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TECHNICIANS: THE DAVID SAINSBURY GALLERY

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MRC Laboratory
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Earlham
Institute

“Technicians have always made an invaluable contribution to research but their work and needs have too often been overlooked - both in the level of recognition they get and the way we develop and reward talent. I’m proud to say that’s something we now have a public commitment to change.”

Professor Neil Hall, Director of the Earlham Institute

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Engagement Opportunities

THE AWARDS 2022

Outstanding Technician of the Year



OUTSTANDING TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

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The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

CHRISTMAS LECTURES

Professor Dame Sue Black will reveal the secrets of forensic science in the 2022 CHRISTMAS LECTURES from the Royal Institution, to be broadcast on BBC Four between Christmas and New Year.



“The machine wouldn't work without technicians.” – In conversation with the Institute of Cancer Research

The ICR was one of the Technician Commitment's first signatories. To mark World Cancer Research Day 2022, our content writer Holly Chetan-Welsh spoke to TC champions, Celia Monteiro Domingues and Tatiana McHardy, about the vital role of technicians in cancer research.



Technician Commitment Collaboration Fund

Awarding signatories up to £2000 to pump-prime and enable collaborative projects advancing the aims of the Commitment.



THE HERSCHEL PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN IN TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP

A national programme designed to elevate and advance opportunities for women who are current or aspiring leaders in technical roles

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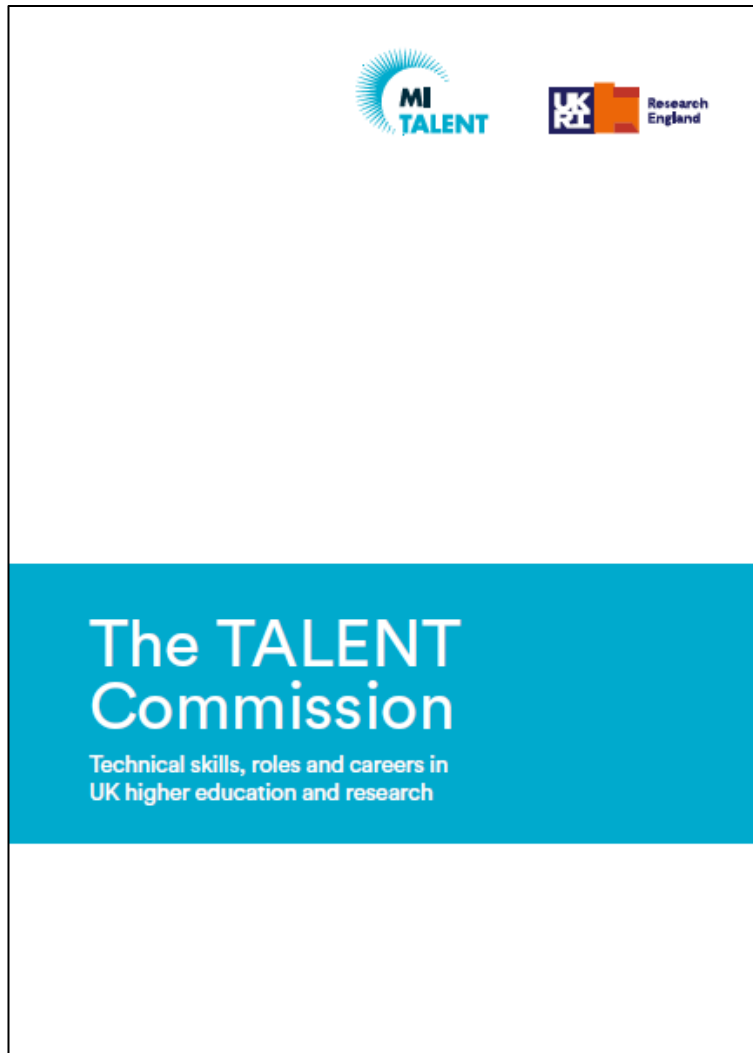
Research, Policy and Advocacy



**Research
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The TALENT Commission report



- A landmark policy report
- Research findings & evidence based recommendations
- Launched virtually in Feb 2022
- Parliamentary reception at the House of Lords in May 2022

Reception so far

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UKRI/Research England TALENT Commission report: Technical skills, roles and careers in UK higher education and research

Published: 03 February 2022

The TALENT Commission was launched in July 2020 to look at technical skills, roles and careers across UK higher education and research and is part of wider work by Research England to advance the status and opportunities of the technical community. The report is the result of 20 months of research and stakeholder engagement, including the largest survey of UK technical staff working in higher education and research ever undertaken, a range of focus groups and additional commissioned research projects on topics including funding and future technologies. The report outlines a set of principles and 16 recommendations, with further specifics to target stakeholder groups.

The full report can be found [here](#).

At a glance

https://www.ses.ac.uk/the-talent-commission-report/

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https://www.researchprofessionalnews.com/rr-news-uk-research-councils-2022-2-role-of-technicians-in-teaching-and-research-underplayed/

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https://gw4.ac.uk/opinion/what-do-talent-commission-report-findings-mean-for-the-future-of-technicians-a-...

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WHAT DO TALENT COMMISSION REPORT FINDINGS MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF TECHNICIANS? – A GW4 RESPONSE /

February 22, 2022



Sabrina Fairchild

Dr Sabrina Fairchild, GW4 Alliance Talent and Skills Manager, welcomes the TALENT Commission report, which has gathered new strategic insights into the UK's technical workforce in higher education and research.

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/dont-exclude-technicians-decision-making-universities-told



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Don't exclude technicians from decision-making, universities told

'Unsung heroes' of UK research are too often denied seat at the table, says major review of technical staff and skills

February 1, 2022

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Role of technicians in teaching and research 'underplayed'

By Chris Parr

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Talent Commission calls for better career opportunities for technical staff

https://www.hepi.ac.uk/2022/03/10/transforming-the-uks-technical-talent-an-opportunity-for-the-he-and-research-sectors/

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Transforming the UK's Technical Talent: An opportunity for the HE and research sectors

10 March 2022

By Debra Humphris

Debra Humphris is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Brighton and was one of the Commissioners on the UKRI-Research England funded TALENT Commission, a national policy commission delivering strategic insight into the future of the UK's technical talent.

Collaboration isn't always easy in a competitive sector. But in the current higher education and research landscape, more strategic thinking by institutions, funders and policymakers



EXPLORING RESEARCH CULTURE FROM THE PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF TECHNICIANS

September 2022

A newly-published report shares new insights on research culture including themes on:

- ✓ Institutional behaviours
- ✓ Research quality and integrity
- ✓ Recognition and visibility



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