

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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