Who are we?





We are a University-wide network of over 800 staff and researchers who share a vision of public policy informed by the best available evidence and expertise.



'Many across the Medical Sciences Division are engaged in open-ended conversations with the policymaking community that both enrich their research and inform public policy. OPEN enables more of us, at every career stage, to learn how better to integrate the needs of policymakers into the way we plan, do and disseminate our research so that it has greater impact.'

Susan Jebb, Professor of Diet and Population Health, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences and Chair of the Food Standards Agency



Skill Development

We run workshops, events and training aimed at increasing and supporting researchers' understanding of, and capacity for, engagement with public policy.



Funding

We offer a range of funding opportunities to Oxford researchers and their policy partners, including fellowships, seed funding and support for leadership capacity development.



Personalised Support

Contact us for personalised advice and support to get you started or progress relationship-building with policymakers.

How to get started

Join OPEN today using the QR code, and we'll alert you every week to opportunities aligned with your specific policy interests!







How can research inform public policy?

Public policy making - powered by the best available research evidence and expertise - has challenged many at Oxford to think differently about their own research and the impact it can have. What could you do? Scan the QR code to watch a video on how Jamie Hartmann-Boyce and team are helping to inform policy around e-cigarette use, especially as a stop smoking aid.

*A partnership with Action on Smoking and Health, and the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities.



Current funding OPEN Seed Fund

Awards of up to £5,000 to enable researchers at the University of Oxford, and public policy professionals anywhere in the world, to kick-start or deepen collaboration, working the start of the pen collaboration.

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- Enable them to share evidence and support its use in policymaking;
- Improve their understanding of how research can inform policymaking, and develop the skills to catalyse that process; and
- Broaden and deepen their networks.

Academics and researchers from any department or faculty at the University can apply. Proposals from those new to, or experienced in, policy engagement are equally welcome.

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