

### Society of Biology Acronym Buster

ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
ALPSP	Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers
AMRC	Association of Medical Research Charities
AMS	Academy of Medical Sciences
APC	article processing charge
APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Group
ASC	Animals in Science Committee
ASG	Animal Science Group
ASRU	Animals in Science Regulation Unit (Home Office)
BBSRC	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
BES	British Ecological Society
BIA	The Bioindustry Association
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
BPS	British Pharmacological Society
BSA	British Science Association
CaSE	Campaign for Science and Engineering
CEH	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
CIHE	Council for Industry and Higher Education
CPD	continuing professional development
CRO	contract research organisation
CRUK	Cancer Research UK
CSA	Chief Scientific Advisor
CSaP	Centre for Science and Policy at the University of Cambridge
CSR	comprehensive spending review
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
DDPG	Drug Discovery Pathways Group
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DfE	Department for Education
DfH	Department for Health
DfID	Department for International Development
DORA	San Francisco Declaration of Research Assessment
ECU	Equality Challenge Unit
EKN	Ecosystems Knowledge Network
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
FO	Foreign Office
GCSA	Governmental Chief Scientific Advisor
GM	genetically modified
GO-Science	Government Office for Science
HEA	Higher Education Academy
HEI	higher education institution

HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HFEA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
HO	Home Office
HSS	Humanities and Social Sciences
HUBS	Heads of University Biosciences
ICR	Institute for Cancer Research
IMI	Innovative Medicines Initiative
IoP	Institute of Physics
JIC	John Innes Centre of Excellence in Plant Science and Microbiology
JIF	Journal Impact Factor
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee
KTN	knowledge transfer network
KTP	knowledge transfer partnership
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MRC	Medical Research Council
LEP	local enterprise partnership
NCI	Natural Capital Initiative
NC3Rs	National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of animals in research
NERC	National Environmental Research Council
NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (an independent charity that works to increase the innovation capacity of the UK)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NIMR	National Institute for Medical Research
OA	open access
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PLoS	Public Library of Science (a non-profit publisher and advocacy organisation)
POST	Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology
PDRE	post-doctoral research associate
PSRE	public sector research establishment
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for higher education
RAEng	Royal Academy of Engineering
RCUK	Research Councils UK
REF	research excellence framework
RIN	research information network
RSE	Royal Society of Edinburgh
RSC	Royal Society of Chemistry
SCI	Society for the Chemical Industry
SCORE	science community representing education
SEB	Society for Experimental Biology

SfAM	Society for Applied Microbiology
SFC	Scottish Funding Council
SGM	Society for General Microbiology
SMC	Science Media Centre
SPAD	special advisor (to a Government minister)
SPRU	Science and Technology Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex
STEM	science, technology, engineering and mathematics
STEMPRA	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Public Relations Association
STFC	Science and Technology Facilities Council
TSB	Technology Strategy Board
UAR	Understanding Animal Research
UKBSC	UK Bioscience Sector Coalition
UKCGE	UK Council for Graduate Education
UKPSF	UK Plant Sciences Federation
UUK	Universities UK
VoYS	Voice of Young Science (programme run by Sense About Science to encourage early career researchers to play an active role in public debates about science)
ZSL	Zoological Society of London