



Media Information

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## **EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL CALLS FOR ENTRIES TO A FUND OF £10,000 FOR TWO OR MORE CREATIVE PROJECTS FOR FESTIVAL 2018.**

- The Festival seeks creative, technologists, artists, designers and anyone working creatively within the field of life sciences who are interested in delivering a project which explores the theme of life.
- From 31 March – 15 April 2018 Edinburgh International Science Festival returns with a programme built around the theme of ***Life, the Universe and Everything*** celebrating the wonder and diversity of life.
- *Fantastical Life*, a family-friendly interactive exhibition, and *Synthetica*, a contemporary bioart (work with live tissues, bacteria, living organisms, and life processes) exhibition, are two special events taking place at the Science Festival 2018 which will explore the nature of living things.

The Festival is looking for proposals for projects inspired by the science of creating life which dynamically engage audiences across topics including synthetic life, bioart and biodesign, diversity of life and the future human, evolution.

Proposals are welcomed from creatives, technologists, artists, designers and anyone working creatively within the field of life sciences and the opportunity is open to both individuals and collaborative projects from groups and collectives as well.

The piece(s) can be new or existing works, but should be suitable for family audiences, and will form part of the Festival's free exhibition programme for family and adult audiences housed at Summerhall and the National Museum of Scotland.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a panel, facilitated by Edinburgh International Science Festival, using the following criteria:

- The quality, creativity and originality of the proposed project.
- The clarity of interaction between the proposed project and the theme of life.
- The likelihood that your proposed idea can be delivered within your budget.
- Evidence of the ability and commitment of those involved to deliver the project on time.

The submission deadline is **5pm Friday 6 October 2017** and the successful projects will be announced in mid October. Full information on submission requirements can be found at [www.sciencefestival.co.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk)

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***LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING* at the  
EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL  
31 MARCH – 5 APRIL 2018**

Founded in 1989, Edinburgh International Science Festival is an educational charity that aims to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to discover the world around them. The organisation is best known for organising Edinburgh's annual Science Festival, powered by EDF: the world's first public celebration of science and technology and still one of Europe's largest. **2018 marks Edinburgh International Science Festival's 30th edition!**

**In 2018, the Science Festival takes place between 31 March and 15 April and is themed around *Life, The Universe and Everything* - celebrating the wonder and diversity of life.**

This theme provides a chance to look ahead and explore the building blocks of possible future worlds so that we can all – including the youth of Scotland – play our part in shaping things to come and ensure that the future of life on earth (and beyond?) is a bright one.

**The Science Festival presents over 270 events for families and adults over the course of two weeks.** Its vibrant and varied programmes include everything from fun family days out to talks and discussions from pioneering thinkers. Family festivalgoers can enjoy six floors of sensational hands-on science at City Art Centre, world class theatre at Summerhall and a host of hands-on activities and more at the National Museum of Scotland and other partner venues across Edinburgh.

The exciting adult programme of discussions, workshops, performances, screenings, special events and exhibitions features everything from science themed parties and experimental food events to discussions with leaders in the fields of medicine, space, genetic research, environmental science and data, among others, creating unforgettable festival experiences.

**Previous Festival guests included Prof Peter Higgs, Sir Colin Blakemore, Prof Jane Goodall, Sir David Attenborough, athlete Danny MacAskill and Major Tim Peake.**

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