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We invite researchers at all career stages to begin learning about and engaging with public policy. Below we outline a range of forms this initial engagement could take and ways that we can support you in making those first steps into research impact through public policy engagement.



Public Policy is anything that a government body chooses to do or not to do, and can be defined as the deliberate decisions, actions, and laws formulated and implemented by government bodies to address public issues and achieve societal objectives. This includes:

- Allocation of resources
- Establishing regulations and laws
- Providing services to address pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges

See the _____ and _____ sections of our website for examples of how many other Brunel researchers and academics have engaged with policy-making. The former is organised by topic, to help you find something similar to your own research area.

Is there a particular part of your research that you think is relevant to public policy? Ahead of thinking about how you might engage with policy making on this topic, we suggest you think about:

We recommend registering for the OIT Policy Masterclass whenever BPP advertise this, as this will improve your understanding of the policy making process and opportunities for beginning to engage with Public Policy.
we provide details of some key ways you could engage with Policy Making

You can take part in a variety of informative, policy-related training events and seminars. For regular updates follow us on X or LinkedIn and visit our website:

While developing new ideas and policies, policymakers require a solid knowledge base to understand the most important trends and identify



Areas of research interest (ARI) give details about the main research questions identified by government departments, and are published as a call for experts in these areas of interest to engage in dialogue with the government department and identify evidence relevant to the ARI.

You can see _____, or search _____ of ARIs for key terms from your research to see if any ARI questions align with your expertise.

Within each published ARI, there are listed details of how to make contact in order to flag that you have relevant expertise and wish to engage. Each ARI is live until a new one is published and you can make contact at any time with no deadline. However, it should be noted that there is variation between the different government departments in how heavily these ARIs are used and how well they are updated.

As such, you may find they are more likely to pick up your contact if the ARI was published recently. That said, making contact regarding these ARIs is typically providing a very brief summary of your relevant expertise so it is still worth making contact if you only become aware of a relevant ARI

about and using your research, especially if your recommendations align with their angle, but it is worth noting that you may have less control over how your research is used when done so via a 3rd party inf uencer.
