



## Information for University Researchers and Facilitators 2025-26

Science Together facilitates mutually beneficial partnerships between university researchers, facilitators and community partners to enable the knowledge exchange and skill development needed for the development of innovative solutions to local societal challenges.

Science Together projects are community-driven, with community partners leading on the submission of proposals. Projects respond to an Oxfordshire need, challenge or opportunity and are clear about the benefit of collaboration with researchers. Community partners working with under-represented or overlooked communities are especially encouraged to apply.

Project funding up to £8,800 is available for Community Partners – to cover staff time and direct project costs. Legacy funding is also available for projects which show sustainability potential.

Successful Science Together proposals are matched with university researchers and facilitators, who provide voluntary support to projects and benefit from new connections, perspectives, insights and skill development. The central Science Together team provide bespoke guidance, regular training opportunities, networking and communications support to all project groups.

### Timeline

- 10 September: Deadline for submission of project proposals from Community Partners
- 24 September: Confirmation of Community Partners for 2025-26
- 15 and 16 September: training sessions for university researchers and facilitators
- w/c 20 and 27 October: Matchmaking and Project Development events for project groups
- November 2025 – July 2026: Project delivery and completion

### Eligibility

Researchers can be from any discipline and career stage (from postgraduate study onwards). No prior experience in community engagement is needed, but an openness to different ways of working, learning new skills and contributing to practical project outcomes is required. Facilitators support project groups; they assist with project management and administration, ask questions, make connections and contribute ideas. Facilitators can be researchers or professional services staff. Previous experience of community engagement is helpful.

*Researchers and facilitators can come from the University of Oxford or Oxford Brookes University. As a guide, researchers and facilitators should each expect to give about 2 hours per week to projects.*

To express interest in volunteering as a researcher or facilitator for Science Together 2025-26 please complete this [Sign-Up Form](#). For more details, including information on previous projects, please visit the [Science Together webpages](#) or email [sciencetogether@mpls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sciencetogether@mpls.ox.ac.uk)

