

Use of Résumé for Researchers (R4R)-like Narrative CV: Applicant Guidance synthesis

Purpose

This applicant guidance synthesis aims to provide a summary of the ways in which some [Joint Funders Group](#) members' provide applicant guidance for a [Résumé for Researchers](#) (R4R)-like narrative CV and to identify commonalities of approaches, at the time of writing in January 2022.

Table 1: Summary of findings

Across a sample of 6 funders in January 2022 the following was observed:

Funder	Guidance accompanied by other resources	Location of applicant guidance	Training provided	Guidance tailored for different calls	Evaluation undertaken
1	No	- CV template - Call guidance notes	No	No	No
2	No	- CV template	No	No	Yes
3	No	- CV template - Applicant guidance	No	No	Yes
4	No	- Online application - Application guidance - Webpage for funding call	No	No	No
5	Yes	- Call document - CV template - Webpage for funding call - FAQs	No	Yes	Yes
6	No	- Application form	Yes	No	No

Synthesis of findings

Provision of guidance for applicants

- All funders sampled are using an R4R-Like CV in at least one funding opportunity and providing guidance for applicants to complete the CV. At the time of writing, two other funders (not included within the table) are developing guidance.
- The majority provide guidance within the CV template (whether as an attachment or in the application form) with many providing additional guidance in other locations.
- One funder accompanies their guidance with resources they have developed with a webinar and Frequently Asked Questions document, while three others signpost to resources generated by others.

Training provided on the guidance

- One funder provides webinars about funding schemes which include details about what the funder is looking for. One funder is currently considering training provisions development.

Tailoring applicant guidance for different funding calls

- One funder adapts their guidance for different funding calls, while the other funders currently apply the same applicant guidance for all calls which use a R4R-like CV. Of the latter, two funders currently use an R4R-like CV in just one of their funding schemes so tailored guidance has not been required.

Evaluation

- Three funders have undertaken evaluations relevant to their applicant guidance to date; additionally, three funders will undertake an evaluation following funding call closures.

- Insights from evaluations of the R4R-like narrative CV and guidance conducted by funders, relevant to their applicant guidance, include the guidance being sufficiently clear and applicants' appreciation for the opportunity to provide a broader view of themselves.

Key considerations in developing guidance

- Funders have different motivations for implementing a R4R-like CV, however they share a consistent consideration to ensure that the guidance they provide to applicants is clear and concise.
- The common features from the guidance have been used to produce a in the [R4R-like CV Applicant Guidance Starter Guide](#).

Next Steps

- There is an aspiration to revisit the applicant guidance synthesis with updated information in light of reviews and evaluations.

Version Control

<u>Version Number</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Revision Date</u>	<u>Author(s)</u>	<u>Summary of Changes</u>
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