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Spring Term 2018

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## Get involved with the Festival and Fringe



### **Volunteering opportunities**

On 21 March, visitors will be taking a journey through 150 years of Imperial innovations at [our next Fringe event](#). Interested in volunteering? [Get in touch](#).

What's more, [Imperial Festival 2018](#) takes place over 28–29 April. The Festival offers a unique opportunity for staff and students to try something new, develop engagement skills and meet new people. Here's how you can [be a part of the Festival](#).

## News, events and resources at Imperial



### Save the date for our Engagement Day on Wednesday 20 June

We're running a one-day session on engagement best practice, featuring keynote speakers and break-out groups. More information coming soon.

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### The President's Awards for Excellence

For outstanding work in [Education](#), [Research](#) or [Societal Engagement](#). The deadline closes on 9 February – so [submit your nominations](#) soon.

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### News from our Seed Fund recipients

Updates on the projects from Round One, including [What the Tech?](#), [True Cut](#), and [Let's talk about tuberculosis](#).

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### Intelligence Redesigned

Read all about [January's Fringe event](#), where hundreds of visitors explored the possibility of artificial intelligence.

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### New patient and public involvement resources

[New online PPI resources](#), developed by



### NHIR Imperial BRC PPI grant scheme

Call for public involvement ideas linked to current or planned research activity within the Imperial BRC. Read this [guidance](#)

the Patient Experience Research Centre (PERC), can help you involve members of the public in your research.

[document](#) for more information. To apply, [email PERC](#) with your completed [application form](#) by 5pm on 15 February.



## Training and development

- **Public engagement masterclasses**  
Free masterclasses on [Exploring Public Engagement](#), [Evaluating Public Engagement](#) and [Engagement Ideas](#).
- **Engagement skills and attributes map**  
We've developed an [engagement skills and attributes map](#) to help you track your development and plan your training accordingly.
- **CRISH – Co-Creating Innovation Solutions for Health**  
A two-day course that brings together key stakeholders from across health sectors, training them to engage and co-create innovative solutions and research projects. [Register for a place](#).
- **Patient and public involvement training**  
PERC has developed [a series of PPI training modules](#) for both Imperial researchers and patients/ members of the public.

## External engagement opportunities and resources

Proposals are currently being sought for the following opportunities:

- The [London Brain Project](#) is collaborating with the [Institute of Imagination](#) on a festival about the brain (over 17 – 18 March), which aims to engage with over 300 families. They're looking for an early career researcher from Imperial to take part as an Event Facilitator. Contact [Louise Weiss](#) by 12 February to express your interest.
- [The Wellcome Trust's Public Engagement Fund](#) supports great ideas for engaging the public in conversations about health-related science and research. Applications accepted throughout the year.
- [The Wellcome Trust's Engagement Fellowships](#) support and develop the careers of emerging leaders in public engagement. Deadline: 8 February 2018.

- [STFC Fellowships in Public Engagement](#) aim to support the very best people in STFC's community to undertake extended programmes of public engagement as a core part of their job role. Deadline: 22 February 2018.
- The [British Ecological Society's Outreach Grants](#) offer grants up to £2000 to activities that promote ecological science to a wide audience. Deadline: 21 March 2018.
- [Improving Science Education](#) – a new funding scheme from the Wellcome Trust and the Education Endowment Foundation. They're looking for proposals for educational interventions that aim to improve the science attainment and/or progression of disadvantaged pupils. Apply by 9 April 2018.
- The [Biochemical Society's Outreach Grants](#) offer grants up to £1000 to support activities that communicate the excitement of molecular bioscience to young people and the community. Deadline: 9 April 2018.
- [Royal Society of Chemistry's Outreach Fund](#) offers small and large grants, with rolling deadlines throughout the year. The next deadline for large grants between £2,000 and £10,000 will be 14 May 2018.

Keep an eye on our list of [funding opportunities](#) for further schemes.



## Engagement news from around the College

There are many brilliant engagement activities happening across Imperial, including:

- On 7 February, Dr Simon Foster and students from the Controlled Quantum Dynamics Group will be speaking at Friends of Imperial's [Quantum Circus](#).
- Over 5 – 16 March, Imperial researchers (including those from the School of Public Health) will take part in online conversations with students for [I'm a Scientist: Get me out of here](#).
- This year, [OPAL](#) are launching CPD resources for teachers, which will support teachers to carry out environmental research.

## Share your news

Do you have any engagement news or opportunities that you'd like us to share in our next newsletter, or that you think we should include on our website?

Get in touch.