

## STEM for Britain Competition – closing date 3 December 2018

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to alert you to a major scientific competition and exhibition in Parliament and encourage you to take part.

**STEM for BRITAIN** will be held in the House of Commons on **Wednesday 13th March 2019**.

The event is organised by the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee.

The day will be divided into two sessions. Applications are invited from early-career research scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians who wish to exhibit posters in one of the following five areas:

- **Biological and Biomedical Science**
- **Chemistry**
- **Engineering**
- **Mathematical Sciences**
- **Physics**

A wide range of important scientific, engineering and mathematics institutions are lending their support to this event, including the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Royal Society of Biology, The Physiological Society, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Council for the Mathematical Sciences, the Clay Mathematics Institute, the Hellbronn Institute, the Institute of Physics, UKRI, the Society for Chemical Industry and the Nutrition Society. This reflects the importance we all attach to the encouragement of researchers at this stage in their careers.

Prizes will be awarded for the posters presented in each discipline which best communicate high level science, engineering or mathematics to a lay audience. The Westminster Medal for the overall winner will be awarded in memory of the late Dr Eric Wharton, who did so much to establish SET for BRITAIN as a regular event in the Parliamentary calendar.

Full details of the competition and exhibition, including the application form, can be found on the **STEM for BRITAIN** website at: [www.stemforbritain.org.uk](http://www.stemforbritain.org.uk). I very much hope that you will apply to take part yourself or will encourage your early-career colleagues to do so.

## **NOTE FOR THOSE APPLYING**

**STEM for BRITAIN** is a poster competition and exhibition which has been held in Parliament since 1997. Its aim is to give members of both Houses of Parliament an insight into the outstanding research work being undertaken in British universities by early-career researchers. In previous years we have been pleased to welcome more than 80 parliamentarians to the exhibition during the course of the day.

Applications are invited from early-stage and early-career research scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians who wish to exhibit posters.

Applicants should prepare material aimed at communicating high level science, engineering or mathematics to a lay audience.

Early-career researchers include university research students, postgraduates, research assistants, postdocs, research fellows, newly-appointed lecturers, part-time students and their equivalents in national, public sector and industrial laboratories, etc, and appropriate MSc students, all of whom are engaged in scientific, engineering, technological, mathematical or medical research and are achieving results.

The closing date for entries is **Monday 3rd December 2018**. There will be an initial selection by the judges and you will be informed by the end of January 2019 whether or not your application to take part in the exhibition has been successful.

Full details of the competition and how to apply can be found on the **STEM for BRITAIN** website at: [www.stemforbritain.org.uk](http://www.stemforbritain.org.uk) or please get in touch with the Event Manager, Leigh Jeffes if you have any further questions: [leighjeffes@outlook.com](mailto:leighjeffes@outlook.com)

Kind regards,

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**Chair, Parliamentary and Scientific Committee**