

IOP PEGS 2023 – The Application Process

Applications are now open for the 2023 round of the Institute of Physics Public Engagement Grant Scheme (PEGS). The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 24 March. No late submissions will be accepted. All applications are expected to be completed through our online form available here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PEGS2023> but if for any reason this form is not accessible to you please contact engagement@iop.org and we will do our best to help.

We will be holding open online Q&A sessions where potential applicants can come and discuss ideas, and can provide some support by email, video call and phone. There is also an FAQ section on our website: <https://www.iop.org/public-engagement-grant-scheme-faqs>.

The PEGS scheme has recently been updated to support the [Limit Less campaign](#), and is informed by the learning we have all accrued over the last couple of years with respect to equality, diversity and inclusion, the digital divide, and personal wellbeing. A full set of judging criteria are set out on the next page.

The grant scheme will be assessed via an online application form. Applicants whose projects pass eligibility criteria will then have their application assessed by a panel of reviewers from a range of backgrounds. They have strong experience of working in physics, physics engagement and outreach, engaging underserved groups, working in the community, engaging people through remote and digital platforms, and media and events.

Each application will be judged by a mix of reviewers, and final decisions made through a joint panel meeting to discuss the scores and outcomes. Applicants will be informed about the results of their applications by Friday 21 April. Project delivery must start before Monday 2 October 2023, and must be completed by Friday 22 December 2023. We are prepared to consider exceptional projects that are potentially running into early 2024 - this should be discussed with the team upon initial application.

If you have any questions at all, please contact engagement@iop.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Scoring criteria PEGS 2023

All applicants will be expected to:

1. Show that their application meets at least one of the following overarching aims of the grant scheme:
 - a. Deliver projects in locations or communities not commonly reached by physics engagement initiatives.
 - b. Develop relationships between physics and public participants to grow beyond initial contact.
 - c. Reinforce messages being delivered by existing engagement schemes by adapting to new locations, communities or circumstances.
 - d. Build strong relationships between physics, physicists and diverse communities through co-developed and delivered engagement projects.
2. Show explicit links to physics and its relevance to everyday life. Be specific about what physics is being included in their project, and how it will be made accessible to the target group.
3. Describe how they will ensure their project will lead to an example of good engagement practice in physics and with specific communities.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of their target audiences and participants, with the reach and impact expected.
5. Outline full project costs, including additional funding being used to support the project. Demonstrate how value for money is being achieved.
6. Provide details of how the project will be managed, including a timeline, project management structures, and risk mitigation.

Peer reviewers will allocate scores against each of these criteria. Scores will be moderated by the PEGS team and discussed in the full panel meeting.

Our help and guidance:

The PEGS team consists of:

- Mikey Jarrell, IOP
- Muzakira Farid, IOP

We will be hosting online project discussion sessions during the application period as below:

- Thursday 2 February, 4-5pm: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)
- Monday 13 February, 6-7pm: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)
- Tuesday 21 February, 10-11am: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

These will be drop-in sessions held on Microsoft Teams.

If you have any queries, you can reach us by email on engagement@iop.org or phone on +442045480044.