Janet Thornton Fellowship – Wellcome Trust
Sanger Institute

At the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute we are committed to enabling and opening routes back into science for those who have had a break from scientific research - for any reason.

The 2017 call is now open

We understand that even a short time out of research can have an impact on your career, which is why we have created a postdoctoral fellowship providing an additional opportunity specifically for those who have been out of scientific research for 12 months or more to return to high-quality postdoctoral training. One Fellowship will be awarded each year. Each Fellowship will last for three years and can be worked full time, part time or flexibly.

Fellowships will be awarded after a competitive selection process, with applicants developing their own project with prior agreement and in collaboration with a Sanger Institute Faculty member.

While the Sanger Institute provides the opportunity in its recruitment processes for job applicants to declare career breaks (taken for any reason) so that they can be taken into account when assessing applications for all roles, particularly in relation to the potential impact of time out on individuals' scientific and career outputs, this fellowship will be open exclusively to those who have taken a career break of 12 months or more.

What's included?

This postdoctoral Fellowship is for a duration of three years, can be worked full time, part time or flexibly at the Sanger Institute on the Wellcome Trust Genome Campus in Hinxton near Cambridge and includes:

- Salary £31,115 - £39,004
- Research expenses, including consumables and travel costs for conferences and training courses
- Access to training and support resources at the Institute
- Access to the University of Cambridge Careers Service
- Generous benefits

One Janet Thornton Fellowship will be awarded each year following a competitive selection process.

If you have questions about what is included in the Fellowship please email fellowship@sanger.ac.uk

Eligibility

The Janet Thornton Fellowship is open to scientists who:

- have had a break from scientific research, of 12 continuous months or more, for any reason
are not currently working in scientific research
have at least one years' postdoctoral experience

If you have questions about your eligibility for the Fellowship please contact fellowship@sanger.ac.uk.

Application Process

Eligible candidates are invited to apply to one of the project listed below.

All shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview in December 2017 to discuss their application in more detail and to give a short presentation on their previous work.

Applications are to be made online. Candidates will be asked to provide:

- a covering letter
- a current CV
- the names of two referees
- the reason(s) for their break from scientific research.

Shortlisting decisions will be made based on the scientific excellence of the candidates.

The call is now open. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 4 October 2017.

If you have questions about the application process please contact fellowship@sanger.ac.uk.