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Dear Kai

I am contacting you to bring to your attention a new opportunity that might be of interest to one of your recent PhD graduates.

Imperial has created a significant number of new Research Fellowships, to enable outstanding young researchers to establish academic careers. The Fellowships are for 3 years and are intended to enable the successful applicant to focus full time on developing an independent research identity but with encouragement and support from a senior academic mentor. I think this is a tremendous opportunity for a talented young person to make their mark.

If you know of any potential candidates, please feel free to pass on this information to them and encourage them to contact me. The research interests of CTS are broad (<http://www.cts.cv.ic.ac.uk/html/ResearchActivities/principalAreasOfResearch.asp>) and we would be interested in hearing from candidates in any of our areas of activity but I would personally be particularly interested in candidates with the potential to contribute to research in the areas of (a) demand modelling and travel behaviour or (b) pervasive sensing and sensor networks.

Thank you for your assistance.

With best regards.

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New fellowship scheme at Imperial College gives young scientists freedom to focus on research

Outstanding young scientists will be free to pursue their research unfettered by other demands thanks to a new scheme launched by Imperial College London today.

The Imperial College Junior Research Fellowships will give the world's top early-career researchers three years free from teaching and administration plus a competitive salary and laboratory support costs, enabling them to establish and develop their own scientific path. The Fellowships also aim to help them make the difficult leap from post-doctoral researcher to lecturer.

The first adverts announcing the Fellowships appear in Nature and New Scientist, and online, from today (24 July 2008).

Imperial is committing £3.6 million to establish 60 Fellowships over the first three years of the scheme. They will be open to researchers of all nationalities working in, or between, the disciplines offered by the College.

Each Fellow will be supported and mentored by a senior researcher at the College, who will advise on career development as well as on the mechanics of establishing and furthering research programmes.

Professor Maggie Dallman of Imperial College's Faculty of Natural Sciences, who is spearheading the scheme, explains:

"These early years of a researcher's career can be very tough. Difficulties in obtaining independent funding, as well as other responsibilities often prevent junior staff from taking full ownership of their research project. This scheme will enable fellows to apply for external funding and develop their research career in an independent manner."

"The criterion for applicants to this scheme is simple - an outstanding track record in science. We are looking for the best scientists from across the world, so that the science base we all rely on is strengthened internationally."

Imperial's Rector, Sir Roy Anderson, said:

"The importance of science to our lives is only going to grow over the coming years as we face the serious global challenges of finding sufficient energy, water and food without threatening the future of our planet. So it is vital that we nurture outstanding young scientists by allowing them to develop their own independence, to carry out leading-edge science and to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Proposals will be accepted in all of Imperial's core disciplines and in interdisciplinary projects for Fellowship stipends in the range of £29,690 to £34,920, plus up to £10,000 per year expenses.

Proposals will be judged primarily on the basis of scientific merit, track record and potential for development of an independent research programme.

Applicants will need to identify an Imperial College academic staff member to act as their sponsor and provide laboratory space, facilities and mentorship for the tenure of the Fellowship. They will be expected normally to have between two and four years post-doctoral experience at the time of application.

Young researchers interested in finding out more about the scheme should visit [www.imperial.ac.uk/jrf](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/jrf).

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About Junior Research Fellowships

The Closing date for Applications is 30 November 2008. Further information and details at [www.imperial.ac.uk/jrf](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/jrf)

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