

Quick Reference

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Showcasing Physical Sciences Impact Event 2019 – Call for Exhibitors

Call type: Expression of interest

Closing date: 20 September 2019 at 16:00

How to apply: Those wishing to exhibit their physical sciences research at the event should submit an expression of interest by smart survey:

Assessment Process: Expressions of interest will be sifted by EPSRC staff to assess eligibility. Eligible expressions of interest will then be assessed by an external panel to ensure fit to the assessment criteria to ensure a representative and balanced showcase.

Key Dates:

Activity	Date
Showcase EoI opens	18 July 2019
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Decisions announced	Week commencing 30 September 2019
Event date (London)	6 December 2019

Additional information: This event is being delivered by EPSRC, part of UK Research and Innovation, in partnership with the Institute of Physics and the Royal Society of Chemistry. We will be able to cover reasonable costs of getting the exhibit to and from the event.

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The Showcasing Physical Sciences Impact Event 2019 is an exciting opportunity to bring together the stakeholders of the physical sciences community to celebrate the significant and wide-ranging impacts that arise from the breadth of physical sciences research: from the fundamental to the applied.

EPSRC is working with the Institute of Physics and the Royal Society of Chemistry to host an event in London on Friday 6 December 2019. The event will bring together academics and industrialists from across a broad range of disciplines along with policy makers to share, discuss and celebrate the far-reaching and varied impacts of physical sciences research.

Summary

This call is to invite submissions of an Expression of Interest to exhibit at the Showcasing Physical Sciences Impact Event. EPSRC is looking for 10-15 eye-catching, hands-on exhibitions that demonstrate physical sciences research. The exhibits should be aimed at a non-expert but science literate audience. Exhibitors are encouraged to think about the variety of different forms impact can take when designing their exhibits: impact through knowledge; impact through people; societal, cultural and economic impact. Successful exhibitors will be invited to display their research at the event in London on Friday 6 December 2019, and will also be able to attend the other activities, including plenary talks, keynote speech and panel sessions.

Exhibits are welcomed from EPSRC-funded researchers only (as Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Collaborator, Research Technical Professional or Project-Partner). Any impact to be promoted should align to at least one of the impact pillars: Impact through Knowledge; Impact through People; Social, Cultural and Economic Impact.

Background

The Showcasing Physical Sciences Impact Event 2019 will be held in London, showcasing the varied and far-reaching impacts arising from physical sciences research: from the fundamental to the applied. The purpose of the Showcase is to highlight the different forms in which impact can occur in physical sciences

research, with examples of successes shown to the wider academic and industrial community, policy makers, senior EPSRC staff and UKRI Board members by the exhibitors.

With this event we aim to:

- Raise the profile of the exciting and varied impact of physical sciences research amongst stakeholders including industry, the third sector, academia, senior leaders of UKRI and policy makers.
- Raise awareness within the physical sciences research community of the three pillars of impact, the potential opportunities for pathways to impact and how EPSRC can further support this.
- Increase understanding amongst stakeholders of the latency of physical sciences research, its transformational but risky nature and the timeline to translation.

The three pillars of impact are:

- Impact through People (supporting and training a skilled workforce in STEM);
- Impact through Knowledge (the advancement of understanding through scientific discovery);
- Societal, Cultural and Economic Impact (socio-economic and change in culture benefits brought about by fundamental discoveries).

During the event, plenary speakers will present their impact stories, demonstrating the three pillars of impact. Panel sessions focusing on addressing the three pillars of impact chaired by senior EPSRC leaders with panel members from across academia, the third sector and industry will be an opportunity for the community to share and discuss best practice around impact. With this we also hope to gain a better understanding of how EPSRC can help further support impact from physical sciences research.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The long term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent. EPSRC expects that equality and diversity is embedded at all levels and in all aspects of research practice. We are committed to supporting the research community, offering a range of flexible options which allow applicants to design a package that fits their research goals, career and personal circumstances. This includes career breaks, support for people with caring responsibilities, flexible working and alternative working patterns. With this in mind, we welcome applications from academics who job share, have a part-time contract, or need flexible working arrangements.

Peer review is central to EPSRC funding decisions, we require expert advice and robust decision making processes for all EPSRC funding initiatives. We are committed to ensuring that fairness is fully reflected in all our processes by advancing policy which supports equality, diversity and inclusion. Please see our Equality and Diversity webpages <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/> for further information.

