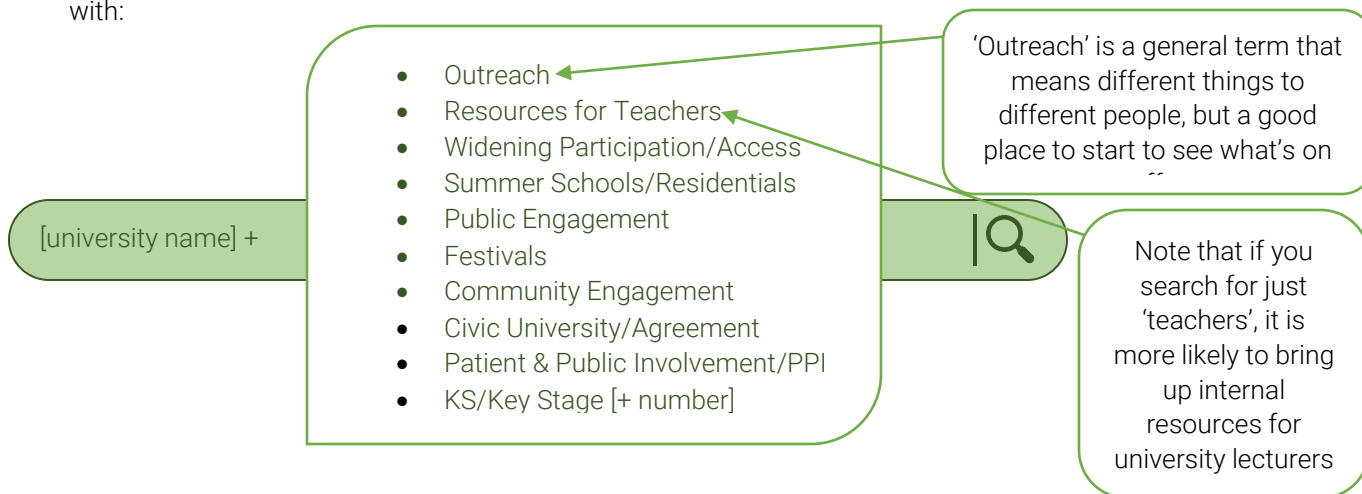


SMART SEARCHING – How to find out what's available at your local universities

Searching for a university plus 'schools' and 'colleges' brings mixed results, as it often brings up internal departments which are called schools, or different campuses which can be called 'colleges'.

Here are our recommended search terms for finding out what's available for schools & colleges to engage with:



NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS – for Widening Participation, Student Volunteering & more

General Higher Education/Careers	Subject-specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IntoUniversity: intouniversity.org The Brilliant Club: thebrilliantclub.org The Access Project: www.theaccessproject.org.uk Student Hubs: www.studenthubs.org The Girls' Network: www.thegirlsnetwork.org.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robogals: robogals.org Generating Genius: generatinggenius.org.uk EDT: www.etrust.org.uk Youth STEMM Award: ysawards.co.uk Smallpeice Trust: smallpeicetrust.org.uk Routes Into Languages: www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk

EVENTS & RESOURCES – Bringing the curriculum to life through festivals, events, and lesson plans/activities co-created by teachers & researchers

Nottingham	Southampton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottingham Festival of Science & Curiosity: nottsfosac.co.uk Schools & Colleges news & events: www.nottingham.ac.uk/schoolsliasion/services/outreachnewsandevents.aspx Online resources for teachers & learners: www.nottingham.ac.uk/schoolsliasion/services/e-resources.aspx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southampton Science & Engineering Festival (SOTSEF): sotsef.co.uk Southampton Arts & Humanities Festival: www.southamptonartshumfest.co.uk Talk to US! digital library of online resources – new purpose-built version coming Autumn 2023! www.sotontalk2us.org.uk/resources Schools & Colleges YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@uostalktous4719

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FUNDING – *Think like a researcher to access funding to support projects*

Through Research Projects: Most research projects now include Public & Community Engagement or Impact aspects, which come with their own funding allocations – and many researchers want to work with schools on these. **Keep an eye out on what's happening in your local university's research community by searching for: *research impact, impact, knowledge exchange*.** Don't be afraid to contact researchers directly! Or search for people with roles like: *partnership officer, impact officer, knowledge exchange & enterprise*

Through Research Councils: In the UK most research funding comes through research councils -and many of these now have standalone funds for Public & Community Engagement (i.e. separate to research project funding). Below are all the research councils – try searching for these plus 'public engagement funding' – and checking websites such as: www.ukri.org/what-we-offer/public-engagement and www.publicengagement.ac.uk/do-engagement/funding

- UKRI (UK Research & Innovation) – body that oversees the research councils
- Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
- Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
- Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
- Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Medical Research Council (MRC)
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
- Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC)

Through Academic & Professional Bodies: For **subject area-specific funding (and resources, events and opportunities!)**, look at Royal Societies, Royal Academies, Institutes and similar. Most subject areas have one, and most organisations have an Education programme and funding open to either schools/community groups or researchers. Sometimes this is easy to find on their websites, and sometimes it's easier to search for [organisation name] + 'funding'. Some key examples are:

Organisation	Education website	E.g. found by searching + 'funding'
Royal Society of Chemistry	edu.rsc.org	edu.rsc.org/primary-science/get-funding
Royal Academy of Engineering	raeng.org.uk/education-and-skills	raeng.org.uk/programmes-and-prizes/programmes/uk-grants-and-prizes
Institute of Physics	www.iop.org/education	www.iop.org/about/support-grants

More and more funding bodies connected to research are enabling schools & community groups to be the lead applicants, with supported application processes. Some key ones to look out for:

- Arts Council England – www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-open-funds
- The Ideas Fund (Wellcome Trust/British Science Association) – theideasfund.org
- Royal Society Partnership Grants – royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants

Some of the above include match-making processes to link you up to researchers – others may require you to make your own contacts. As mentioned above, don't be afraid to reach out to your universities for help!

Through Universities: Many universities have their own internal funds for Widening Participation, Public & Community Engagement, or Civic University projects – and more and more of these allow external groups to take a lead, for example: www.southampton.ac.uk/per/support/funding.page