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MIBTP
Midlands Integrative Biosciences Training Partnership

MIBTP Doctoral Researchers' Welcome



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Welcome



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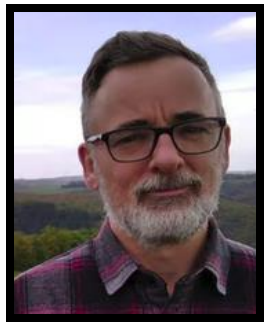
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Harper Adams University

Martin Hare

University of Leicester

Jonathan McDearmid

Celia May





University of Warwick

Vardis Ntoukakis

Erin Gorsich





MIBTP Administrators - Warwick

Kelly Chennery

DTP Programme Manager



Speak to me about:

- Management committee
- UKRI Terms & Conditions
- Non-standard requests
- EDI matters
- DSA support

Vickie O'Brien

Senior Programmes Officer

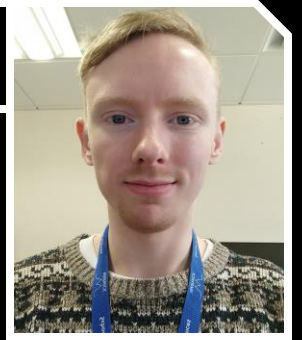


Speak to me about:

- Modular training
- Reasonable adjustments
- Mini-Projects and PIPS
- GTA opportunities
- Newsletters

Liam Allen

DTP Coordinator



Speak to me about:

- Enrolment & Visas
- Cohort initiatives
- Website & Social media
- Letters and documentation
- Student reps



Navdeep Birdi

DTP Assistant

Speak to me about:

- PIPS finances
- Expenses
- Stipend uplifts
- Opera/Concur

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Carla Hale

DTP Assistant

Speak to me about:

- Masterclasses
- Other admin

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Communication & Email Management

How we keep in touch with you:

- Newsletters – last Friday of every month
- Emails – UoW email address
- Drop-in sessions – once per term
  - First session – **Mon 12th Oct**

What we expect from MIBTP PGRs:

- Check for MIBTP emails regularly
- Respond to emails and calendar invites
- Let us know if you have any concerns

LinkedIn





Your rights and obligations

As an MIBTP student, you are funded by the UKRI's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC).

Your rights and obligations will be outlined in the following:

- MIBTP student handbooks
- UKRI Training Grant Terms & Conditions
- Your institutional student handbook

If there is conflicting information between these documents, your institution's regulations take precedence.

If you are unsure which regulations apply, you should always **consult with us** before taking action.

UKRI T&C Highlights

TGC 8 Absence

- **Parental Leave** – up to 52 weeks leave, up to 26 weeks full stipend (2 weeks for Partner's/Paternity leave).
- **Medical Leave** – up to 28 weeks in a rolling 12-month period (up to 52 weeks across entire studentship).
- **Annual Leave** – a minimum of 30 days to a maximum of 8 weeks (including public holidays), set by the institution.

TGC 7.1.1 Change of Mode of Attendance

- Change to/from part-time at any point.

TGC 7.2.6 Information Requirements

- You must report research outputs, outcomes and impacts to UKRI via ResearchFish during and after your project (for at least five years).

N.B. Some UKRI T&Cs will conflict with VISA requirements. First and foremost, international students should comply with VISA conditions.

Disability and Wellbeing

Reasonable Adjustments (during training modules)

- Speak with Vickie so that we are aware of your circumstances
- Liaise with Warwick's Disability and Wellbeing team
- Liaise with your home institution's disability team

DSA support (throughout your PhD)

- Study-related costs resulting from a disability, long-term health condition, or specific learning difficulty
- Specialist equipment, travel costs, mental health services, mentors, note-takers, and more.
- Speak with your home MIBTP administrator. Alternatively, contact Kelly.



MIBTP Student Representatives

Self-nominations will be requested via email for your cohort.

