

# SCIENCE LEARNING+ APPLICANT SURVEY (2151)

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i113 - Science Learning+ initiative

Thank you for your engagement with the Science Learning+ initiative so far.

We would be grateful if you could complete our short survey, which should take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time. Your feedback will be important in helping us to evaluate this new initiative.

Please be assured that all your answers will be anonymous and reported in the aggregate only.

Please click '>>' below to begin the survey.

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q82 - Open space events

Science Learning+ open space events were held by the Wellcome Trust and the National Science Foundation (NSF) in May 2014.

Did you attend one of the open space events?

*Please select one option*

- Yes  
 No

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If there is any specific reason that you did not attend one of the Science Learning+ open space events, please briefly detail in the box below.

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q84 - Application to Science Learning+

Did you apply to Phase 1 of the Science Learning+ initiative?

*This could be in the capacity of lead/principal applicant, co-applicant or collaborator*

- Yes  
 No

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q85

If there is any specific reason that you decided not to apply to the Science Learning+ initiative, please briefly detail in the box below.

Which statement best applies to you:

*Please select one option*

- I decided to apply to Science Learning+ because of attending the open space event
- The open space event had no impact on my decision to apply to Science Learning+
- Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

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|           | Question Phase 2() |

Science Learning+ grants will be funded in two phases. Phase 2 grants will be longer-term research programmes for up to five years. While these will typically build on relationships established in Phase 1, successful funding in Phase 1 would not guarantee funding in Phase 2; likewise, Phase 2 would be open to new applicants (regardless of the funding status in Phase 1).

Prior to reading the above, were you aware that Science Learning+ grants would be funded in two phases?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No

Are you considering applying for Phase 2 funding?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please briefly explain your answer above in the box below.

Will you consider applying for Phase 2 funding?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please briefly explain your answer above in the box below.

END

Condition f('q84')==2'

q89 - Science Learning+ grou.ps networking site

To support applicants finding new collaborators, a networking site was created: <http://sciencelearningplus.grou.ps>. The site is free to join and an opportunity to share ideas, meet new people and stay up-to-date with the scheme.

Prior to reading the above, were you aware of the Science Learning+ grou.ps networking site?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No

q90 -

Did you join the grou.ps networking site?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No

q91

If there is any specific reason that you did not join the grou.ps networking site, please give details in the box below.

CONDITION

f('q90')==1'

true

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false

q122 - Grou.ps networking site

How useful, or not, have you found the grou.ps networking site with respect to the following opportunities?

The opportunities:

*Please select one answer per row*

|  | Very useful | Fairly useful | Neither | Not very useful | Not at all useful | N/A - I have not used the grou.ps networking site for this |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
|  |             |               |         |                 |                   |  |

|                                    | Very useful              | Fairly useful            | Neither                  | Not very useful          | Not at all useful        | N/A - I have not used the groups networking site for this |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| To share ideas                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| To meet new people/collaborators   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| To stay up-to-date with the scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |

q93

Please briefly explain your answers above in the box below.

END

Condition f('q90')==1'

q95 - Partner organisations

Science Learning+ is an international initiative established in partnership with the US-based National Science Foundation and the UK-based Economic and Social Research Council and the Wellcome Trust.

Prior to hearing about the Science Learning+ initiative, how familiar would you say you were with the following organisations?

*Please select one answer per row*

|  | Know very well           | Know a fair amount       | Know just a little       | Heard of but know almost nothing about | Never heard of           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Wellcome Trust (UK)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| National Science Foundation (NSF) (USA)          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (UK) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

CONDITION

f('q84')==1'

true

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false

q97 - Science Learning+ initiative application

In what capacity were you involved in an application to Science Learning+?

*If you have been involved in more than one application, please select the role for the application that you have the most responsibility for*

- Lead/Principal applicant
- Co-applicant
- Collaborator

q98 -

Did you consider applying as a lead/principal applicant?

*Please select one option*

- Yes

No

q99

If there is any specific reason that you decided not to apply as a lead/principal applicant, please briefly detail in the box below.

q100 - Your role on the application

Which of the following best describes your role on the Phase 1 application?

*Please select one option*

- Informal science practitioner
- Informal learning/educational researcher
- Research scientist
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

i114 - The application process

The following section contains questions about the application process. If you were not involved in certain aspects of the application process, or do not feel you can answer any of the questions, please select 'Not applicable'.

q101 - The application

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

*Please select one answer per row*

|  | Strongly agree           | Tend to agree            | Neither agree nor disagree | Tend to disagree         | Strongly disagree        | Not applicable           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I had enough information to put together the Phase 1 application   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I had enough time to put together the Phase 1 application  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Science Learning+ initiative has encouraged our team to think about collaborations between informal science learning practitioners and researchers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I had a clear understanding of the requirements of the Science Learning+ initiative  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am confident that my team's application meets the requirements of the Science Learning+ initiative   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

q102

Please use this space to provide any comments to explain the ratings you have given

The following section contains questions about the application process. If you were not involved in certain aspects of the application process, or do not feel you can answer any of the questions, please select 'Not applicable'.

Thinking about the Phase 1 application process, how would you rate the following:

*Please select one option per row*

|  | Very good                | Fairly good              | Neither good nor poor    | Fairly poor              | Very poor                | Not applicable           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The information and guidance provided by Wellcome Trust staff directly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The information and guidance provided by NSF staff directly            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The information provided on the Wellcome Trust website                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The information provided on the NSF website                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The overall application process  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to provide any comments to explain the ratings you have given

What additional information, if anything, would have been useful before submitting the Phase 1 application?

*Please enter your comments in the box below*

What challenges, if any, did you encounter when putting the Phase 1 application together?

*Please enter your comments in the box below*

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q107 - Improvements

If there are any ways in which you think we could improve the application process, please detail in the box below.

*Please enter your comments in the box below*

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q116 - Phase 2: Partnership Grants (2015)

Science Learning+ grants will be funded in two phases. Phase 2 grants will be longer-term research programmes for up to five years. While these will typically build on relationships established in Phase 1, successful funding in Phase 1 would not guarantee funding in Phase 2; likewise, Phase 2 would be open to new applicants (regardless of the funding status in Phase 1).

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*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No

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q108 -

If your team is unsuccessful in its Phase 1 application, will you consider applying in Phase 2?

*Please select one option*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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q109

Please briefly explain your answer above in the box below.

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Condition f('q84')=='1'

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q110 - Any other comments

If you have any other comments about the Science Learning+ initiative, please detail in the box below.

i68 - About you

The following will help us to understand more about the respondents to the survey.

q111 - Your sector

Please select which of the following that most appropriately captures the sector that you work in.

*Please select one option*

- Arts
- Science/medicine
- Policy
- Media
- Public Engagement
- Social science research
- STEM/medical research
- Other academia (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

gender - Gender

Are you:

- Male
- Female

Ethnicity/race\_survey – Ethnicity/Race

Which of the following describes your ethnicity? Please select only one

- Hispanic or Latina/o.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Not Hispanic or Latina/o**

Which of the following describes your race? Please select only one

- American Indian or Alaska Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachments.
- Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

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**Complete** – Please submit your answers

*Thank you for your comments. Please contact [SLPlus@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:SLPlus@wellcome.ac.uk) (UK) or [DRLAISL@nsf.gov](mailto:DRLAISL@nsf.gov) (US) if you have any further questions about the scheme.*

*Please click 'Submit' below to submit your answers.*