

Changes to the Heart Foundation Future Leader Fellowships 2025

Two stage application and review process

Key dates	Applications open	Applications close
FLF (Stage 1)	Monday 10 February	Thursday 13 March
FLF (Stage 2)	Wednesday 21 May	Monday 23 June
FLF (Stage 3)	Interviews: Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 September	

- 2025 Future Leader Fellowships applications will involve 3 stages: stage 1 and 2 will be written applications and stage 3 will be an interview.
- Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements at the close of stage 1 to have their application progress to review.

- **The questions in the 2025 application have not changed from 2024.**

- All applicants will complete and submit an application in stage 1. Review committees will review and rank eligible applications.
- Top ranked stage 1 applicants will be invited to prepare and submit a stage 2 application.
- To provide reviewers at stage 1 with a better overview of the applicant, track record data (from ORCID) will form part of the stage 1 application.
 - Track record (ORCID) data will be in the form of summary tables only.
 - Selection justification will not be required at stage 1 application.
 - Track record (ORCID) data selected at stage 1 application will not be able to be altered if the applicant is invited to progress to stage 2 application.
 - Updating an ORCID profile after close of stage 1 application will not update a submitted application track record.
- Applicants invited to progress to stage 2 application will be required to provide justifications for their track record selections with their stage 2 application.
 - Applicants progressing to stage 2 will be able to upload a track record update.
 - Records in the stage 2 application track record update can be included in the top 10 selection. However, only 10 records in total can be selected from the records included at stage 1 and any update uploaded at stage 2.

- **For full details of the assessment criteria and questions included at each of the application and review stages, refer to the Future Leader Fellowship section in the [2025 Heart Foundation Research Funding Guidelines](#).**