Birmingham, Leicester, Warwick – up to 3 reps

Aston, Coventry, Harper Adams – up to 2 reps

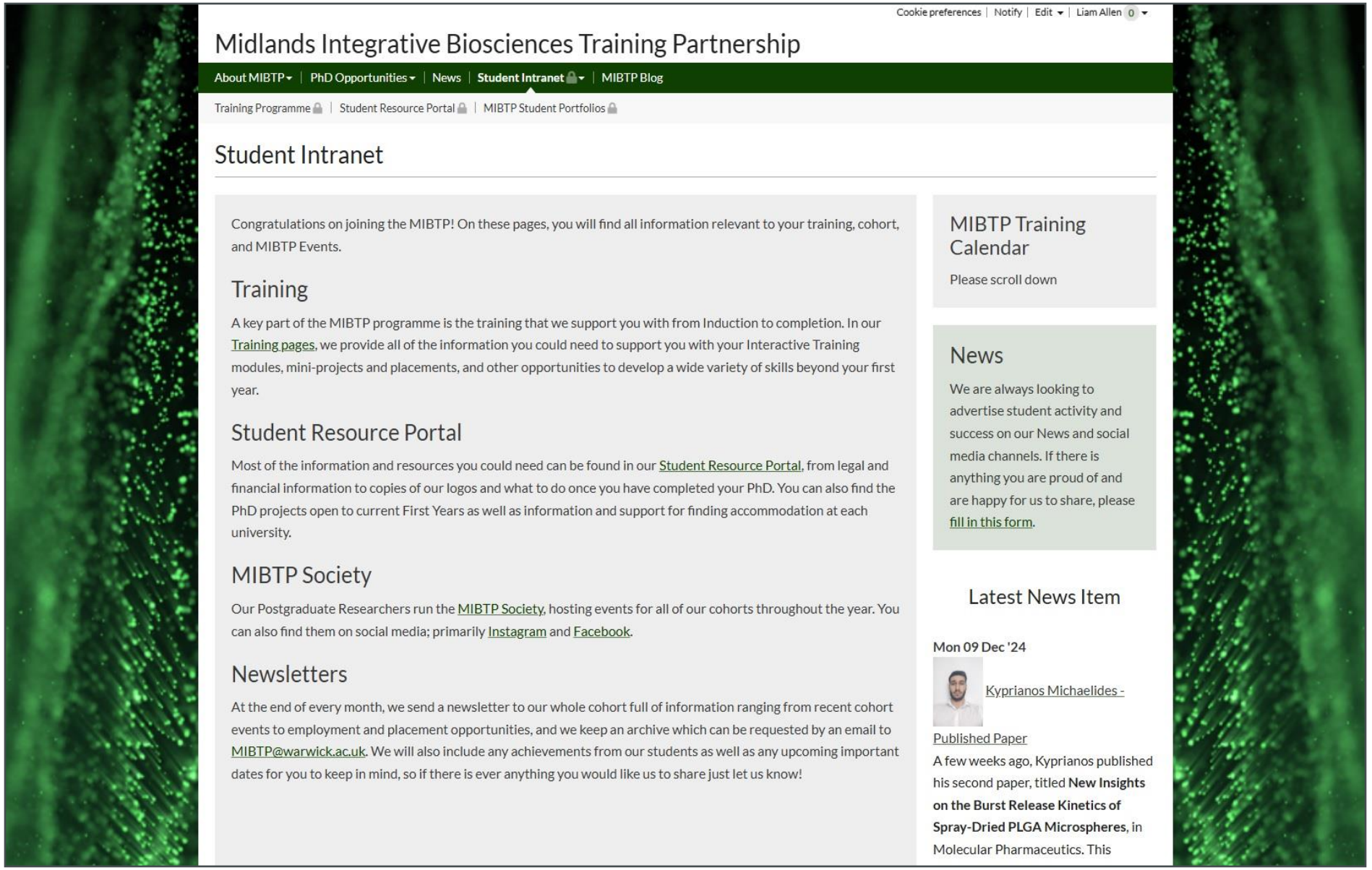
The role of the Cohort Representative includes:

