

StudentShapers Recruitment: Calling all 1st, 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students from any department (except final year students).

Embedding the student voice in approaches to inclusive and sustainable international experiences and future partnerships

Bursary: £325/week for 8 weeks (plus optional ad hoc days in 2021-22 academic year)

Who should apply: Undergraduate students from any department/faculty/programme. Open to all years except final year undergraduates.

We encourage applications from students who have not taken part in any international experience opportunities since joining Imperial, as well from students who have.

As one aim of this project is to help develop pathways/approaches towards more inclusive/accessible international collaborations and student programmes at the College, we particularly encourage applications from students from underrepresented groups, including (but not limited to) students from underrepresented ethnic and gender groups, those living with a disability, students who are care-leavers or estranged, young carers, recipients of the maximum Imperial bursary.

We are committed to ensuring that all our Student Shapers are supported throughout.

Campus/Location: Imperial College London, South Kensington campus (project will be conducted remotely)

Project details: 8 weeks: Monday 12th July to Friday 3rd September

The International Relations Office (IRO) is responsible for several summer programmes that provide international experiences for students during their time at Imperial. Feedback from student participants at the College and data from sector-wide research in the UK demonstrates the positive impact that these opportunities have for students. We also know that demand for existing opportunities is high, with programmes frequently oversubscribed. However, we do not know who is being missed from these opportunities, either because the existing opportunities do not appeal to them or because of other barriers to participation.

The goal for the project team will be to design and conduct research (via surveys/focus groups/interviews) with current students and staff to gather insights on access to programmes and types of opportunities available at the College. Ultimately, the Student Shapers will develop a set of key principles to inform the direction of future IRO partnerships for student programmes.

In addition, the project will develop a series of case studies based on interviews conducted during the project which will be published on the IRO's [UG Global Opportunities website](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/global-opportunities/). The aim of the case studies is to encourage students to

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consider the benefits of gaining international experience whether through the IRO or other avenues.

The precise approach, content and format of the surveys/interviews will be co-created by all members of the project team, working together to share ideas and design the approach. All team members will contribute to determining the themes to explore, the survey and interview design, and how to encourage participation.

The findings will be analysed by the Student Shapers and used to inform a set of key principles for the development of future IRO programmes and partnerships.

At the end of the project, Student Shapers will be invited to present the results of the research and final resources to the International Relations Office team.

There may be opportunities to engage in further consultation and project work with the IRO on an ad hoc basis following completion of the initial project.

By participating in this project, Student Shapers will gain a better understanding of the kinds of international opportunities that are available and how international partnerships are approached. By working on case studies and developing key principles for future partnerships, the Student Shapers will influence IRO programmes for years to come.

How to apply:

We would love to hear from you if you are/have:

- An undergraduate student from any department (expect final year students).
- Motivated to work in a team and independently to achieve project goals.
- Interested in communications and website content.
- Confident to contact current students, staff, and other stakeholders.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office including Teams, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- Interested in international exchange and the provision of international opportunities at the College (no international experience is required).

Please submit a personal statement of no more than 500 words, detailing why you are motivated to participate in this project, your suitability for this project including how any prior experience fits the application criteria, and what you hope to get out of the experience.

Please include your name in the document title and send to l.bulmer@imperial.ac.uk with the email subject: "Student Shaper: IRO".

Please note that informal interviews will be held the week commencing Monday 12th April.

Deadline: 5pm (UK time), Monday 12th April

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