

IOP Campus Ambassador Role 2021-22

The Institute of Physics (IOP) is looking to engage proactive and committed students to work with us as **IOP Campus Ambassadors** during the 2021-22 academic year.

Our aim is to build a *thriving community* of engaged university physics students by enabling them to participate in physics outside the lab and at local physics events. IOP Campus Ambassadors are uniquely placed to support the physics student community by developing activities on campus that will strengthen student opportunities, build campus relationships, promote the benefits of extracurricular engagement, all of which will enable you to develop your skill set and gain valuable experience for your career. You will support our activities during the 2021-22 academic year, acting as a key link to your university's physics students and department.

Role activities and requirements:

There will be some regular activity and some ad hoc activity.

- Promote the benefits of extracurricular physics engagement, and engaging with the IOP to facilitate this
- Organise at least three outreach events during the academic year. Including: a 'Welcome event' on campus in the first term, followed by two events from term two. There are a range of activities we can suggest and we also welcome new ideas
- Introduce yourself and develop relationships with relevant on-campus student societies (including IOP Affiliated Societies), staff, careers services, and any other relevant groups, inviting them to collaborate with you, where possible
- Engage with and promote general physics careers events, regional events and volunteering opportunities, as well as IOP ones
- Work with the IOP and campus Affiliated Societies to support outreach activities organised by the wider IOP Student Community
- Communicate with and support other Campus Ambassadors in the region and notify the IOP of relevant events for the IOP to promote or attend
- Deliver lecture shout outs about IOP membership, upcoming activities and student opportunities at lectures or at your own events; support IOP staff to deliver short induction talks on campus or online
- Disseminate the latest IOP literature in your department and student union
- Maintain contact with the IOP Student Engagement Officer at regular catchups, attending webinars, training days and occasionally meeting IOP staff on campus.

What you will get out of the role:

- Develop your confidence, communication and organisation skills, and widen your network
- Build key skills for your employability and experiences for your CV
- £500 payment split across the academic year (£300 if a dual Campus Ambassador)
- A budget to spend on your events and payment of all expenses reasonably incurred
- Support, resources and guidance from IOP staff

Eligibility:

- You must be a member of the IOP
- Be able to work independently and manage your own workload
- Be a passionate supporter of our goals and values (see below)
- Maintain contact with the IOP and collaborate where possible with other students
- Behave responsibly as a representative of the IOP on campus and in all dealings on behalf of the IOP.

FAQ:

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for students who want to make a difference. Students with a genuine passion for promoting physics, with good communication skills and an ability to balance their studies with engagement opportunities.

What do ambassadors actually do?

Ambassadors organise a minimum of 3 physics related activities per year, typically one per term. The events are up to you: CV sessions, postgrad presentations, guest speakers, introducing the IOP: whatever you think will bring the community most benefit! The more you put into the role the more you will get out of it and Ambassadors can use the role as a licence to encourage their peers to share their passion for physics.

How do we work with Ambassadors?

Ambassadors are supported by the IOP Student Engagement Officer. In 2021-22 the IOP will be seeking to collaborate directly with Ambassadors to host a range of online and offline activities. Ambassadors attend informal catch-ups with regional clusters of Ambassadors, and representatives share their progress with the rest of the cohort during termly webinars hosted by the IOP.

Who is eligible for this role?

Anyone at university studying a physics-related degree and is a current member of the IOP is eligible to apply for this role. Students with some experience of getting involved in extracurricular physics activities – be it at their societies, through IOP committees or general to apply for this role – are a great match for this role! But don't be put off if you haven't got much experience – the essential ingredients are enthusiasm and a love of physics.

I want to apply, but I don't have many links yet on campus – what should I do?

You should still apply. In this role you will develop the confidence to reach out to and build mutually beneficial relationships within your department and the local student physics community. You do not need to be well connected, just enthusiastic!

There is already a Campus Ambassador at my university, should I still apply?

Yes, up to two Campus Ambassadors can perform the role at university in a given year, working together to organise activities and promote the IOP. Campus Ambassadors report benefitting from sharing the duties as well as the motivation and support which a helping hand provides, particularly if the other Campus Ambassador is in another year. If you know someone who could make a difference alongside you, please encourage them to apply!

What will I get out of being a campus ambassador?

Fully engaging with the role will present many opportunities for personal development and growth and the chance to meet new people. You will be empowered to reach out to others as a representative of the IOP and develop your event, outreach and engagement skills. We will provide you with training and support you to create inspiring events. Campus Ambassadors often report that the skills and experiences acquired during their time helps strengthen their CVs and improves future employability.

Increasing diversity in physics

The IOP is committed to raising the profile and participation of underrepresented groups in physics. Ambassadors promote physics in a spirit of inclusivity and actively reach out to underrepresented groups on campus. In turn, we are seeking people from all walks of life, backgrounds, ethnicities and faiths to become Ambassadors and engage with our programme, increasing student participation in physics, skills and personal growth.

IOP Student Community Values

As an ambassador for the IOP you agree with and represent our values on campus. The IOP is dedicated to promoting physics in society for the benefit of all and seeks to ensure a thriving physics ecosystem that contributes to innovation, discovery, research, growth and debate in the UK, Ireland and beyond. We are dedicated, supportive and inclusive, promoting a positive sense of community that is open minded and diverse, and which encourages physicists to address the challenges we face as a society. As a representative of our values on campus, you will uphold these values in your work and relations with your peers and departmental staff. In doing so you will exemplify these values by being professional, honest, supportive, inclusive and enthusiastic about the benefits of engaging with physics, the community and the IOP.

To apply:

Download and complete [the application form](#) and send it to studentcommunity@iop.org. Shortlisted candidates will attend a short, informal interview to ask questions and learn more about the role. More information can be accessed via the [IOP website](#).

Application deadline: 9AM Monday August 16 2021

For any questions please contact the Student Engagement Officer on 020 7470 4917 or email studentcommunity@iop.org.