- To be a voice for students; raising concerns and making suggestions
- To attend the MIBTP Annual General Meetings (AGM) alongside fellow representatives, MIBTP directors, and MIBTP administrators (usually in April)
- To meet with the MIBTP Manager and/or MIBTP colleagues at set times each year

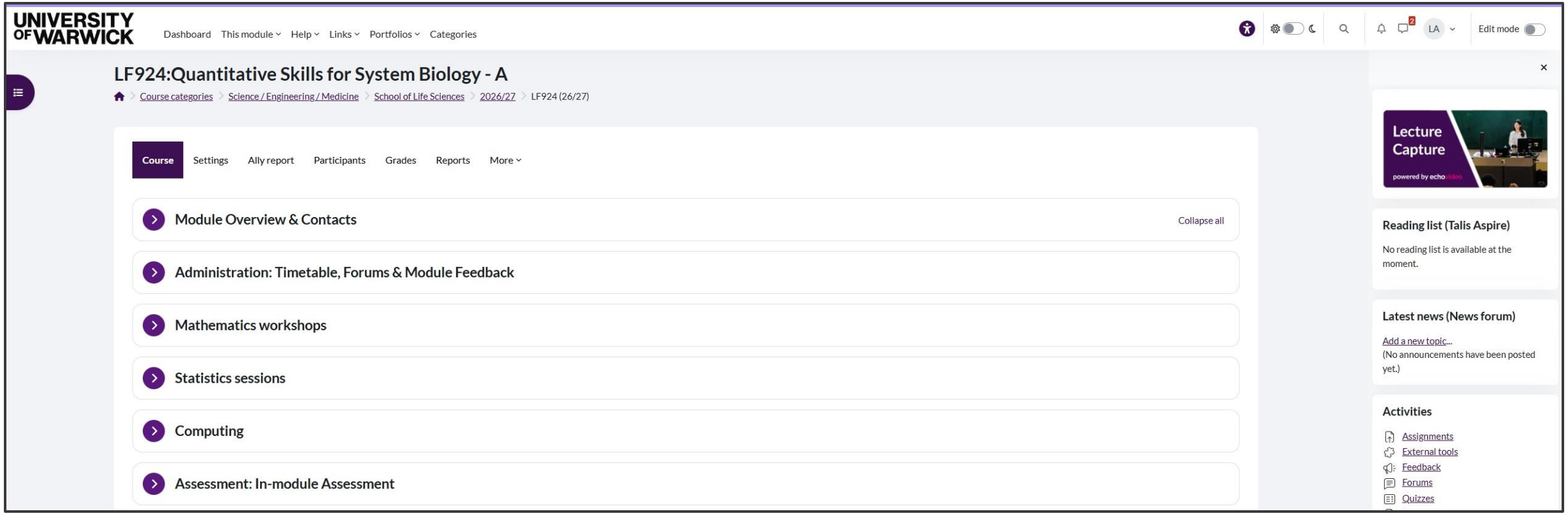


Website, Systems & Tools

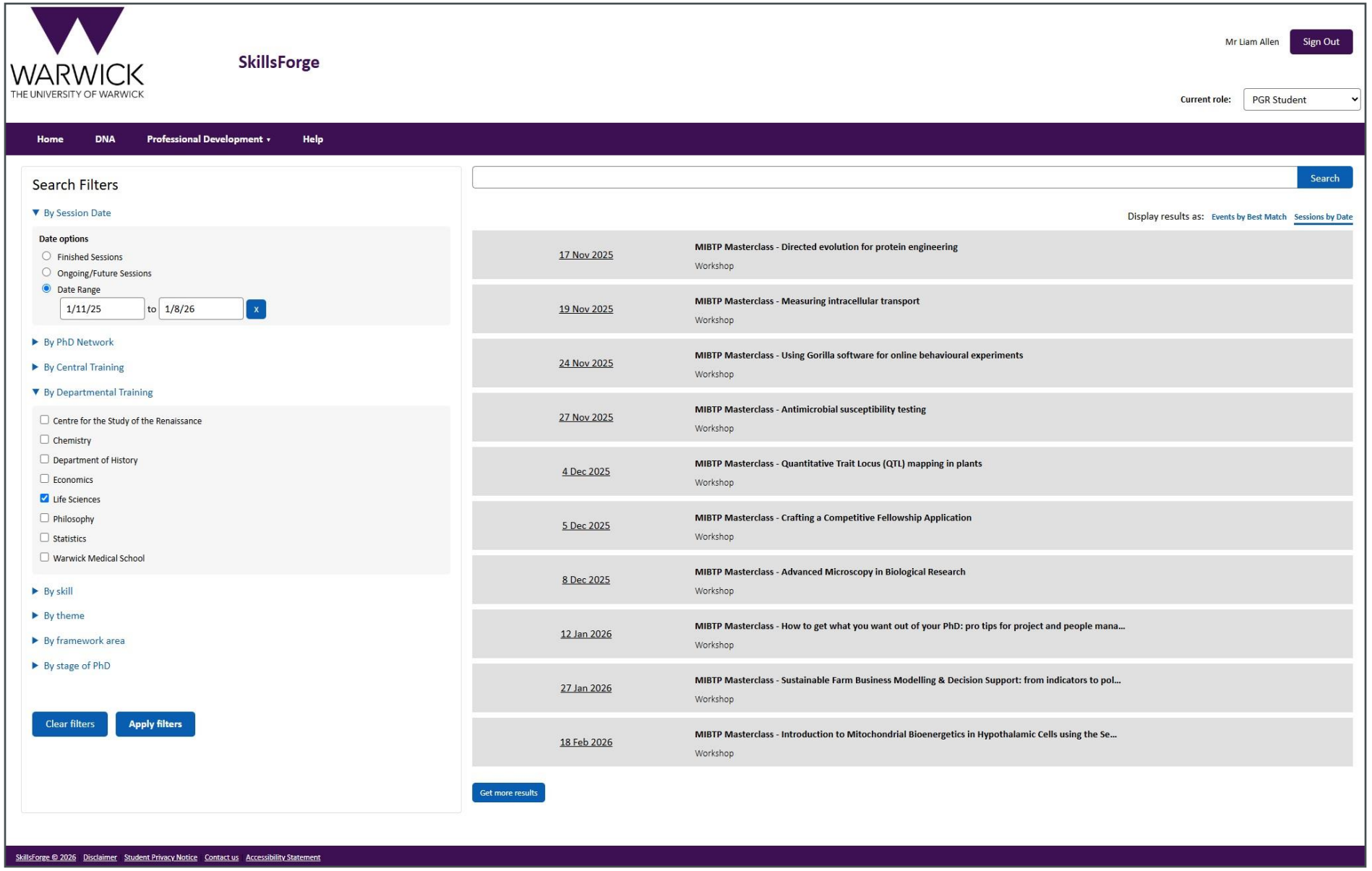
MIBTP Student Intranet



Moodle


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Course categories
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Ally report
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Grades
Reports
More
Module Overview & Contacts
Collapse all
Administration: Timetable, Forums & Module Feedback
Mathematics workshops
Statistics sessions
Computing
Assessment: In-module Assessment
Lecture Capture
powered by echo
Reading list (Talis Aspire)
No reading list is available at the moment.
Latest news (News forum)
Add a new topic...
(No announcements have been posted yet.)
Activities
Assignments
External tools
Feedback
Forums
Quizzes

SkillsForge





Access to IT & MacBooks

MacBooks

- You must re-enrol at Warwick every year.
- Back up your data!
- Return the MacBook when you complete your PhD.
  - You **cannot** keep the device.
- If you experience any issues with your MacBook, contact the Warwick IT Helpdesk.

