Analysis of Fellowship questionnaires

Questionnaires were sent to Fellows who had completed their Fellowship between March 2016 and February 2017. All Fellows who returned questionnaires were Advanced Fellows which was the predecessor to the Ernest Rutherford scheme.

1 Key findings of these questionnaires

- All fellows were employed and all had permanent positions;
- All fellows had remained in the UK after their fellowship had ended and had remained at the research organisation where they held their fellowship;
- All positions held, fell within the remit of STFC science;
- All fellows were employed in either academic research or lecturing or both;
- All fellows found that their fellowship had been either essential or very helpful in order to obtain their current position.

2 The total number of questionnaires received between 2006 and 2017 was:

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A summary of data from these questionnaires presented the following key findings:

3. Where is your job located?

In the last three years a higher percentage of fellows remained in the UK.

4. Is your job permanent or fixed term?

Since 2014, all fellows had secured a permanent contract after their fellowship had ended, although one Fellow in 2016 had a five year tenure track position.
5. To what extent did your Fellowship help you get this job?

It is evident that at least 80% of fellows each year found that their fellowship was essential or very helpful in order to obtain their current position. Since 2014, this rose to 100%.

6. Employment

Key findings of aggregate data:

- Since 2006 all fellows were employed and since 2014, 97% of all fellows held permanent jobs after they had completed their fellowship;
- Since 2011 all fellows that remained in the UK after their fellowship also remained at the research organisation where their fellowship was held. Data previous to 2011 had not been gathered;
- All fellows stayed in academia after their fellowship had ended.