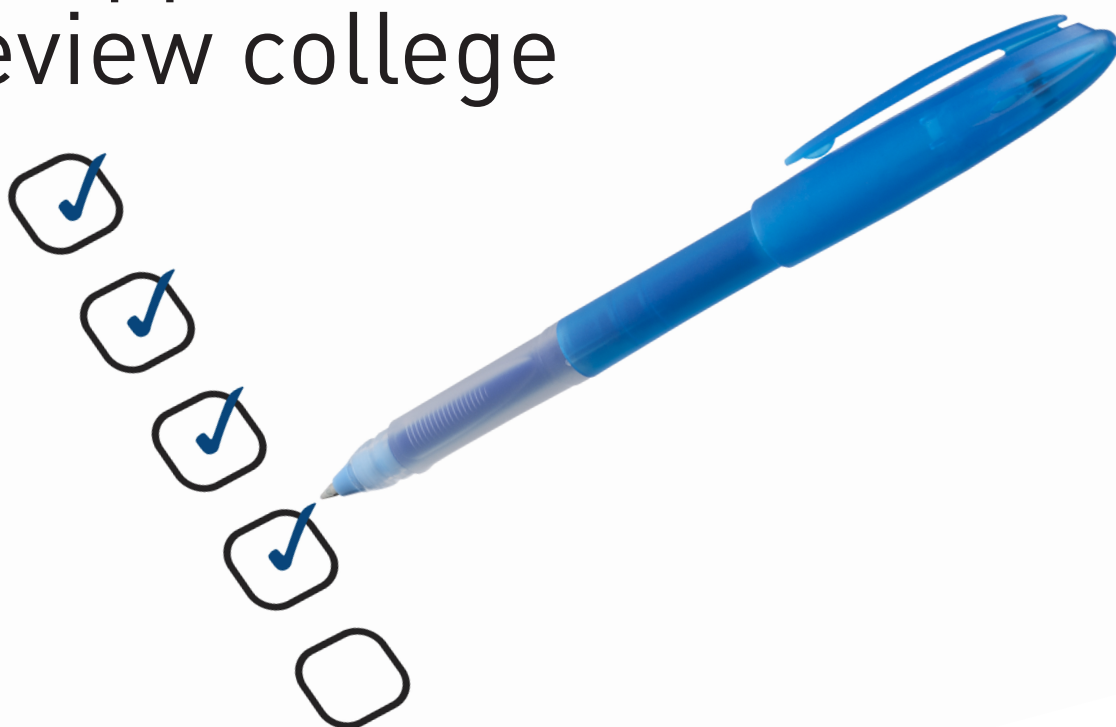


Call for applications to the peer review college



EPSRC is currently recruiting new members to our Associate Peer Review College. The call is open until 10th May 2016.

Peer Review is a vital and transparent assessment process used by EPSRC to evaluate the diverse range of applications received each year. The expert knowledge provided through this process allows each panel to make appropriate, considered recommendations for funding, ensuring support for the highest quality research across its portfolio. Our Peer Review College currently consists of over 4,000 experts in the fields of engineering and physical sciences. As part of the College refresh programme taking place in summer 2016, EPSRC is inviting expressions of interest from candidates who wish to be part of this exciting opportunity.

Our College members feel there is a great benefit in taking part in our peer review process as they see what drives the allocation of science funding, gain insight to the current research landscape and an understanding of how decisions are reached. College members provide assurance that the process is open, fair and robust.

Additionally, members are more involved with EPSRC, gaining strategic knowledge while also being able to influence strategic thinking. In return for this, members are expected to commit to undertake a number of reviews per year and may be approached to be part of a funding panel. Where possible, EPSRC uses College members to conduct peer review of applications as part of its commitment to a high quality, robust, transparent peer review process.

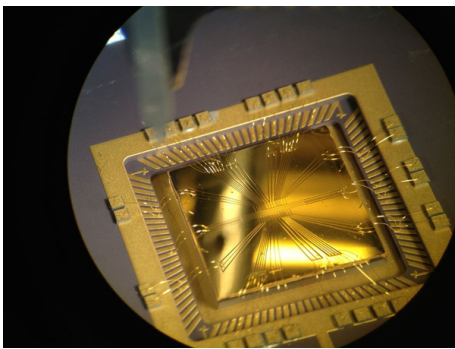
Whilst we welcome all applicants, we are keen to attract members who reflect the diversity and experience in science and engineering and would particularly welcome applications from women, business and international experts which are groups currently under represented on the college.

Expressions of interest can be logged on our **website** where you will also find full details of the assessment criteria and application process.



Photo competition winners announced

An image of a gold chip used to trap ions for use in quantum computing beat over 250 entries to win the overall prize in a national science photography competition, organised by EPSRC.



'Microwave ion-trap chip for quantum computation', by Diana Prado Lopes Aude Craik and Norbert Linke, from the University of Oxford, shows the chip's gold wire-bonds connected to electrodes which transmit electric fields to trap single atomic ions, a mere 100 microns above the device's surface. The researchers won £500 of photography equipment.

The image, taken through a microscope in one of the university's cleanrooms, came first in the Eureka category as well as winning overall against many other stunning pictures, featuring research in action, in the EPSRC competition – now in its third year.

You can see the winners and runners up from all five categories on our website.



<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/newsevents/news/2015photocomp/>

Beyond balance: how digital technologies are affecting our work, our homes, and everything in between



The EPSRC-funded **Balance Network** would like to invite you to attend a '**Beyond Balance**' conference, to be held at the Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET) headquarters, in London, on Monday 27th June. In this one-day event, the Balance Network is bringing together a community of academics and industry experts to feedback on activities and events that have been funded by the network and

to discuss the future of living and working in a digital age. There will also be discussion about the second round of funding that is available to support teams in the development of proposals for new research projects.

See here for further details and booking.

An early-Bird Registration rate of only £10 is available until April 30th.

New engineering awards


We're delighted to announce that entries are now open for **Collaborate To Innovate** - a brand new awards competition that will celebrate the best in engineering collaborations.

Organised by **The Engineer**, and run in partnership with EPSRC, the awards will recognise all aspects of engineering from the biggest and boldest infrastructure projects to the most fundamental technology breakthroughs. Effective collaboration is the lifeblood of engineering innovation, and through C2i we will uncover and celebrate some of the UK's most inspiring, innovative and effective collaborative






technology projects. To find out more about the Awards **click here**.

Entries are open until 31st May 2016. Winners will be announced at a winners' party in early July. The event will culminate with a one-day conference, to be held on 17th November 2016 at the Manufacturing Technology Centre in Coventry, where the winners will present their projects alongside keynote presentations on a number of key technology areas.

Enter now!



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CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESSES!

ENTER NOW! **DEADLINE**
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