

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

Leading the way: Science Superpower

As the new Chief Executive of the Institute of Physics (IOP), I am writing to put on record the UK physics community's appreciation of the commitment made by your Government to make the UK a science superpower and the decision to back that commitment up with a dramatic increase in public investment.

For our part, we are working closely with your Ministers and their officials to transform the physics and wider science landscape for the UK, and ensure a thriving physics ecosystem that will contribute to innovation, discovery, research, growth and debate. Our work shows that there is great untapped potential in physics-powered businesses, university departments and specialist research organisations – just as there is in other scientific communities across the country.

Not since the 1960s has there been such an opportunity to harness science's potential to unlock prosperity and opportunity for all. Therefore, given this critical importance the IOP are concerned that there is currently no Science Minister in place. For this reason, I am writing on behalf of the IOP's Council to ask you to appoint a dedicated Science Minister to provide continuity and leadership and to work with the scientific community to make sure that the Government's vision stays on track.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer