



Applications for the Royal Society Pairing Scheme are now open!

This annual scheme pairs UK Civil Servants with a talented UK based research scientist for a week in Westminster in December 2017. The scheme aims to:

- expand networks,
- improve your knowledge of the research landscape
- and share how the research community can support you in your day to day work.

The week is aimed at Civil Servants, particularly policy makers, of any grade across government and includes a program of sessions and workshops to learn more about the processes of parliament and the science research and advice landscape.

By the end of the scheme you will:

- Have direct links with practicing talented research scientists and external science organisations.
- Understand the process of scientific research within government and externally,
- Understand how to access and use this knowledge to inform discussions and decision making.

This scheme is an opportunity to use your allocated learning and development days.

The week in Westminster (4th- 7th December):

- You will need to be free to meet your pair at a networking reception in Westminster on the afternoon of Monday 4th December, and arrange for them to shadow you at work for Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December.
- On Thursday 7th December you will have the chance to attend learning and development workshop sessions.
- You may wish to invite colleagues in your team to share the shadowing responsibility on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th.

You are encouraged to organise a reciprocal visit to join them at their place of work in the following months.

To apply for the scheme, visit the [Royal Society Pairing Scheme](#) website.

For more information, email: GSE@go-science@gsi.gov.uk

The deadline for applications is 28th July.