



**Invitation** – BBSRC Skills School ‘Broadening Horizons: Cultivating an Innovative Mind Set’

Dear all,

We are seeking enthusiastic doctoral / postdoctoral scientists to **apply to attend** the upcoming BBSRC Skills School ‘**Broadening Horizons: Cultivating an Innovative Mind Set**’ being held in Edinburgh, from Monday 4 to Tuesday 5 June 2018.

This free two day Skills School aims to progress your career in the field of Bioscience/ Biotechnology, Leading Edge Healthcare and Accelerating Therapeutics sectors. It is a unique opportunity to learn and build links with students from other Doctoral Training Partnerships, Centres for Doctoral Training, early career stage researchers and senior industry professionals while encouraging you to think in an inter-disciplinary way about your short and longer-term career ambitions.

The programme has been developed by the BBSRC EASTBIO DTP and the BBSRC IBioIC CTP in partnership and close collaboration with 5 industry facilities:

- IBioIC Flexible Downstream Bioprocessing Centre, Edinburgh (FlexBio): scaled up fermentation and downstream processing in action;
- National Phenotypic Screening Centre, Dundee: drug discovery by effective phenotypic screening;
- BioAscent / the European Screening Centre, Biocity, Newhouse: drug discovery using target based screening;
- Edinburgh Genome Foundry: exploring the use of highly automated platforms in synthetic biology; and
- Roslin Cell Therapies Ltd GMP facility, Edinburgh: Manufacturing the future.

Each workshop draws on expertise and know-how from these complementary partners to address industry-identified needs and skills gaps.

Participants can expect to:

- Gain an understanding of the UK Bioscience/Biotechnology, Leading Edge Healthcare and Accelerating Therapeutics sectors, including current research and innovation challenges, through direct engagement with senior industry professionals;
- Raise awareness of career opportunities and trajectories, how skills gained in doctoral / postdoctoral training could transfer into, and what additional skills would be required for competitive entry into, a range of industry careers;
- Undertake practical skills training at one of the five facilities that will address needs clearly evidenced by our industry partners and contacts; and
- Initiate academia-industry networks that may translate into future training offers and that will inform future research directions and facilitate career choices.

To apply please complete the online application (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YFG2N5V>) before Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please note this application is by invitation only, therefore, prior to completing the application, you will be required to input the following password: **skillschool2018**

If selected you will attend the Skills School, which includes dinner on the Monday evening and the drinks reception on Tuesday evening. We offer accommodation in Edinburgh (Pollock Halls).

We look very much forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Clare Blackburn, Dr Ian Archer, Dr Caroline Pope, Rachel Moir