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**EastBio Placements Q&A Session**

**Online, 3 February 2025, 10:00-11:30 & 12:30-16:30 (approximate times)**

**Event logistics**

Mandatory for first-year students (please request a 1-to-1 with a member of the EastBio team if you are unable to make has scheduled session); open to your supervisory team.

The session comprises two parts: the introduction with Q&A (3 February, 10:00-11:30) and the Student Presentations (same day, from 12:30). The student presentations are also open to students on Collaborative studentships.

**Event summary**

The Q&A session provides a short introduction to the expectations and management of funded students’ placements. The introduction covers: the context of the PIPS scheme, terms of reference, relevant timeline, support provided by EastBio and specific requirements related to formal steps, student reporting and presenting. You are not allowed to start planning your placement until you have attended this session.

Come prepared if you want to make the best of this session:

* consult the [EastBio Handbook](file://ed.ac.uk/dst/shared/SCE/BIOLSCI/ADMIN/GRADSCHOOL/EASTBIO/EASTBIO%20ADMIN/Comms%20and%20Website/Handbook/2024-25/EastBio_StudentHandbook%202024.pdf) and the PIPS Guide
* Discuss with your supervisor so that you are both familiar of the scheme
* note down any questions you have about the PIPS requirements
* post your question at any time on the open online form at <https://tinyurl.com/3zhbba7r>.

**Event objectives**

* Provide guidance, information and support to students working with their supervisory teams to organise their placement; opportunity to ask questions, get clarifications and share any concerns
* Facilitate communication between students, the academic supervisors and the EastBio team and enable exchange of views and experiences
* Clarify mutual expectations relating to placements, from BBSRC/EastBio, the academic supervisor, and the student
* Boost the student’s confidence in organising their placement, meeting the funder’s requirements and benefit from planning and carrying out a placement

**Relevant Info**:

PIPS info: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/biology/eastbio/training/placements>

Email [EastBio](mailto:placements@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk) if you have any questions about this event.



**Event Schedule**

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| **Eastbio Placements Q&A – 3 February 2025, 10:00-11:30**  **Teams link:** [**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDMxZjZmODItMGQzYy00YWFkLTk2NGEtZjliNDIzYzkxMGRi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%222e9f06b0-1669-4589-8789-10a06934dc61%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c41102f7-9e66-4ebc-be3b-006c63836a4b%22%7d)  Meeting ID: 336 355 052 820  Passcode: TKkCaU | |
| 10:00-11:00 | **Managing your PIPS experience: A concise introduction & Q&A**  *Dr Maria Filippakopoulou (Eastbio DTP Manager, University of Edinburgh)*   * Objectives of the EastBio Professional Internship scheme * Sourcing and planning an internship * Approving your internship and reporting on outcomes |
| 11:00-11:30 | **Questions & Answers**  You can submit early questions via<https://tinyurl.com/3zhbba7r>  *Screen break* |

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| **EastBio Placements: Student Presentations – 3 February 2025, from 12:20**  *same Teams link as above* | |
| 12:20 | *Welcome and introduction to the session* |
| 12:30-16:15 | **Student presentations** |
| 12:30 -12:45 | **Tim Spankie** (University of Edinburgh; 2021 intake)  PIPS at Dundee Drug Discovery Unit |
| 12:45-13:00 | **Cristina Ponce Lilly** (University of Edinburgh; 2022 intake)  PIPS at The Alliance Bioversity & CIAT (Cali, Colombia) |
| 13.00-13.15 | **Rosie Gallagher** (University of Dundee; 2022 intake)  PIPS at the Scottish government |
| 13:15-13:30 | **Rafael Monteiro do Carmo** (University of Dundee; 2021 intake)  PIPS at Academy of Medical Sciences (London, Remote) |
| 13:30-13:45 | **Meg Watt** (University of Edinburgh CMVM; 2023 intake)  PIPS at Asklepios Pharmaceutical (AskBio) |
| 13:45-14:00 | *Convenience break* |
| 14:00-14:15 | **Rochelle Kennedy** (SRUC; 2021 intake)  PIPS at Butterfly Conservation |
| 14:15-14:30 | **Benjamin Thompson** (University of St Andrews; 2021 intake)  PIPS at Dundee Science Centre |
| 14:30-14:45 | **Nadine Sommer** (University of Aberdeen; 2021 intake)  PIPS at the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, UK government (London) |
| 14:45-15:00 | **Gauri Deák** (University of Edinburgh; 2021 intake)  PIPS at Carbogenics, Edinburgh |
| 15:00-15:15 | **Eileen Clemens** (University of Aberdeen; 2022 intake)  PIPS at Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, UK government (remote) |
| 15:15-15:30 | **Mariya Shtumpf** (University of St Andrews; 2022 intake)  PIPS at the Academy of Medical Sciences, London |
| 15:30-15:45 | **Marina Hamaia** (University of Edinburgh; 2022 intake)  PIPS at MiAlgae, Edinburgh |
| 15:45-16:00 | **Erin Watson** (University of Edinburgh; 2022 intake)  PIPS at Random42 (London, remote) |
| 16:00-16:15 | **Sofia Ratgauzer** (University of Edinburgh; 2022 intake)  PIPS at Kāhu Bio, Edinburgh |
| 16:15-16:30 | **Wrapping up** |

The following students have agreed to be contacted via email to answer questions about thei placement.

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| [Thomas Smith-Zaitlik](mailto:t.a.smith-zaitlik@sms.ed.ac.uk) (2022, Edinburgh, CMVM)  The Scottish Government |
| [**Broc Drury**](mailto:B.Drury@sms.ed.ac.uk)(University of Edinburgh; 2022 intake)  PIPS at Crohn’s & Colitis UK (Remote) *Pre-recorded talk*  Broc can also be contacted for any queries on his placement |
| [Simon Harnqvist](mailto:simon.harnqvist@ed.ac.uk) (2022, Edinburgh CSE)  The Life Arc: <https://www.lifearc.org/> |
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