



StudentShapers: Partnership description

Imperial Horizons: Great Expectations

Bursary: £250 per student

Your role: As a student partner in this project, you will be teamed with another student partner and work jointly with the support of two staff partners. In your pair you will be focused on a given Imperial Horizons Change Maker course taking place from October 2019 – March 2020.

Your objective is to better understand how students choose their Horizons options and the expectations they have as they begin their module, and to contrast this with their thoughts at the end of the module. Having collected data from a student survey at the start of the course, you will assess the findings before creating a finishers' survey to capture follow-up responses regarding the actual learning experience.

You will initially work with staff and student partners to create a survey for the first class of term. It is anticipated that the surveys will be creatively designed, and as a student partner your voice and contribution in designing the surveys will be essential to their being engaging and relevant to the student participants.

Using what you have learned from the first survey, you will then work with your partner to develop a second survey for the end of the programme. Following the completion of both parts of the survey, the data will be analysed collaboratively between the student and staff partners and then presented at a final seminar as part of the CLCC's celebration of 70 Years of Humanities at Imperial (Humanities@70) in 2020.

NB. The project's application for ethics approval is currently lodged and expected in advance of the first Student and staff partners meeting.

- The initial briefing, introduction to the aims of the research and to the ethical requirements of this type of work (attendance essential) is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 25th September.
- The initial survey will be given to students in class during the week beginning 7th October 2019.

Student partners are expected to spend a total of 15 hours engaged on the project and no more than 2 hours per week across the project's duration.

Application criteria:

Students applying for this project should:

- have taken, or be taking for the first time this year, an Imperial Horizons module.
- have an interest in the student learning process and skills development
- be interested in designing, conducting and analysing qualitative data (although no prior experience is required)
- be willing to work collaboratively and creatively

Expected skill development/outcomes:

As a student partner in this project it is anticipated that you will:

- gain formal experience in designing and conducting qualitative research
- gain experience of analysing qualitative data sets
- develop skills in presenting a project's outcomes
- be better able to reflect on and question how you make your options choices (both for Horizons and within your degree)
- develop pair-working and team working skills, transferrable to future projects or employment
- gain valuable experience working with staff as partners, transferrable to other projects, future independent study or work.