

## Pairing Scheme – questions for applicants

In addition to standard questions about yourself, you will be asked the following questions via the application form. You may wish to draft, or consider responses to some of these questions in advance. You will also be required to upload a CV as part of the process.

1. Please provide a lay summary of your research interests (max. 200 words)
2. Why would you like to participate in the scheme? (max. 200 words)
3. If you had the chance, which one question would you ask the UK Science Minister? (max. 200 words)
4. What previous experience do you have of parliament or government? For example, have you previously met with your MP, submitted evidence to a parliamentary select committee or collaborated with a government department? (max. 200 words)
5. Do you have experience in science communication? For example, have you worked with the media, do you write a blog or produce a podcast, do you participate in public engagement activities like science festivals or speak in schools? If so, please include links to some of your recent work if possible (max. 200 words)
6. Who would you like to be paired with?
  - a. MP
  - b. Member of the House of Lords
  - c. Civil Servant
  - d. No preference
7. Do you or your department already have links with any parliamentarians or government departments?