**UCL Engagement – Beacon Bursary 202 – Panel Application**

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Once you complete this document, upload this application through our [online form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_oivH5ipW0yTySEKEdmlwvpm_QSRKpxLsUQrIIx272VUOEM2MEhBUjMzU0U3STMwOTc5VkNIUzVETyQlQCN0PWcu) by midday on **Monday 13 December 2021.**

**Project Title:**

**Name of Applicant:**   
  
**UCL Department:**

**Amount requested (max £2000):**

**(1) Briefly state the aims and objectives of the public engagement project. Use bullet points if you wish. (150 words)**  
  
*What is the need for this project? What are you trying to change about research, teaching or learning at UCL, the project team or in the lives of the public group(s) involved? Think about changes in awareness and knowledge, attitudes, skills and confidence. Can this public engagement project support the impact of your research? Please be realistic about the aims and objectives – the panel will want to see through your evaluation plan, how you will assess whether these have been achieved.*

**(2) Who is the community of interest or target public group for your project (e.g. demographic or shared interest)? Please also tell us about any external partners involved and how you will connect with public groups to ensure their participation. (150 words)**  
  
*Who, outside of UCL, will be involved in the project? Will you be working in collaboration with a charity or community group? Will the intended participants be defined by age group, profession, or a shared interest or characteristic(s)? Where will they come from? Has this public group been engaged in research or teaching prior to this project? This is also a good place to provide information about how you will contact your partners. If you already have any contacts among the group(s) you plan to work with, mention them here. The panel will give preference to applications that include evidence of pre-existing, external partner commitment, a plan of how your target public group will be reached, as well as those with a realistic idea of who might be interested in the activities proposed.*

**(3) What will happen in your proposed public engagement project? How will you ensure accessibility? (300 words)**  
  
*Please tell us about the activities you are planning. How will the activities be developed and with whom, and what will they look like? What methods will you use to engage people and what resources and materials will be needed? Are you creating/co-creating a new method of engagement or building on existing method(s)? Please also include a brief timeline of when planning and activities will happen if this proposal is funded.*

**(4) Who is involved in running the project? Please give details of UCL and non-UCL people, their roles and a short summary of any relevant experience. Use bullet points if you wish. (200 words)**  
  
*Here we ask you to list and summarise the experience of the different partners involved in delivering this project. The panel will want to see that you and your project team have the capacity to deliver the activities proposed effectively. There is no need to list publications or provide details of your research and teaching achievements unless they are relevant to this public engagement activity.*

*Remember too that if you know you or one of your project team lack specific expertise necessary for the project’s success, the costs for training in this area can be included as part of your budget.*

**(5) How does this public engagement project link to UCL research, teaching or learning? (150 words)**   
  
*The Beacon Bursary funding scheme supports public engagement projects that relate to research, teaching or learning connected to UCL. Projects are more likely to be successful if they create an engagement opportunity with your own research or a body of research, rather than raising awareness of a generalised topic or university-wide activity. If the public engagement project is itself an engaged research project, have you carried out the necessary steps (e.g. ethics approval) to run the project? If it is a engaged research project, why is it not been funding by your research funder?*

**(6) How will you assess whether you have achieved your aims and objectives? Tell us about how you will evaluate your project and what expected benefits it will have for those involved. (300 words)**  
  
*We don’t expect monitoring and evaluation to take up a large proportion of your time, however, we do expect you to have a clear idea of what success looks like. Your plans should include reflection and feedback on the activities and overall experience from the public group(s) and any partner(s) involved, and from you and the project team. If you have clearly laid out your aims in Q1, you will probably find this question easier to answer. If you are new to evaluation or would like some new ideas,* [*read this useful guide to find some helpful tips and hints.*](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/sites/culture/files/100831_methods_for_evaluation.pdf)

*You can use a table like this one below to think through your aims, what the outcomes are likely to be, and how you will monitor and then evaluate how things went. You may include a table like the one below in your application, but you should also explain how you hope this monitoring will help you to evaluate the whole project. You can also contact* [***publicengagement@ucl.ac.k***](mailto:publicengagement@ucl.ac.k)*for further guidance on your evaluation plans.*

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| **Aims** | **Outcomes** | **Outcome indicators** | **Information collection tools** | **Who will collect/provide this information and when** | **How you will use this information** |
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*Suggested table:*

**(7) How will you share what you learn during this project with colleagues (staff, students) at UCL and beyond? (150 words)**  
  
*As one of the key aims of this funding scheme is to evaluate, learn from and share the learning from public engagement projects, it is important that project leaders and their colleagues supported by a Beacon Bursary are committed to sharing what they learn from their project evaluation.*

*While the Engagement Team will support this sharing (including through end-of-project reports and providing speaking and networking opportunities), the panel expects that project leaders will have their own ideas about how learning can be maximised.*

**(8) Please provide a breakdown of the amount requested - what will the money be spent on? Please also provide details of any funding or resources coming from elsewhere, including in-kind support. (200 words)**  
  
*Please provide a budget that lists each item or group of items (e.g. catering, external trainer fees) to be paid for. If the bursary is paying for one part of a larger project, please also tell us how much money is coming from other sources and what it will be spent on. We’d also like brief details of other things that are going to be used on the project that aren’t money, such as staff time, event spaces and other resources provided in-kind.*

*Draft costs are fine, as we understand that some items will be difficult to accurately cost at this stage. However, it is important that you research any draft elements of your budget as the panel will have past experience to draw on in knowing how much most elements of a project will cost.*

*You should include a brief explanation of where costs have been sourced from, as the panel will need to have confidence that your costs are realistic and that you demonstrate an understanding of project planning and financial management.*

*Try to keep the breakdown to a similar length to your other answers and do make sure that everything you mention in the budget is explained somewhere in the application.*

*Beacon Bursaries can’t be used to pay UCL staff for their time, but it is possible to pay students for small amounts of work such as data entry, photography or event hosting. This scheme* ***does not*** *pay for international travel.*

**(9) Have you considered / are you applying to any other sources of funding? What are / were the challenges for securing funding for this project from alternative sources? (200 words)**  
  
*Because bursary funds are relatively small, we’re aware that you might want to use them to enhance an existing project or to help you reach a wider audience. This answer tells the panel how much of a difference the bursary will make. It’s also a chance to describe your plan B – what will you do if you don’t get a bursary?*

**(10 - Optional) Feel free to disclose if you or your external partner are from underrepresented communities within the sector and at UCL. (Including but, not exclusively, disabled, D/deaf and neurodiverse people, LGBTQ+ people, people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds.) We are asking this question to give you the opportunity to provide extra context to your application for the panel.**