

# STUDENTSHAPERS

## StudentShapers Recruitment: Calling all *Life Sciences* *Undergraduate students*

### *Transition – Preparing for success at University*

**Bursary:** £390 per week for five weeks. Six positions available.

**Who should apply:** Undergraduate students from the Department of Life Sciences, we are particularly interested in those who are first in their family to go to university and are from a working-class background.

**Campus/Location:** *South Kensington Campus*

#### **Project details:**

First year students regularly find the transition from being an A-level/IB/AP student to being an undergraduate student challenging.

Feedback from students and their reps confirm that student expectations, particularly early in first year, differ from those of the department. Difficulties in transition are predictive of the success and retention of students on the programme because transition impacts a student's wellbeing and ability to focus and retain information. The smoother the transition, the smaller the impact it will have on the student.

We are recruiting six Student Shapers to participate in partnership with Amelia Barron and Ste Cook over five weeks starting 1<sup>st</sup> July. They will produce an online resource that familiarises students with what to expect at Imperial, reassures them about the concerns they may have, and normalises the transition experience. We value the student lived experience in identifying and shaping what needs to be included and how best to deliver information to first year Life Science students. The more students understand the environment and expectations they are transitioning into, the less they should experience shock, which will give them a better sense of wellbeing as they settle in. This resource will be a scaffold to develop students' independence, and it will contain practical advice that will be guided by the Student Shapers and their experiences.

As part of this project our Student Shapers will develop their project management, communication, and resource development skills as they work in partnership with Amelia Barron and Ste Cook. It would be desirable but not essential for you to have experience of creating and editing short films, websites or infographics.

#### **How to apply:**



Applications (300-500 words) should be made via the 'Student Expression of Interest' form on the StudentShapers website ([here](#)) or accessed using the above QR code. This will then be distributed directly to the appropriate staff partner.

**Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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