For statistical purposes, STFC requires Ernest Rutherford Fellows to complete a short questionnaire giving details of the post taken up on completion of their Fellowship.

1 Questionnaires were sent to fellows who had completed their fellowship between March 2018 and February 2019.

Key findings of these questionnaires:
- all fellows were employed;
- all fellows 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. Two fellows had transferred their fellowship from their original host research organisation as they had been offered proleptic positions;
- all fellows held positions which fell within the remit of STFC science;
- all fellows were employed in either academic research or lecturing or both;
- 63% of fellows stated their fellowship was essential in order to obtain their current position.

Fellows were asked to comment on mentoring provision provided by their research organisation in line with the expectations published in a Statement of Expectations for Research Fellowships and Future Research Leaders.

Key findings of mentoring provision:
- 75% of fellows received guidance and training on setting up a research group;
- 63% of fellows received guidance and training on building partnerships & collaborations;
- 88% of fellows received guidance on public engagement;
- 100% of fellows received access to career development support and advice;
- 100% of fellows received support for any proposed leadership activities.

2 Aggregate Data

The total number of questionnaires received between 2009 and 2019 was:

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

2.1 Where is your job located?

In the last five years a higher percentage of fellows remained in the UK (Figures 1&2)
2.2 Is your job permanent or fixed term?

Since 2009, 92% of fellows had secured a permanent contract after their fellowship had ended. (Figures 3 & 4)

2.3 To what extent did your Fellowship help you get this job?

It is evident that at least 82% of fellows each year found that their fellowship was essential or very helpful in order to obtain their current position. (Figures 5 & 6)
2.4 Key findings of aggregate data:

- Since 2009 all fellows were employed and 92% 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;
- 99% of fellows stayed in academia after their fellowship had ended.