FAQ LEaDing Fellows Postdoc Programme

Question	Answer
Who applies?	The potential post-doc applies with their own research proposal in one of the research fields covered at the LEaDing Fellows institutions. Commitment from a hosting group at one of the institution is an obligatory part of the application.
Can I apply when I have not yet obtained my PhD?	You can apply if you obtain your PhD prior 1st of July 2018. Obtained your PhD includes the defence of the PhD thesis. If you expect to obtain your PhD between the call deadline and the recruitment date (1st of July 2018). You should include a statement from your supervisor/promotor stating the expected date of the PhD degree. If the degree is after the recruitment date or you cannot provide the certificate ultimately on the 1st of July 2018, you will not be found eligible and the application will be rejected.
I have obtained my PhD a few years ago, can I apply?	You can apply if you obtained your PhD after 1st of July 2013. This application window can be extended with 6 months for pregnancy (per child born the Phd Award), parental leave (up to 6 months per child born before or after the Phd Award), training for medical specialists (max. 3 years) or compulsory and reserve military service (actual time). Evidencing documentation must be added to the application as an annex.
I am a non-Dutch researcher. Can I apply?	Applicants of all nationalities are eligible, unless national, international or European legislation or embargos prohibit specific (combinations of (sub) disciplines and) countries of origin.
I am a non-Dutch researcher who has already spent time in the Netherlands. Can I apply?	Applicants shall not have spent more than 12 months in the Netherlands between 1st of July 2015 and 1st of July 2018.
What are the requirements?	All requirements can be found in the Guide for Applicants which can be found here.
Is my research field covered?	Overviews of all research fields covered at the LEaDing Fellows partners can be found here. In these overviews you can also find the contact information of people to approach to secure a good fit within a research group and to get commitment. The format of the letter of commitment can be found here.

Is it possible to apply for a part-time postdoc position?	In principle, researchers are employed full-time, unless duly justified reasons associated with personal or family reasons require a part-time appointment. The minimum appointment is 0,8fte.
Can I apply if I work at one of the partner institutions?	If you have lived in the Netherlands or worked at one of the partners for less than 12 months during the last 3 years immediately prior to the recruitment date, you will be eligible for a fellowship
I have previously applied for the programme in an earlier call. Am I allowed to apply again?	Yes. Even though you have previously applied for the programme in an earlier call, there is no impediment for you to apply again. Please make sure you fulfil the eligible criteria.
Which font size do I have to use?	Minimum font size 10, maximum font size 12 in fonts Calibri, Tahoma, Times New Roman or Arial.
The research proposal should consist of 3 pages. Does this include references and bibliography?	No, references, footnotes and bibliographic data can make up the total pages more than 3.
What is the starting date of my fellowship?	Fellows recruited in the 1st call will start their fellowship between 1st of November 2017 and 1st of May 2018. For the second call the starting date of the fellowship will be between 1st of August 2018 and 31st of January 2019.
How many fellowships are available?	The LEaDing Fellows Programme will fund a total of 90 fellowships over a period of five years. 20 fellowships will be funded in the 1st call, 40 fellowships in the 2nd call, 30 fellowships in the 3rd call.
Where can I carry out a LEaDing Fellowship?	A LEaDing Fellowship can be carried out at one of the programme partners. Leiden University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Delft University of Technology, Erasmus University Medical Centre or Leiden University Medical Centre.