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**EastBio Placements Q&A Session**

**Online, 3 February 2025, 10:00-11:30 & 12:30-16:00 (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 12:30**  *same Teams link as above* | |
| 12:20 | *Welcome and introduction to the session* |
| ~12:30-16:00 | **Student presentations**  *Schedule will be confirmed by the 27th of January* |
| ~16:00-16:30 | **Open discussion and close** |

Details of students who can be contacted for questions about their placements TBC