

The Forum Bulletin – new seminar offering and placements in Government and Parliament

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Thank you for signing up for The Forum bulletin. The Forum is Imperial's policy engagement programme, connecting our researchers with policy-makers.

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For advice and support with any policy engagement opportunities, such as submissions to government or Parliament, training and bespoke events, get in touch with [The Forum team](#) and we'll be happy to help.

NEW POLICY ENGAGEMENT SEMINARS – LEVELS 1, 2 and 3

The Forum organises internal seminars for Imperial researchers which focus on building political engagement expertise. If you would like to attend one [please let us know](#).

We are updating our training offering for 2020, now with levels 1, 2 and 3 of our popular policy engagement seminars.

Level 1: introduction to policy engagement is the same as the introductory seminar that we have run previously, looking at the policy-making process, key decision-makers, how to influence them.

- Tuesday 14 January 2020, 13.45-16.00, Faculty Boardroom
- Friday 14 February 2020, 13.45-16.00, Faculty Boardroom
- Friday 13 March 2020, 13.45-16.00, Faculty Boardroom

Level 2: communicating your research to policy-makers is a new offering, after holding trial sessions in the summer. In this smaller group session, we will look at best practice in drafting policy briefings and evidence submissions. Please bring along a one-page draft, outlining your research, for a policy audience.

- Tuesday 4 February 2020, 12.30-13.30, Faculty room 3.10
- Tuesday 17 March 2020, 12.30-13.30, Faculty room 3.11

Level 3: introduction to local government - this session will introduce you to the layers of local government and what you can do to influence them.

- Tuesday 28 April 2020, 12.00-13.00, Faculty room 3.19

Following feedback from attendees, **Level 3: introduction to international policy engagement** will also be running next year. We will update you when we have dates arranged for 2020.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Government Equalities Office's** Workplace and Gender Equality (WAGE) Research Programme are calling for academics to join their network. This two-year £1.1m programme focuses on gender equality in the workplace and key themes around what works to close the gender pay gap in order to support employers. Next year they are looking to focus on Gender, AI, Automation and the Future of Work.

For more information, [please get in touch](#).

PLACEMENT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POST PARLIAMENTARY ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) have reopened their Parliamentary Academic Fellowship Scheme (directed call) on the 2 December. The [14 projects, proposed from offices across Parliament](#), are looking for an academic or university-based knowledge exchange person to conduct. The opportunity is for both UK-based academics and university staff working in impact or knowledge exchange.

[Find out more](#).

CABINET OFFICE OPEN INNOVATION TEAM PHD PLACEMENTS

The Open Innovation Team in the Government's Cabinet Office, who develop collaborations between academia and the public sector, would like to take on PhD students from any discipline for three-month placements – start date would be some point from April 2020 onwards.

For more information, [please get in touch](#).

NUFFIELD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PHD STUDENTS

Are you a PhD student at a UK university in your last or second last year of study? Join POST for three months and learn about policy. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, you will work closely with science advisers, specialists, and committee clerks. Applications due in January 12, 2020 with start dates in April and September 2020.

[Find out more](#).

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like advice, get in touch with [The Forum team](#).

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