

RCUK Academic Fellows Conference  
“Fellows and the Future”  
11 January 2010  
Aston Business School, Birmingham

Since its creation in 2004 the RCUK Academic Fellowship programme has provided 800 new positions in UK academia for high achieving researchers. Competitively awarded, these fellowships span all academic subject areas with a significant number of fellowships considered inter-disciplinary. Despite this diversity in research interests, all the RCUK Academic Fellows face common challenges in their pathway towards becoming independent academic leaders in the future.

The RCUK Academic Fellows Conference provides a forum for RCUK academic fellows to discuss these challenges, to foster networking and allow communication between fellows. The next meeting, “Fellows and the Future” will take place in 11 January 2010 at the Aston Business School, Birmingham. This conference will provide a number of opportunities to RCUK Academic Fellows to a) reflect on their role as leading academics after the period of the fellowship; b) consider the importance of outreach to public audiences; c) learn of the benefits of knowledge exchange between academia and external stakeholders, and d) find out more details about the whole RCUK academic programme and their engagement with it.

To allow different interests to be covered and to provide for both long-established fellows as well as the most recent appointees, the meeting will take the form of a number of plenary keynote talks with parallel workshop sessions. A networking period at lunch-time will allow informal discussion of the morning sessions.

Several RCUK Academic Fellows are acting as conference organisers and each will be involved in facilitating the workshop sessions. The workshop sessions are central to the day’s programme and will be expected to deliver high-level discussion on four topics:

- i) Public Outreach
- ii) Experienced Fellows – new skills for the academic career ahead
- iii) Research Impacts, Knowledge exchange and Commercialisation
- iv) New fellows – what to expect

Fellows wishing to take part in the RCUK Academic Fellows conference, “Fellows and the Future” please email to [toni-jo.henderson@rcuk.ac.uk](mailto:toni-jo.henderson@rcuk.ac.uk) sending your contact details and main Research Council area of research. The registration deadline is 20 November 2009.

The number of attendees is limited. Fellows from across all research areas are encouraged to attend.