

# Social Capital Questionnaire for Imperial

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**Section 1. When you respond to the questions below, think about yourself as a student at Imperial College London.**

**1. In general, how much do you trust most people?**

Do not trust at all	Trust a little bit	Trust somewhat	Trust quite a bit	Trust completely
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**2. To what extent do you feel you have a say in what happens in your own life?**

I don't have any say at all	I have a little say	I have some say	I have quite a bit of say	I have a tremendous amount of say
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**3. Over the last 12 months, have you participated in any groups, clubs or societies? Select all that apply.**

- Yes – At Imperial
- Yes – Elsewhere
- No

**4. Thinking about all the time you spend participating in groups, clubs, or societies, how often have you done this over the last 12 months?**

Never	Less than once a month	At least once a month	Once a week	Several times a week
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**5. Over the last 12 months, have you had any significant roles or responsibilities in any groups, clubs, societies, charities or organizations? Select all that apply.**

- Yes – At Imperial
- Yes – Elsewhere
- No

**6. Thinking about these significant roles or responsibilities, how often have you done these over the last 12 months, on average?**

Never	Less than once a month	At least once a month	Once a week	Several times a week
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7. **Have you undertaken any paid work during the last 12 months? (Do not include work placements that were part of your programme requirements.)** Select all that apply.

- Yes
- No

7b. [If No to paid work] **Did you apply for any paid work during the last 12 months?**

- Yes – still waiting to hear back
- Yes – but was not successful
- Yes – was successful but decided not to take on paid work
- No

8. **If you have undertaken any paid work, when was this?** Select all that apply.

- In term time
- Not in term time (Christmas and/or Easter holidays)
- Not in term time (summer holidays)

9. [If yes to work during term time or selected multiple that includes term time in Q8] **How much time did you spend on paid work in term time, on average?**

- Less than one hour per week
- 1-4 hours per week
- 5-8 hours per week
- 9-12 hours per week
- 13-16 hours per week
- 17-20 hours per week
- More than 20 hours per week

10. [ If yes to Question 7, any Yes answer in 7b] **What were your reasons for undertaking (or seeking) paid work?** Select all that apply.

- to participate in placements
- to save for a specific purpose
- to pay for travel and transport to get to campus
- to pay for housing and utility bills
- to help pay for educational supplies and course activities
- to build my CV and gain work experience
- to allow me to concentrate on my studies
- to enable me to do other things outside of university
- to be able to afford to undertake unpaid internships or work experience
- to support dependents
- to allow me to participate in clubs and societies
- to participate in Outreach activities
- to avoid student debt
- to make connections and network
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2. In this section, we will ask about your living and commuting experience

### 11. Where do you live?

- Imperial Halls
- Private Halls
- Private rented accommodation
- With parents or relatives
- My own home
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### 12. Where is your term time address?

- In the UK (Please share your postcode, i.e., SW7 2AZ) \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside of the UK (Please specify the town and country. i.e, Amsterdam, Netherlands)  
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### 13. How many people do you share your immediate living space with?

- 1 other
- 2 others
- 3 others
- 4 others
- 5 or more others
- None

### 14. How many days per week do you normally travel to a College campus during term time?

- None – I do not go to campus at all
- 1 day per week
- 2 days per week
- 3 days per week
- 4 days per week
- 5 or more days per week

### 15. Since the start of this academic year, approximately how many hours per week do you spend on campus for reasons related to your course (e.g. attending laboratories, lectures, meetings)?

- 0 (I do not go to campus)
- 1-5 hours
- 6-10 hours
- 11-15 hours
- 16+ hours

### 16. How long does your journey from home to your usual College campus take (in minutes), on average?

- Up to 15 minutes
- 16-30 minutes
- 31-45 minutes
- 46-60 minutes
- Over 60 minutes (please give an approximate time in minutes) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Which modes of transport do you use to travel to your usual College campus? Select all that apply.

- Walking or mobility aid
- Bus
- Train
- Underground/Overground
- Cycling
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please estimate the time and distance traveled on each phase of your typical journey to your usual College campus. Text entry.

*For example, if you cycle to the Underground and then walk from the station to campus, this would be 3 phases: cycling, Underground, and walking.*

	Mode of transport (walking, bus, train, Underground/ Overground, cycling)	Estimated distance in miles (1 mile = 1.6 km)	Estimated time (in minutes)
Phase 1			
Phase 2			
Phase 3			
Phase 4			
Phase 5			
Phase 6			

19. Does the length or cost of your commute impact upon your participation in activities or social opportunities? Select all that apply

- Yes – the length
- Yes – the cost
- No

20. Do you have any caring responsibilities for other people? Select all that apply.

- Yes – Primary carer of a child or children (under 18 years old)
- Yes - Primary carer of a child or children who is disabled or has a health condition or illness, or temporary care needs (under 18 years)
- Yes – Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult or adults (18 years and over)
- Yes – Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 years and over)
- Yes – Secondary carer (another person carries out main caring role)
- No

21. Do you have places to meet up and socialize? Select all that apply.

- Yes – where I live
- Yes – where I study (ex., home, cafe, pub, on campus, etc.)
- Yes – elsewhere at Imperial (ex. department, library, Union, etc.)
- Yes – elsewhere (please specify with free response) \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**Section 3. In this section, we will ask about your social connections with other people at Imperial and in other parts of your life.**

**22. To what extent do you feel you can rely on the following people in your life if you have a serious problem? (matrix format on Qualtrics)**

**People where you live**

I can't rely on anyone at all	Rely on people a little bit	Rely on people somewhat	Rely on people quite a bit	Rely on people completely
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**Family**

I can't rely on family at all	Rely on family a little bit	Rely on family somewhat	Rely on family quite a bit	Rely on family completely
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**Staff in my department**

I can't rely on any staff at all	Rely on staff a little bit	Rely on staff somewhat	Rely on staff quite a bit	Rely on staff completely
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**Staff at Imperial**

I can't rely on any staff at all	Rely on staff a little bit	Rely on staff somewhat	Rely on staff quite a bit	Rely on staff completely
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**Friends in my department**

I can't rely on any friends at all	Rely on friends a little bit	Rely on friends somewhat	Rely on friends quite a bit	Rely on friends completely
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**Friends at Imperial**

I can't rely on any friends at all	Rely on friends a little bit	Rely on friends somewhat	Rely on friends quite a bit	Rely on friends completely
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**Friends outside of Imperial**

I can't rely on any friends at all	Rely on friends a little bit	Rely on friends somewhat	Rely on friends quite a bit	Rely on friends completely
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**Others not listed (please specify)** \_\_\_\_\_

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