

Go 'Behind the Scenes' with the University of Birmingham's inspirational experts

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A competition has been announced by the University of Birmingham today to give people the chance to go 'behind the scenes' with some of its most inspirational academic experts.

Behind the Scenes offers members of the public, students, alumni and staff the chance to spend a day with an inspirational academic and join in with their exciting work.

People can vote for which one of five experts they would most like to spend the day with and will be automatically entered into a draw to go behind the scenes with their chosen academic. Prizes include: create your own interactive robot demonstration; be an orangutan for the day with free-running athletes; and improvise your own music with the Birmingham Electroacoustic Ensemble.

One winner will be chosen at random per expert and they will gain an exclusive opportunity to experience at firsthand some of the most exciting research taking place at the University.

Alistair Jarvis, Director of Communications and Marketing at the University of Birmingham, said:

"The University of Birmingham is at the forefront of cutting edge international research, developments and discoveries, and now you can join us for the day. *Behind the Scenes* will enable five lucky people, be they students, alumni, staff, members of the local community or from further afield, to find out more about the inspirational work at Birmingham, and take part in some exciting 'once in a lifetime' activities."

The *Behind the Scenes* competition opens today (Tuesday 24 April) and closes on Monday 11 June 2012. To find out more and vote to enter, visit:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/behindthescenes (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/behindthescenes>)

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