

Dear international colleagues,

Greetings from Imperial College London!

Imperial is a science, engineering, medicine, and business focussed university located in the heart of London. Imperial is a multidisciplinary space for education, research, translation and commercialisation, harnessing science and innovation to tackle global challenges.

The College's excellence – it is consistently ranked among the [world's top ten universities](#) – arises from its talented students and staff who come from all over the world, and support from a [global network of alumni](#), friends and collaborators. Imperial is a global academic community where people from different cultures contribute diverse perspectives, new ideas and fresh approaches to solving complex problems.

We're also the UK university with the [most international outlook](#), meaning that a significant amount of our research involves international collaboration. We believe that innovation thrives "[when cultures collide and collaborate](#)". That's why we [defend our international values](#), and [think and act internationally](#).

To support Imperial PhD students to gain international experience, we have started the Global Fellows Fund with support from the UK governments Turing Scheme. The Fund provides financial support for 1 to 3 month international placements for PhD students in labs at Imperial's key international partners with the aim of providing student international experiences and developing closer collaboration between research groups at both institutions.

This letter has been provided to Imperial PhD students to share with potential host supervisors. With support from both their Imperial PhD supervisor and a host supervisor at one of Imperial's partner institutions, PhD students can apply for funding from the Turing Scheme to spend between 1 and 3 months at the partner institution.

We would greatly appreciate if you would consider hosting our PhD students in accordance with the standard hosting procedures of your institution and/or department.

Further details on the programme are provided on the overleaf, but feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

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## Programme Information

The new Imperial Turing STEMBB Postgraduate Research Global Fellows Fund supports high impact international placements for PhD students in labs at Imperial's strategic international partners.

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The goals of the programme are to:

- Develop new skills, experimental techniques and/or methodologies through access to commentary training and laboratories not available at Imperial;
- Take part in activities to enhance their professional competencies and expertise through international and interdisciplinary teamwork;
- Add value to the PhD experience by providing students the opportunity to develop as internationally mobile and globally minded scientists.

Participants will enhance:

- their ability to work collaboratively on research ideas;
- their ability to network and communicate effectively and with impact in interdisciplinary and intercultural teams;
- their intercultural and international competency and awareness;
- their creativity to develop collaborative research ideas; their appreciation of research in international institutions.

## Partner Institutions 2022/23

- Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany
- Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore (**NB** visit needs to be at least 3 months)
- Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
- Karolinska Institute, Sweden
- French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), France (**NB** approval is needed from both the CNRS host supervisor and her/his head of department or institute)
- African Institute of Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Rwanda, Cameroon, South Africa, Senegal and Ghana (**NB** AIMS administration can assist in finding a supervisor)
- Cornell University, USA
- University of Toronto, Canada

## Host Supervisor Support

It is important that supervisors at host institutions see value in hosting Imperial PhD students and it is not a requirement that students be hosted.

We hope that supervisors can welcome Imperial PhD students into their labs and work collaboratively on research and other relevant projects.

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## **Financial Information**

Financial support will be provided to students for:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Subsistence & Health Insurance

Funding is not available to cover bench or tuition fees.