

EASTBIO DTP Training Programme 2019-2020

Cancellation Policy

The EASTBIO DTP Training Programme is a unique, tailored-made schedule of training events and activities that cover the entirety of the 4-year PhD study cycle, after taking into account both the degree requirements and the funding body training priorities. We describe the rationale for and review our training programme annually in formal consultation with our first- and second-year student reps, as well as on the basis of the summary of anonymous feedback on all training by both students and supervisors; we see our Induction and Symposia core events as vehicles of seeking further input and recommendations by students and supervisors.

We are accountable for our programme to our funders, partners and stakeholders and wish to optimise its effects and benefits by as full a student engagement as possible. Being understanding of a variety of reasons why our students may be unable to attend training, we aim to keep our training relevant by robust attendance and cohort-building delivery. In this context, the EASTBIO DTP Management Group decided on the 29th of August 2018, with immediate effect, that student failure to attend EASTBIO mandatory training *without proper notification as to the reasons for it*, communicated to supervisor(s) and the EASTBIO administrator **may entail a financial penalty** to recover costs incurred by EASTBIO DTP and partner institutions.

We publish our Cancellation Policy at the annually reviewed EASTBIO Student Handbook (current handbook at <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-handbook>).

The **penalty** takes the form of **a reduction to the student RTSG for the following year**; for example:

- £100 per one-day training events (i.e., thematic group meetings and transferable skills workshops);
- £250 for the third-year Furbush Student Retreat;
- £500 for the Annual Symposium

To help us with the delivery of our training programme – simply stay in touch with EASTBIO!

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