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Future of Pain, MedTech SuperConnector opens for applications in partnership with GSK Consumer Healthcare NEXT & Beyond

The Imperial College London led business accelerator MedTech SuperConnector (MTSC) has partnered with [GSK Consumer Healthcare Next & Beyond](#) teams to deliver the next iteration of its challenge led programme. They are now accepting applications from early career researchers with technologies that focus on novel solutions addressing the meta challenge, Future of Pain. Applications must be made before Sunday 23:59 BST 10 May 2020 via the MTSC [website](#).

This accelerator programme offers postdocs and PhD candidates from its consortium higher education institutions a salary replacement to take six-months (full-time) away from the lab to develop a medical technology into a business venture. The programme offers entrepreneurship masterclasses, specialist advice, access to co-working space and an allowance for travel and consumables (up to £45,000).

The Challenge

Pain can be acute, chronic or intermittent but most importantly it is one of the most common health conditions that people seek medical treatment for. Yet the causes of and treatment for pain is not well understood, difficult to measure and a deeply personal experience. They are looking for technologies that innovate in this space; offering novel solutions, experimental and alternative ways of addressing how science, medicine and society understands, diagnoses and measures pain. How technologies may innovate or address the challenge;

- **Understanding**– New and novel ways to understand and objectively measure pain
- **Pre-emption and prevention**– Early interventions and preventative tools to reduce risk factors associated with pain
- **Visualisation and interpretation** -Tools and approaches to support clinicians and individuals with the interpretation of data and alternative explanatory methods
- **Management and treatment** -New and novel ways to improve quality of life suffered by pain patients

About MedTech SuperConnector

An open experiment in acceleration, bringing together talented early career researchers, academic discoveries and pooled know-how from eight academic institutions led by Imperial College London to determine the most effective methods for translation of medtech discoveries into clinical practice and consumer use. Funded by Research England [Connecting Capability Fund](#) its mission is to support entrepreneurial early career academic researchers to commercialise early-stage medtech innovations. In doing so, its vision is to become, a world leading organisation for supporting and accelerating the commercialisation of early-stage medtech innovations.

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