The Farr Institute of Health Informatics Research & Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)

Research Fellowship Exchange Programme

The Farr Institute and ICES are pleased to announce a call to support research collaborations between the two organisations. The institutes will provide financial assistance in the form of Research Fellowships, to two research projects chosen from a competitive call:

* One project originating from the UK in which the fellow travels to a Canadian ICES Centre
* One project originating from Canada in which the fellow travels to a UK Farr Centre

Each project will receive up to £15,000 or $30,000 CAD to allow exchange of a research fellow between UK and Canada for a duration of up to three (3) months. The programme will also support the attendance of the Principal Investigators (PIs) and the fellows at the International Population Data Linkage Network Conference in Banff, Canada 12-14 September 2018.

The supported research projects must adhere to the following criteria:

* Build on existing research at The Farr Institute and ICES; adding value to a project which is currently occurring in only one country and/or demonstrating the power of scaling studies based on linked data on an international scale.
* Have two Principal Investigators (PIs) – one core or adjunct scientist at ICES and one scientist at The Farr Institute.
* Involve data linkage within UK and Ontario/Canada.
* Be achievable in the short term (~1 year); processes and permissions for within jurisdiction data linkage and access must already be in place.
* Benefit the research strategies of ICES and The Farr Institute.
* Provide career benefit for staff, trainees or early career researchers already working on research studies at either The Farr Institute or ICES.
* Give rise to peer-reviewed publication(s).

##### Additional Information

* The budget is aimed to facilitate exchange of staff, students or early career researchers between ICES and The Farr Institute for the purposes of sharing best practice, domain, knowledge, methodology or analytical tools and to enhance the career of the fellow.
* The Fellowship budget, to a total of GBP15,000 / CAD 30,000 per project, can be used to cover the following costs:
	+ 1. Travel between UK and Canada for the fellow
		2. Accommodation for the fellow during the exchange visit(s)
		3. Contribution towards reasonable subsistence costs for the fellow during the exchange visit
		4. Any additional data linkage costs not covered through the grant currently supporting the research
		5. Travel and accommodation for the PIs and the fellow at the IPDLN Conference 2018 (registration fees for the IPDLN Conference will be waived for the PIs and fellow)
* An exchange visit can be a single visit or multiple visits as long as the budget is not exceeded.
* The review panel for applications will consist of senior members of The Farr Institute and ICES who are not involved in the applications.
* The applicants for the fellowship must be employed within a Farr Institute or ICES site or be a student, postdoctoral fellow or early career scientist working under the supervision of a senior Farr or ICES scientist.

##### How to apply

The application should be submitted by the person to whom the research fellowship will be awarded. It should contain the following information:

* The title and a brief description of the applicant’s currently funded research project at the Farr Institute or ICES (max. 300 words on application form)
* The additional work (beyond the scope of the current project) that the research fellowship would permit (max. 300 words on application form)
* The reason(s) why a link to Farr/ICES would be beneficial to the project and the value it would add to the research study (max. 300 words on application form)
* The career development benefit the applicant will obtain if they receive the fellowship (max. 300 words on application form)
* The dissemination plans for the work (max. 300 words on application form)
* The CV of the applicant
* A joint letter of support from the two supervising PIs which includes text about how the research supported by the fellowship will benefit the aims and objectives of the Farr Institute and ICES
* Applications should be submitted to Magda Nunes de Melo, magda.melo@ices.on.ca

##### Key Dates

* Launch of call: June 14, 2017
* Deadline for applications: September 16, 2017
* Decision by review panel: October 3, 2017

##### Contacts for Questions

* ICES: Please contact Magda Nunes de Melo, magda.melo@ices.on.ca
* The Farr Institute: Please contact your Centre Manager or Director