**Faculty of Health and Life Sciences**

**Public Engagement Grants Scheme 2025/2026**

Have you got a great idea for a new Public Engagement (PE) activity, and would like some support to get it started? Are you already involved in an excellent project, and want to develop it further?

The Faculty are pleased to announce that we have Public Engagement grants available to support you with engaging with individuals or groups outside of the University. You can apply for a grant of between £200 to £2,000 to support your project.

You can read more about projects we have funded previously [here](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGSP95HDMM/FKuzrXVwiBtcSS4gSNWH6A/view?utm_content=DAGSP95HDMM&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor). On Wednesday 15th October 1-2pm, the Faculty Public Engagement team will be running a Tips and Treats training session about the grants scheme – with advice on how to complete your application and details of previous successful projects. Book your slot [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&token=7d24f8a7f530499bbaf94f924c8afa82&id=MVElUymxEECG4UdL_X6AdstfyD9cTgFDgJLOQANDsjFUQzI2UERPMTA1SllPQktaNTNENk9BQjBDMy4u).

Those wishing to apply for a grant should read these guidelines in full and complete the accompanying application form. Completed application forms should be sent via email to: HLSEngagement@liverpool.ac.uk by **Friday 7th November 2025.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any project ideas, please contact the Faculty Public Engagement team at HLSEngagement@liverpool.ac.uk

**Guidelines for completing your application**

**Eligibility Criteria**

* **Applications are welcome from all Faculty of Health and Life Sciences members of staff or students.**
* Projects must be completed, and all funds must be spent by the end of June 2026.
* The activities must engage with an audience outside of the University e.g. community groups, school students, families.

**Assessment Criteria**

This scheme is designed to support and promote public engagement with research. Before you apply, we highly recommend you reading about previous projects that have been funded by this scheme. You can find details and tips from previous awardees [here](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGSP95HDMM/FKuzrXVwiBtcSS4gSNWH6A/view?utm_content=DAGSP95HDMM&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor). For a wide range of resources and advice around public engagement we would also recommend [visiting the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) website.](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/introducing-public-engagement)

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For the purposes of this grant, we broadly define public engagement as:

*“…the myriad of ways in which the activity and benefits of higher education and research can be shared with the public. Engagement is by definition a two-way process, involving interaction and listening, with the goal of generating mutual benefit.”*

We recognise that there are lots of different publics, and a variety of ways to engage with them, and will therefore assess applications against a broad range of criteria.

Proposals will be judged on the extent to which they:

* Provide an opportunity for meaningful engagement, giving the public the opportunity to engage with current research.
* Give University staff and students the opportunity to build their public engagement skills and experience.
* Have the potential to have impact, this could be on the staff/researchers/students involved, the public, your research or on the University more widely.
* Offer quality; a well thought out plan, realistic timescales and budget, and a project that is likely to appeal to the target public, as well as staff and students.
* Demonstrate a clear plan for evaluating the project, and a consideration of the potential legacy of the project.

**Restrictions on how the grant may be used**

Please note that the grant cannot be used to cover:

* Alcoholic drinks for reception / hospitality purposes
* Salary contributions for existing University staff. However, it is acceptable to use the fund to pay casual worker salaries to UoL PGR/PGT/UG students.

All spend must be in line with UoL policy. There are no other formal restrictions on how the grant may be used, but as funds are limited, applicants are strongly encouraged to think carefully about value for money.

**Please note**

All successful applicants will be expected to:

* Submit a short case study after their project is completed.
* Reference the funding scheme on all promotional materials/communications about the project.

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