Exhibit technical requirements

We will be able to provide reasonable costs to get the exhibit to and from the event. We will be in contact with successful applicants to discuss further requirements of the exhibits including the size. Each exhibitor will be provided with a standard trestle table, access to wifi and access to a power source. Exhibitors will be responsible for meeting the requirements for their exhibit beyond this. Each exhibit will have a maximum footprint of two meters squared.

Please note we are not looking for static displays/posters or overviews of current research which have yet to have demonstrable impact.

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to EPSRC-funded researchers only (as Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Collaborator, Research Technical Professional or Project-Partner). Please provide your research grant number in the smart survey. The research presented at the exhibit should have a substantial element of novelty within the physical sciences which includes novel physics, novel chemistry, novel materials or novel research at the life-science interface with physical sciences. We encourage multi- and inter-disciplinary research between physical sciences and other disciplines.

You should be able to demonstrate how your Physical Sciences research has led to impact in one of the following areas:

- Impact through People (supporting and training a skilled workforce in STEM);
- Impact through Knowledge (the advancement of understanding through scientific discovery);
- Social, Cultural and Economic Impact (socio-economic and change in culture benefits brought about by fundamental discoveries).

We encourage you to bring with you to the event a non-academic collaborator, early career researcher, PDRA or PhD student who has worked on the research leading to the exhibit.

How to apply

To apply for an exhibition space, you must submit an Expression of Interest by 16:00 on 20 September 2019 using the smart survey link: # include link

The expression of interest smart survey includes the following fields:

- 1) Please indicate the main exhibitor contact details:
 - a. Exhibitor full name:
 - b. Exhibitor contact email address:
 - c. Exhibitor contact telephone number:
 - d. Exhibitor host organisation:

- 2) Title of the exhibit:
- 3) Please provide a short abstract (300 words) describing this research and its impact. This text will be used in the delegate booklet available on the day.
- 4) Please describe the expected content of the exhibit and how this will support the aims of the event.
- 5) Please provide EPSRC grant reference number(s) that contributed to this exhibit (e.g. EP/X012345/1):
- 6) Alignment to the pillars of impact (tick box):
 - a. Impact through knowledge
 - b. Impact through people
 - c. Societal, cultural and economic impact
- 7) Which Physical Sciences research areas this research aligns to (tick box):
 - a. Chemistry
 - b. Life-science interface
 - c. Materials
 - d. Physics
- 8) Would you be interested in working with us to develop this into a full case study?

Assessment

We are looking for 10-15 eye-catching, hands-on exhibits that demonstrate the impact of physical sciences research.

Assessment process

Applicants should submit an expression of interest via the smart survey <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SPSIDec2019> .

Exhibits will be selected based on eligibility and fit to the assessment criteria and then balanced if there is oversubscribed.

Expressions of interest will be assessed for eligibility (see above) by an internal panel of EPSRC staff.

Eligible expressions of interest will then be assessed by an expert panel against the assessment criteria (see below).

Those who are successful will be contacted so that we can work with you to obtain further details of the requirements for your exhibit.

Assessment criteria

Eligible expressions of interest will be assessed against the following criteria for the exhibits:

- Demonstration of a clear link to physical sciences research
- Demonstration of a clear link to at least one of three pillars of impact: impact through knowledge; impact through people; societal, cultural and economic impact
- Accessibility of content that can engage a non-expert, science literate audience with physical sciences research
- How it addresses at least one of the aims of the event:
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As significant interest in this event is expected, expressions of interest will be selected to ensure a balance of research from across the physical sciences and pillars of impact, exhibitions from a range of institutions, the appropriateness of the exhibit and the description of the exhibit to meet the aims of the event.

If your research is not selected to exhibit at the event we may still contact you to develop your work into a full case study.

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*EPSRC aims to adhere to the key dates as published, however there may be exceptions where the sift, prioritisation or interview meeting may have to change due to panel member availability. This document will be updated to reflect any changes.

Terms and conditions

By submitting an expression of interest, I agree to:

- 1) Be available to attend the event on Friday 6 December 2019 in London.
- 2) Ensure that my exhibit complies with the assessment criteria and technical requirements.
- 3) Promote the EPSRC brand in any marketing or publicity materials I produce in compliance with the EPSRC branding guidelines.
- 4) Use appropriate hashtags (including #EPSRC) when promoting my activity on social media.
- 5) Inform EPSRC of any changes to my activity, including risk of cancellation, at my earliest opportunity.
- 6) Allow EPSRC to keep a copy of photographs and filming taken at the event for possible use online and in future EPSRC publications.

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