

ANNEX 1 SPECIMEN QUESTIONS

Specimen questions are given below.

Questions will need to be tailored to an individual candidate's presentation and the issues they may have covered. As detailed in the guidance above, technical questions should be limited to points and issues raised by the reviewers. **Please note that the quality of research has already been assessed at the prioritisation panel, hence the focus of the interview should be on the individual.**

Assessment Criteria	Specimen Questions
The candidate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall research vision, including how the fellowship will enable to achieve career aspirations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do you see yourself in 10 years time? Why is the award of a Fellowship timely at this point in the career? How will the Fellowship award enhance the career path? Why do you need the fellowship to achieve your goals? How will you ensure that you will achieve your career aspirations? How management of the project will be done, including project partners? How do you approach managing a research group and getting the best out of people? What leadership attributes do you feel will characterise your fellowship? How might you adapt your fellowship to work across different interfaces and take advantage of new research opportunities?
The Research Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your role and ability to deliver Nature and value of any collaborations proposed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the project will be managed, including project partners? How will you develop and extend relationships with academic/user communities – plans for networking, prioritising collaborations?
Resources and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will you do on the first day of your fellowship? What will you and your team actually be doing? Can you identify any potential 'show stoppers', and what contingencies have you put in place?
Research Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree of novelty or risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the real innovation/breakthrough in your proposed research? How do you benchmark your research against ongoing activity in your field?
Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significance and potential impact of the proposed research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you plan to disseminate the research, e.g. to research community and to a broader community? How will you ensure that your research achieves its maximum impact?
Importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how your fellowship may underpin or contribute to societal challenges and the success of the UK economy?
Fit to Strategic Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how you feel your proposed research aligns with this strategic priority for EPSRC?