

Welcome to our new students and their supervisors!

We have 37 new EASTBIO students starting this autumn in Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews and Edinburgh. We are very much looking forward to meeting all of them and their supervisors to our Induction Day in Dundee on Friday 18th October.



You can find out more about the Induction Day on our website. Our new handbook, along with lots of other useful materials, will be available to download from mid-October from the Student Resources area of the website; login details for this area can be requested from enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk.

PIPS News

Dr Caroline Pope will introduce the BBSRC Professional Internships for PhD Students (PIPS) scheme to you at our Induction Day.

Three of our 2012 cohort gave fascinating presentations about their PIPS experiences so far at our symposium: Alex Diamond, Magali Pitt and Justin Silkas. Congratulations to them, and to all those whose PIPS projects are now underway or in the planning stage.

Caroline has compiled a complete guide to PIPS, which is available to download from our website (hard copies of the guide are available on request).

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Physics & Life Sciences (please note early booking deadline) SUPA will offer the following courses in Semester 1 to EASTBIO students: Biophotonics; Introducing Biology to Physicists; Collective Dynamics in Biophysical Systems. The sign up deadline for these is Friday 11th October. Semester 2 courses include: Astrobiology; Biological Physics; Mathematical Modelling; Introductory Biology School. Sign up for these opens on 4th November. Please find out more and sign up at www.supa.ac.uk.

From Observation to Explanation

An introductory webinar on scientific thinking, leading through to experimental design: where do the ideas come from, how do you test them, where do you go once you have your results. Led by Professor Kim Summers on Wednesday 30th October, 10.30-12.30. Sign up details will follow by email.

Student Representation

We are looking for volunteer student representatives for the 2013 cohort. You can find out more about our 2012 reps on our contact page: <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/contact-us>. Do get in touch with them if you have any questions about the role or the EASTBIO programme.

Symposium 2013

Thanks to all who took part in our first symposium this August and made it such a success: to our Student Reps - Matthew McFarland, Vrushali Patil, Magali Pitt, Anuj Sehgal and Becky Watson - who organised a fantastic programme of talks and workshops on the theme 'Making an Impact', to our brilliant speakers and workshop leaders, to the students and supervisors who contributed their time and energy, and to the University of Aberdeen for hosting us so well.



Quick reminders ... If you have a new publication out, or a story to tell about your research, please get in touch with our EASTBIO administrator, Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk. She can promote your work through our website and twitter feed, a direct way to communicate with the wider BBSRC community.