

## Key Dates

### 2026 Intake Recruitment Call

Activity	Date
NIA opens for applications (6 weeks)	1 September 2025
'Meet the NIA' informational webinars	8 September 2025 – 13:00 – 14:00 16 September 2025 – 12:00 – 13:00 1 October 2025 – 13:00 – 14:00 9 October 2025 – 12:00 – 13:00
Application deadline	23:59, 12 October 2025
Application form assessment	23 October – 16 November 2025 (3 weeks)
NICE reviews of applicants to be interviewed	25 November 2025 – 2 January 2026
Shortlisting panel	10 December 2025
Invitation to interviews	12 December 2025
Unsuccessful applicants notified	15 December 2025
Interview packs sent to interviewers	16 December 2025
Interviews	7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 January 2026
Final decision-making panel	28 January 2026
Outcomes communicated to interviewed applicants	30 January 2026
Due diligence and contracting	2 February – 6 March 2026
NIA introduce Fellows to SPARK framework (optional)	2 February – 13 March 2026
Deadline for due diligence docs	12 February 2026
Feedback sent to successful applicants	16 February 2026
Feedback sent to all unsuccessful applicants	23 February 2026
<b><i>The following dates/ sessions are a mandatory part of the NIA. You will not be able to take up a fellowship unless you are able to attend all of them.</i></b>	
Induction and preparation day for NIA Launch	17 March 2026
Launch Event at Rewired Fest at NEC Birmingham	24/25 March 2026
NIA panel Day	16 April 2026
New Fellow 1:1 meetings with NIA team	w/c 20 April 2026 (can discuss panel day feedback)
Quarterly events	Tuesday 5 May 2026 Tuesday 7 July 2026 Tuesday 6 October 2026 Tuesday 2 February 2027
Year 1 learning events	Tuesday 2 June 2026 Tuesday 8 September 2026 Tuesday 2 March 2027