding individuals who are interested to pursue a Tenure track academic career and meet the following conditions:

- a. Is a citizen of a Commonwealth nation;
- b. Has aptitude and passion for teaching and research, with noted accomplishments in these two areas;
- c. Has been conferred a doctoral degree not more than 2 years as at 31 December of the year in which nominations are called; and
- d. Accepted for postdoctoral training in a leading academic/research institution in Singapore.

4. Applicants in the final stages of their doctoral studies and proposing to commence postdoctoral training immediately upon completion of studies are also welcome to apply.

5. Applicants who meet the above conditions and are in receipt of other sources of funding for postdoctoral training may also be considered.

6. The research should be conducted in Singapore institutions. For example:

- a. Oceans: National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or A*STAR.
- b. Sustainable cities: NTU, NUS, A*STAR or Singapore University of Technology and Design (e.g. Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities).

7. The Fellowship is tenable for a minimum period of 1 year, and up to a maximum of 3 years. Extension for up to another year may be granted only on an exceptional basis.

Application and Selection Process

8. Applicants should begin their application processes by identifying their potential supervisors from a list of supervisors put forth by the host institutions.

9. A complete application package, which include the administrative form, research proposal, support letter from the proposed supervisor and other supplementary documents, is submitted to the host institutions during the call-for-applications period.

10. Submitted applications will first be shortlisted by the host institution for submission to NRF. NRF will convene a review committee for the final selection of Fellows.

11. NRF Contact Persons:

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Application Process

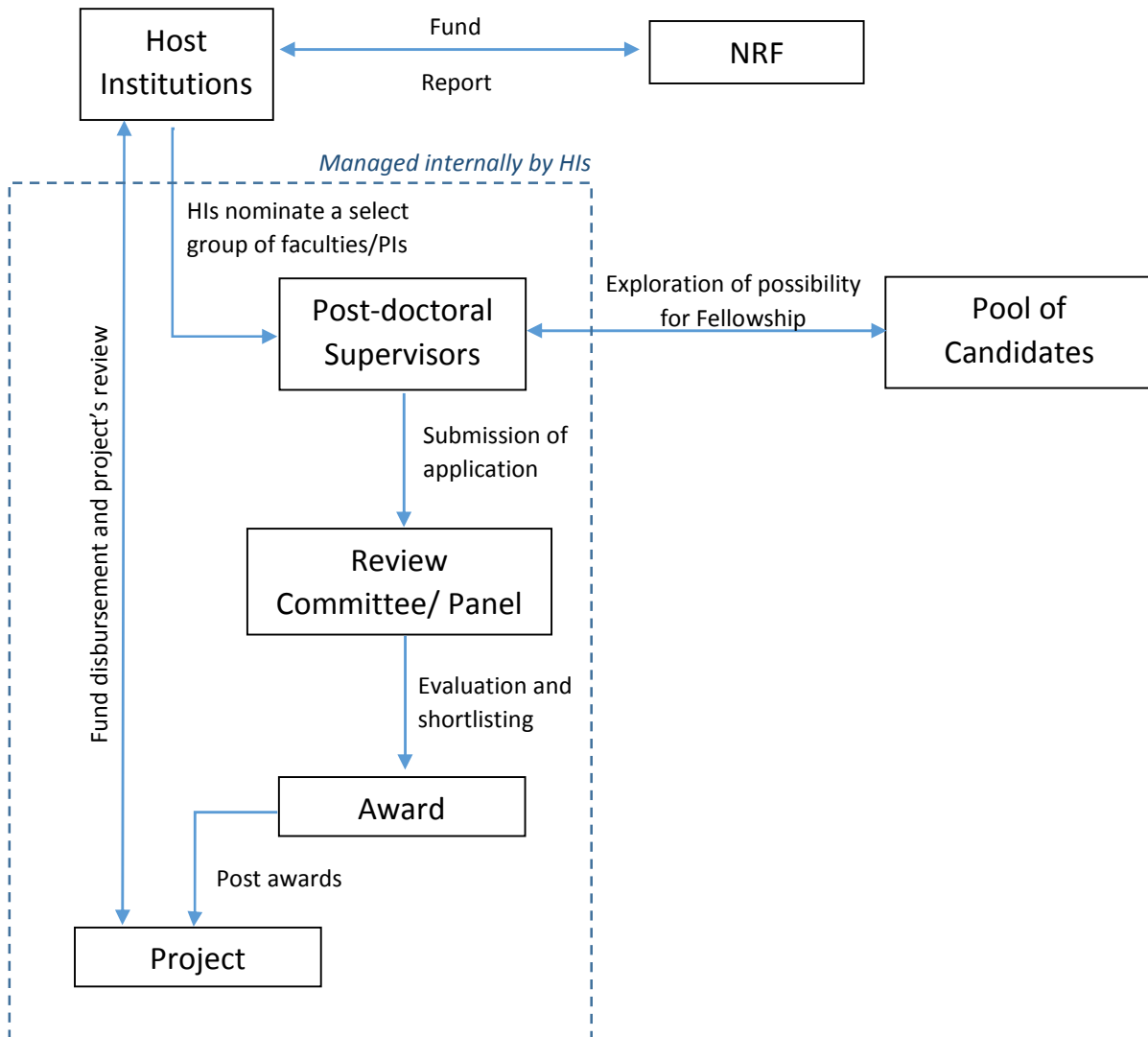
12. See **Annex B** for Application Procedure.

Post Award

13. Host institutions will manage the award disbursement and conduct internal reviews on the Fellows in accordance to their review policies and submit a report to NRF periodically. A schematic diagram of the funding is given in **Annex A**.

ANNEX A

Schematic Diagram of Commonwealth Post-doctoral Fellowship Funding



Application Procedure

1. Applications, together with the supporting documents listed in paragraph 2 below, should be submitted to NRF through the respective host institutions.
2. The following supporting documents should be submitted:
 - a. A proposed postdoctoral training plan with details on objectives, target deliverables, period and institution of training, name(s) of collaborator/supervisor and any other relevant information;
 - b. Applicant’s latest curriculum vitae (which should include details of any teaching experience at undergraduate and above levels of studies) and publication list;
 - c. An abstract of the doctoral thesis. For applicants in the final stages of doctoral studies, and proposing to commence postdoctoral training immediately after completion of studies, an abstract of any thesis previously written, as well as an abstract of the doctoral thesis to be submitted for examination should be included;
 - d. Copies of 2 or 3 pieces of research/design work that the applicant considers to be his/her most significant works;
 - e. A copy of the applicant’s passport;
 - f. A copy of the details results/transcripts and certificates of the following examinations:
 - i. School and Higher School Examinations
 - ii. University degrees
 - g. A copy of the invitation letter (or letter of offer) from the institution applied to for the proposed training program;
 - h. A copy of the letter(s) of offer for other fellowship(s), and/or funding applied for and the status of these applications; and
 - i. A minimum of 2 confidential referees’ reports.
3. Only selected candidates will be notified. A preliminary selection will be carried out at the Department and Faculty/School-level.
4. Proposed timeline

Application start date	1 Sept 2017 (12 noon local time)
Application closing date	30 Nov 2017 (12 noon local time)
Award notification	12 January 2018 (subject to change)