Collaborative Futures Academy: Pause, Reflect, Engage

22-26 November 2021

Researcher application form

The Collaborative Futures Academy (CFA) aims to connect early career researchers and Public Engagement experts from across borders to grapple with the challenges and opportunities of embedding inclusive ways of working into our practice and navigating challenging content in challenging times.

Public engagement requires the confidence to build relationships with our communities and the expertise to address challenging issues together. This weeklong online masterclass supports researchers to develop these skills, explore creative ideas for engagement, learn from experts and connect digitally with colleagues from all over the world.

All sessions will be delivered online and will be scheduled on Central European Time and participants from all over the world are welcome to apply.

**Up for the challenge? Yes?! Join us for an exciting week at the Collaborative Futures Academy 2021!**

**Time commitment**

Please note, by applying to The Collaborative Futures Academy, you arecommitting to be available to attend live sessions at the masterclass from Monday to Friday, 22-26 November 2021. Further details can be found in the applicant commitment section below.

While participation in the course is free, each place is subsidised by the coordinating organisations and selected applicants are expected to fully participate to maximise this opportunity.

**Participation is free of cost. To apply please;**

1. Complete the application form below and send it to us together with:
2. A short video, maximum two minutes in length, reflecting on the following questions: (
* What does a collaborative research culture mean to you?
* What excites you about this project?

Please refer to the guidance selection below for advice on how to create the video and where to upload it.

Alternative formats can be submitted instead of video, including:

* A two minute voice recording
* A 500 word written reflection
* Other creative expressions (such as art or music) are welcomed

Name both the form and video “CollaborativeFutures\_Surname” (e.g. **CollaborativeFutures\_Smith**)and send themto BerlinSchool@mfn.berlin.

If your video is too big to send by email, send it to us via wetransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) or equivalent.

The deadline for applications is **12 October 2021**

All applicants will be notified by 18 October 2021 about the success of their application.

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| **Collaborative Futures Academy: Pause, Reflect, Engage** **2021 – *Application Form Researchers*** |
| **1. Applicant details** |
| Title (if applicable) |  |
| First name |  |
| Surname |  |
| Email |  |
| Academic Institution | ☐ University of Cambridge☐ Wellcome Genome Campus☐ Museum für Naturkunde Berlin☐ Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin☐ Other (please specify): |
| Country |  |
| Academic School and Department/Faculty |  |
| Role (e.g. PhD, postdoc, etc.) |  |
| If you would like to, please tell us a bit about yourself and your biography(e.g. what are you doing, what interests you, what skills do you bring into the collaboration)Max 250 words |  |
| **2. Applicant commitment** Please find below the academy commitments and state you agree to fulfil them  |
| The week will consist of interactive workshops, panel discussions and small structured group discussions to develop the skills, confidence and expertise needed to build relationships with our communities/stakeholders and to engage with challenging issues. * Five days of training and facilitated discussion, amounting to four hours of live sessions per day (Monday-Friday, 22-26 November) via a digital platform.
* Core sessions held between 10.00-17.00 CET with additional evening sessions from Mon-Thu.
* Internet access required throughout the academy
* Participants need to be comfortable speaking in person online, with cameras on as part of the training.

Outputs: Participants will use a reflective diary to document learning throughout the week and set individual goals to put their learning into practice. Follow up evaluation will be used to monitor the participant’s learning journey☐ I understand the time commitment necessary and will be available for the training and group work. ☐ I confirm that I am aware that the program as well as the application videos (or alternative creative expressions) will be documented and consent to the publication of my likeness as part of the project documentation and evaluation.☐ I give permission to be contacted by the project team (University of Cambridge, Wellcome Connecting Science, The Berlin School of Public Engagement and Open Science) as part of the follow up evaluation. I understand I have the right to revoke permission at any stage.  |

 **Guidance for creation of your introductory video**

We are embarking on a special journey to push the boundaries of how we engage and who we engage with.

Through this weeklong masterclass we will build skills, confidence and expertise to bring equity, resilience and collaboration into our public engagement.

To do this we need small groups and confidential networking spaces for researchers to plan, practice and reflect with experts and peers.

But we don’t want to keep it all behind closed doors, we want to share our learnings and inspire others to follow in our footsteps.

To do this, we will create a film, among other things, to show why these issues matter. The film relies on co-creation and your introductory videos will form your first contribution.

Here are some tips on how to produce them:

* What camera should I use? Feel free to use your smartphone! Please check the settings of your native camera app (or the specialised one you may be using) to check that it is set to 30 fps and full HD recording (or more)
* Format? Please film yourself holding the camera in landscape perspective. So turn it 90 degrees from what you are used to so your phone is on its side.
* How to set up? That’s easy, because the smartphone camera does most of the work for you. Just make sure you have some lighting on your face. Indirect light from a window or a lamp works best. Also it helps if there is no direct or strong light source behind you.

Once you are all set, just hit record and share your perspective on the project. We are excited to get to know you!

**Other application formats**

Video introductions are the primary format for applications but application information can also be captured via voice recording or equivalent written reflections, and other creative expressions are welcome.

If you have any questions about alternative formats for your application, please contact BerlinSchool@mfn.berlin