**Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme**

***RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – Category 2 (applications by UM Academics and an Economic Operator)***

**Please refer to the Guidelines before compiling this form. You are particularly advised to review the sections detailing the Eligibility and Evaluation criteria. The Guidelines may be accessed through:** <https://www.maltachamber.org.mt/post-doctoral-fellowship-scheme-2024/>

**Any annexes should be combined into one document and must include the project title on each page. Annexes are to be provided for the following:**

* **Fellowship Budget Form(s) (**approved and duly stamped by the UM Project Support Office**)**
* **Project Gantt Chart**
* **A signed letter of support (**i.e. from the other party applying for funds with the Lead Applicant**)**
* **One page biography for each of the participants namely, the UM Academic/s and the representatives of the Economic Operator**
* **The Call for Applications that will be used to recruit the Post-Doctoral Fellow(s) for the Project (**a template may be obtained from the UM HRMD Office though: postdocfellowship@um.edu.mt**)**

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| **Name of Lead Applicant** *(i.e UM Academic/Economic Operator):* |  |
| **Name of Co-applicant** *(i.e. the other party applying for funds with the Lead Applicant)* |  |
| **List any other Academic/s or Economic Operators/s involved:** |  |
| **List any other persons or entities that may be involved in the Project:** |  |
| **Name of Project:** |  |
| **Executive Summary** *(400 words)**Include: a brief description of the Project; the impact and benefits to the economic sector; how your project is innovative; why you are the right team for the task; what the funds would enable you to achieve.****(This is a non-confidential description of the project that may be used publicly.)*** |
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| **Project Description** *(300 words)**Describe what you are planning to carry through your Project.**(Please use language that can be understood by persons who are not experts in your field).* |
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| **Problem Addressed and Outcomes** *(200 words)**What problem/gap/demand does your Project address and how does it address it?**What will be the outcomes of your Project?* |
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| **Impact and Benefits** *(200 words)**What are the benefits of your Project to the relevant Economic Sector?**How big is the potential of your Project?* |
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| **Excellence and Innovation** *(200 words)**What is the current state-of-the-art and why is your proposal better?**What is innovative about your Project?* |
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| **Research Group** *(300 words)**Explain how your knowledge, skills and experience will contribute to the success of the Project.**Explain how the knowledge, skills and experience of the Academic/s involved will contribute to the success of the Project.* |
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| **Role of Economic Operator/s** *(200 words)**What will be the Role of the Economic Operator/s in the Project?**Explain why this contribution is valuable to the Project.* |
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| **Risks and Contingency Plan** *(100 words)**Are there any risks you foresee (e.g. legal, technological, commercial, etc.)?**How will you mitigate against these risks?* |
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| **Proposed Milestones and Gantt Chart** *(400 words)**What would you accomplish with the funds you are requesting?**What would be the end point/deliverables of the project you are requesting funds for?**How does the proposed project lead to the next stage along your development plan?**Include a timescale for the duration of your proposed project with milestones/deliverables along the way. (Annex a project Gantt Chart to your application.)**(If you intend to propose an optional additional research component beyond the 2 years, please indicate clearly what activity would be carried out during the 3rd year).* |
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| **Budget including a breakdown showing how the requested funds will be used.***Please complete one Budget Form for each Fellow involved in the Project with the support of the UM Project Support Office (PSO) -* postdocfellowship@um.edu.mt *and submit copy approved and stamped by the PSO together with this Application Form***Funds are to be computed for a 2 year project only.** |
| **Total Budget Requested for the Project** | € |
| **Has funding for your proposal been sought from any other sources?** *(If Yes, provide further information.)**Double funding is not permitted. Beneficiaries will be asked to reimburse funds if it transpires that double funding has occurred.*  |
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**You are advised to stick to the indicated word count (within reason). Points will be deducted for long winded responses.**

**Submit completed form to** postdocfellowship@um.edu.mt **by Tuesday 30th April 2024 at noon. The submission should be in PDF format and should be named as follows: PostDoc\_Fellowship\_Scheme\_*Project Title*.pdf**