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- Long-timescale astroparticle programmes need today's ECRs to become tomorrow's scientific, technical and collaboration leaders.
- Short contracts and limited PDRA/fellowship opportunities break continuity across construction, commissioning and exploitation.
- **Interdisciplinary funding gaps hit ECRs hardest:** AP ECRs often fall between particle physics, astronomy, UKSA, QTFP, instrumentation and computing routes.
- Technical, software and instrumentation contributions need clearer career recognition.
- The 2026 roadmap should include a dedicated ECR/workforce section with concrete recommendations.

## Discussion question:

**What should PAAP ask STFC to do specifically for ECRs?**