Access to MIBTP partners

- You must enrol and re-enrol at all MIBTP institutions in order to attend training and cohort events.

Quantitative Training



MIBTP Interactive Training Team – Year 1

Christine Lockey



Teaches:
Statistics

Assessed by exam – Nov 17th

Richard Stark



Teaches:
Programming

Assessed by exam – Nov 23rd

MIBTP Interactive Training Team – Year 2

Dan Hebenstreit



Teaches:
Command Line RNA Seq.

Assessed by assignment – Dec 3rd, 2027

Mike Tildesley



Teaches:
Modelling

Assessed by assignment – Dec 3rd, 2027

Erin Gorsich



Teaches:
Data Science

Assessed by presentation – TBC, 2027

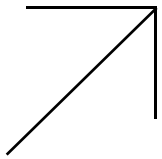
Monitoring Points

You will be monitored by your home university; please make sure you familiarise yourself with and follow their guidelines.

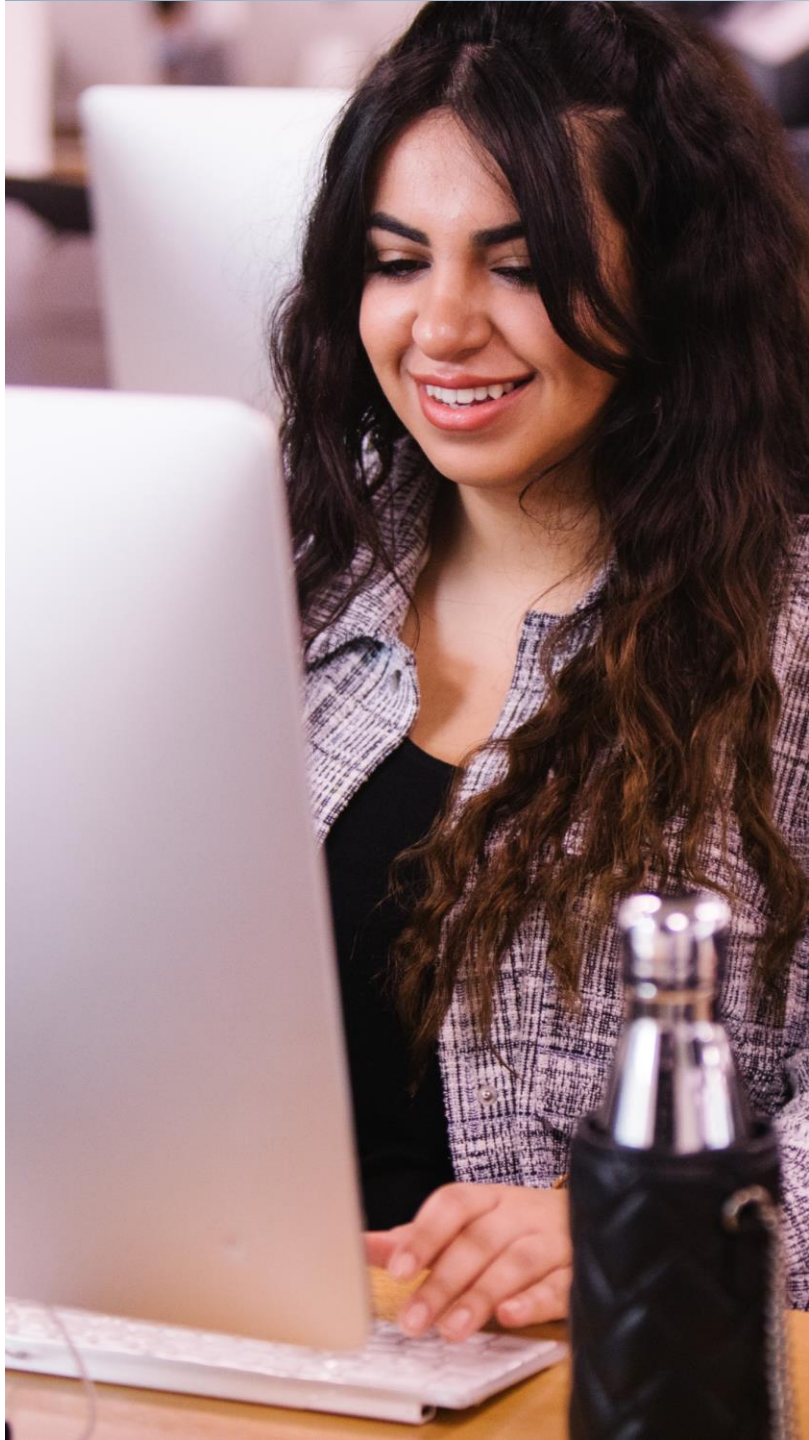
Progression Points

September/October 2026	Attendance at SpeedPhD
October 2026	Attendance at Year 1 Training
November 2026	Attendance at exams
January 2027	Professional Development Review (PDR) submission
April/May 2027	Attendance at MIBTP Symposium
By May 2027	Research Training Placement form submission
June 2027	Attendance at Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) Training
August 2027	Poster submission
September 2027	Attendance at Year 2 Training
September 2027	Attendance at poster presentation
December 2027	Submission of assignments
January 2028	Data Analysis Report submission - Moodle
April/May 2028	Attendance at MIBTP Symposium
June/July 2028	Attendance at Coniston Residential Week
January 2029	Attendance at Science Communication Training
January/February 2029	Attendance at PGR Careers Fair
April/May 2029	Attendance at MIBTP Symposium
