

StudentShapers: Introducing the Student-Initiated Pathway

- Are you passionate about making a difference at Imperial? StudentShapers supports students to engage in partnership with staff to work on projects which enhance learning, teaching or the wider student experience.
- Students are supported with a bursary during projects.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT-INITIATED PATHWAY



A new pathway for students to propose projects.

- You can now initiate a project idea to improve the student experience at Imperial.
- This pathway aims to give students more ownership and encourage authentic co-creation with staff.

What kind of projects are eligible?



HOW TO APPLY: A 4-STEP GUIDE



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1. Develop your project idea

Your idea must enhance educational provision or the student experience at Imperial.



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2. Find a staff partner

You must approach a staff member to co-develop your proposal and champion your project.



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3. Co-develop your proposal

Work together with your staff partnership. You can propose a one-to-one partnership between one student and one staff partner *or* A small student team (up to four students) working with a staff partner

4. Your staff partner submits

The final proposal must be submitted by your staff partner to ensure actionable outputs and departmental buy-in.



4.

KEY INFORMATION & DATES



Application Deadline:
8th February 2026

For projects taking place during the summer break of 2026.



£407/week

Projects are funded with a bursary.

£407/week for full-time vacation work.



Use the SAGE chatbot for initial questions or attend the proposal workshop on **14th Jan 2026**. Register [here](#).

For more information, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code below.

