**Project Summary for the General Public-Guidelines**

-Project summaries are important when you want to introduce your research work to a non-expert audience. Including technical details confuses non-experts and you may not be able to get your message across. Thus, learning to write a good lay summary will help you to communicate your research to the public and the wider society.

-The aim of this summary is to help you to acquire public engagement skills, which are particularly recognized in Science nowadays.

-The summaries should describe your research to a non-specialist language and are meant to target non-scientists. You should write your summary in plain English, avoid jargon and explain technical terms in simple words.

-Your project summary should be **no more than two pages of A4.** It should include title, authorship, text, figures, and necessary references. If you include illustrative figures or graphs, make sure they are appropriately captioned, explained and attributed (where appropriate). It should be send electronically to **pa-studentoffice@soton.ac.uk** as a pdf file. The name of the file should be as follows: **[Phys 3018\_Summary][Name][Title of thesis].pdf**. **The size of the pdf file should not be more than 5MB.**

**-** The deadline to submit your project summary is the same as the deadline for your BSc final reports and for this year will be on **Monday 6th January 2025** at 4pm.

-Your summary will be evaluated by your two examiners and it will count 10% of your total mark.