June/July 2029 (latest)	Attendance at Emerging Researchers Innovation Challenge (ERIC)
January/February 2030	Attendance at PGR Career Planning Workshop
By end of PhD	PIPS report submission

Dates to Remember



Date	Activity	Location
28th Sep – 1st Oct 2026	Induction Week/SpeedPhD	Warwick
2nd Oct – 23rd Nov 2026	Interactive Training	Warwick/Online
17th Nov 2026	Statistics Exam	Warwick
23rd Nov 2026	Programming Exam	Warwick
31st Jan 2027	Professional Development Report (PDR) deadline	
TBC Apr 2027	MIBTP Symposium	Leicester
24th May 2027	Research Training Placement submission deadline	
w/c 21st June 2027	Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) training	Aston
13th – 24th Sep 2027	Interactive Training	Warwick
28th Sep 2027	PhD Project Poster Presentation	Warwick
4th Dec 2027	Epimodelling assignment submission deadline	
4th Dec 2027	RNA-Seq assignment submission deadline	





Date	Activity	Location
TBC Apr 2028	MIBTP Symposium	Coventry
26th – 30th June 2028	Residential Team Building Week 1	Lake District
3rd – 7th July 2028	Residential Team Building Week 2	Lake District
26th Sep 2028	Poster session (Optional)	Warwick
TBC Jan 2029	Science Communication Training	Leicester
TBC Jan/Feb 2029	PGR Careers Fair	Leicester
TBC Apr 2029	MIBTP Symposium	Harper Adams
TBC June/July 2029	Emerging Researchers Innovation Challenge (ERIC)*	Birmingham
25th Sep 2029	Poster session (Optional)	Warwick
TBC Jan/Feb 2030	Career Planning & Interview Skills Workshop	Leicester
TBC Apr 2030	MIBTP Symposium (Optional)	Aston
4pm 30th Sep 2030	PhD submission deadline**	

Campus Services & Resources

On-campus Services

Welcome Week 2026

PGR Welcome Events

Library - Postgraduates



And finally...



Q&A