How is the Fellow’s salary costs calculated?

The ESRC will fund 60% of the Fellow’s salary at 80% full Economic Cost (fEC) and the research organisation (RO) is expected to fund the remainder of the salary cost of the time committed to the Fellowship.

For example:

Based on the Fellow’s annual salary of £100,000 (1.0 FTE).

Should the Fellow allocate 50% of their time to the project, the cost will be £50,000. ESRC will contribute 60% towards this cost, totalling £30,000 (fEC).

The total salary cost to be claimed for the fellowship on the proposal at 100% fEC would be £30,000. The ESRC payment to the RO will be paid at 80% fEC, totalling £24,000.

I work part time, how will the salary cost be calculated?

The same calculation as above should apply based on your part-time salary and the percentage time spent on this proposal.

How much Indirect and Estate costs can be claimed?

ESRC will contribute the fEC cost for the percentage of time the Fellow allocates to the proposal. Turing will cover the overhead costs whilst the Fellow is based there. However, estates should not be included for period of absence if research takes place outside university for six months or more.
How does fEC work for research that takes place away from the home institution?

Where an RO receives a grant for research that involves periods of more than six months away from the home institution for one or more research staff, indirect costs may be included for those individuals, including for the time away. Estates charges should be included for the period of absence only if the researchers concerned are working at another UK Research Organisation eligible to receive UKRI research grants, including estates costs. Under such circumstances, councils would expect the grant-holding organisation to pass the relevant share of estates costs to the organisation hosting the staff. Where an individual will be working at a non-eligible organisation for a period of six months or more, estates costs should not be charged to the grant for the period of absence. Absences for periods of less than six months do not require a reduction in estates costs.

Can I claim travel and subsistence costs if based at a London RO?

As Turing is based in London, costs cannot be claimed for travel and subsistence if your host RO is also based in London.

Are the start dates for the Fellow and Studentship flexible?

No, the Fellowships are expected to start on 1 April 2019, with the studentships starting on 1 October 2019.

Do the associated students have to be based at the same RO as the fellow?

Yes, as the Fellow will be the primary supervisor for the student(s) and will be working on projects in similar areas to them, they must be based at the same host RO.

Why do you need a letter of support from the DTP or CDT director if the students will also be based at Turing?

We want to ensure that the students benefit from being based in an ESRC accredited Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) or Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) and located on an accredited DTP or CDT training pathway. This will ensure that students receive core research training requirements, as well as generic and transferable skills training, and the other opportunities available to ESRC funded students. The letter from the director will confirm that this support is available and the students will be treated as part of the DTP or CDT cohort.

Why does the student have to have completed an MRes to commence a 3.5 year studentship?

Students must have training which meets the ESRC core social science training requirements in order to commence the 3.5 year studentship. This may have been covered by an MRes or equivalent. If studentship applicants are judged to not have the relevant core social science training, they must complete an MRes at the host RO, resulting in 4.5 years of funding.
**Will the associated studentships be paid at 80% full Economic Cost (fEC)?**

Where project studentship related costs are paid on the grant, 100% of stipend and fees will be included, but these students must not be counted in the FTE when charging estates and indirect costs on the application form; nor should any investigator time be funded on the grant to cover provision for student supervision. Any other eligible resources requested for the project student as part of the grant proposal (such as equipment, travel, consumables) are funded at the standard 80% rate.

These funds will be ring-fenced and paid alongside the DTP or CDT training grant.