

PLANCKS 2026

UK and Ireland

International physics competition for
undergraduate and masters' students

University of Kent

20th–22nd February 2026

PLANCKS
Swansea 2025,
36 teams representing
37 universities



Sponsorship Prospectus

Partner with the most engaged physicists in the UK & Ireland!

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What is PLANCKS?

PLANCKS is an annual theoretical physics competition that brings together bachelor's and master's degree students for a programme of social, cultural, and educational events.

The competition consists of a series of problems, covering a wide variety of topics in physics with an emphasis on creativity and problem solving. Winners of the national preliminaries represent the UK & Ireland at the international finals.



PLANCKS Swansea 2025, students doing the traditional 'h-bar' pose before the exam

On top of the competition, during the three days conference different social, skills-based, and scientific activities are held. Among these are lectures, workshops, poster sessions and tours. In the past, PLANCKS has been honoured with several Nobel laureates and distinguished keynote speakers including Stephen Hawking, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Jim Al-Khalili and Clara Nellist.



PLANCKS Surrey 2024, Prof Jim Al-Khalili presenting the first lecture of the weekend



PLANCKS Swansea 2025, students showing exams are fun when in a team

The purpose of PLANCKS is to promote collaboration between students and to stimulate the individual student's personal growth. It is the ideal environment to share your love of physics, passion for problem-solving and actively engage in discussions that transcend borders.

Who Attends PLANCKS?

Over the past eight years, PLANCKS has grown substantially in the UK and Ireland, from a contest of three teams and a dozen participants to a fantastic, diverse event that brings together the student community to share their love for physics and problem-solving.

'It was a great opportunity to connect with people'

Participant, University of Oxford

'The atmosphere and guest lectures were great. Can't wait for next year's'

Participant, University of Bath

Preliminaries regularly secure over 120 participants from 30+ universities across the UK & Ireland. Our latest event, PLANCKS Swansea 2025, had students from a record-breaking 37 universities.

Even the most engaged physicists come away from PLANCKS having learned something new. In feedback from our last event, 90% of responses indicated that they had developed skills or knowledge during PLANCKS 2025, including in the areas of problem-solving, abstract thinking, networking, teamwork, communication and the application of physics in the real world.

'It was beautiful meeting new people passionate about physics'

Participant, University of Manchester



PLANCKS Liverpool 2023,
56 teams representing 34 universities



PLANCKS Surrey 2024,
40 teams representing 28 universities



PLANCKS Dublin 2024, the International Finals,
47 teams and 22 observers, representing 34 countries worldwide

Why Sponsor PLANCKS?

We are offering a series of sponsorship packages to a number of companies that would benefit from supporting PLANCKS. We are also looking to build long-term partnerships to support the continued success of PLANCKS UK & Ireland.

Sponsoring PLANCKS would give your organisation the opportunity to:

- Advertise to the most engaged physicists around the UK & Ireland
- Recruit directly at the event in a number of formats
- Publicise your support for physics and STEM
- Highlight your latest innovations, services and graduate opportunities
- Stand out from your competitors and increase your brand awareness
- Network in a relaxed and informal environment
- Partnering with a student led initiative, supported by the IOP



PLANCKS Dublin 2024,
students enjoying the exam



PLANCKS Liverpool 2023,
poster and industry session

PLANCKS is an incredible event that encompasses the values of the IOP, providing a unique opportunity for students to develop their knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of physics. It is a chance to collaborate, network, and meet like-minded people to share their love of physics and problem-solving.

Our past sponsors include IBM, Jane Street, Wolfram Research, Huawei, Magnetic Shields Ltd, Yakult, Fáilte Ireland, the Tyndall National Institute, the European Physical Society, and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, to name a few.

'Nice atmosphere, relaxed yet enthusiastic, challenging and rewarding'

Participant, Queen's University Belfast

Sponsorship Packages

In addition to our many past sponsors, we have a long-standing partnership with the IOP who have committed to provide considerable support, including funding. Below is a list of our suggested sponsorship packages. We understand that each business has different priorities. We are happy to discuss tailored packages that work for you.

PLANCKS Partner

PLANCKS Partners will have committed to long-term support of PLANCKS or significantly contributed to a PLANCKS event.

- All previous tier benefits
- Acknowledged as a PLANCKS Partner on promotional material
- Opportunity to talk for 5 minutes at the closing ceremony.

Gold Sponsor - £1000

- All previous tier benefits
- Acknowledged as a gold sponsor on promotional material
- Dedicated space at the 2-hour poster exhibition to promote and engage with participants
- 200-word profile on the website with the opportunity to display a video
- Logo on t-shirt

Silver Sponsor - £500

- All previous tier benefits
- Acknowledged as a silver sponsor on promotional material
- 150-word profile on the website.
- Promotion on 'holding slides' – on screens during breaks and lunch

Bronze Sponsor - £250

- Acknowledged as a bronze sponsor on promotional material
- Logo on website, programmes, and socials
- Hand-out promotional material
- Dedicated thank you by hosts.



PLANCKS Swansea 2025, students responding to advice during exam briefing



PLANCKS Dublin 2024, first place winners with members of the IOP Council

'Very enjoyable, loved all the speakers'

Participant, Durham University

'The atmosphere was amazing, I enjoyed the company and environment'

Participant, University of Portsmouth

Next year, celebrate with us the 10th edition of PLANCKS within the UK and Ireland.

Get in touch with us to be involved!

Email:
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PLANCKS UK and Ireland Preliminaries are organised by university students of the local host.

The organising committee is supported by:

Institute of Physics



This is a registered charity and learned body for physics, that supports members and activities worldwide.

**International Association
of Physics Students**



Founded in 1988, this body is made up entirely by students to promote events and friendship with the motto "for physics students, by physics students"



PLANCKS Advisory Board

Made up of alumni and previous PLANCKS organisers, PAB advises the student organisers and runs the exam.

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