



7. Natural Sciences (Biotechnological studies)

INVITATION: Working Group

1. Marine Studies, 2. Aviation and Aeronautical Studies, 3. Automotive, 4. Energy, 5. Space Study and Square Kilometer Array, 6. Fourth Industrial Revolution and Digitalisation, **7. Natural Sciences (Biotechnological studies)**, 8. Health Studies/Medicine, 9. Feminist, Womanist, Bosadi Theorisations, 10. Student Support and Co-Curricular Activities.

Working Group Session

You are cordially invited to the 2nd 2026 series of CGS-facilitated Catalytic Niche Area Working Group meetings for Biotechnological Studies. The theme for series 2 is “Relevance, Responsiveness and Societal Impact Beyond Academia”. In this series, we explore how to enhance the societal relevance and public value of catalytic niche area research through intentional engagement with stakeholders beyond the university.

Reading:

Reading: Jimenez, J., Gamble-George, J., Danies, G., Hamm, R. L., & Porras, A. M. (2022). “Public Engagement with Biotechnology Inside and Outside the Classroom: Community-Focused Approaches.” *GEN Biotechnology*, 1(4). <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9407021/>

Please reflect briefly on the following before the session:

- Which biotechnology challenges require engagement beyond the university?
- Which stakeholders should help shape biotechnology research priorities?
- How can public engagement build trust in biotechnology research?
- What would responsible societal impact look like in this niche area?
- What evidence would show public value beyond academic outputs?

GUEST PRESENTER:

Hana Faulds
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Wednesday, 17 June 2026
14:00 – 15:00

Join the Session on MS Teams
<https://tinyurl.com/2reh2kv8> OR
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