**STFC ERNEST RUTHERFORD FELLOWSHIP - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Physics and Astronomy – University of Leicester**

**Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Director of Research (**[**leigh.fletcher@le.ac.uk**](mailto:leigh.fletcher@le.ac.uk)**) before the deadline listed on our website. If you are selected as a candidate to put forward for an STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship, we will work with you to prepare the application using the full ERF assessment criteria.**

**The department will use the criteria below to assess your expression of interest. Please complete all three sections below, paying careful attention to the word limits (instructions in italics can be deleted, but you should be sure to address each of the topics below).**

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| **Project Title:** |
| **Name:** |
| **Email address:** |
| **Current Institution:** |
| **Nominated Leicester Mentor:**  *This can someone at any career stage, but with direct knowledge of your proposed research theme, and it would be helpful to discuss your project with them in advance.* |
| **Vision - What you are hoping to achieve with your proposed work?**  *Word limit: 500*  *Explain how your proposed work:*   * *is of excellent quality and importance within or beyond the field(s) or area(s)* * *has the potential to advance current understanding, or generate new knowledge, thinking or discovery within or beyond the field or area of its focus* * *is timely, given current trends, context, and needs* * *impacts world-leading research, society, the economy or the environment* * *identify the potential direct or indirect benefits and who the beneficiaries might be* |
| **Approach – How are you going to deliver your proposed work?**  *Word limit: 1500*  *Explain how you have designed your work so that it:*   * *is effective and appropriate to achieve your objectives* * *is feasible, and comprehensively identifies any risks to delivery and how you will manage them* * *uses a clearly written and transparent methodology (if applicable)* * *summarises the previous work and describes how you will build on and progress this work (if applicable)* * *will maximise translation of outputs into outcomes and impacts* |
| **Capability to deliver – Why are you the right individual to successfully deliver the proposed work?**  *Word limit: 500*  *Evidence of how you have:*   * *the relevant experience (appropriate to career stage) to make best use of the benefits presented by this funding opportunity to develop your career* * *the right balance of skills and aptitude to deliver the proposed work* * *contributed to developing a positive research environment and wider community* * *the appropriate team working or leadership skills (appropriate to career stage)* |
| **Career development – Why is this fellowship the right way to develop your career and how will you use it to benefit others?**  *Word limit: 500*  *Ensure you identify:*   * *career development goals appropriate to the fellowship funding opportunity* * *how the fellowship will provide a feasible and appropriate trajectory for your personal development and to achieve your stated career development goals (as appropriate to your career stage and field)* * *how you will instigate positive change in the wider research and innovation community, for example through Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), advocacy or advisory roles, stakeholder engagement, participation in peer review, influencing policy, public engagement, or outreach* |
| **List top five research publications or outputs.**  *Word limit: 500* |