Dear Offer Holder

Welcome to our February Newsletter. Congratulations on your offer to study on one of our MSc programmes. We hope to welcome you as a student here at Warwick in October. We’re very proud to say that our School has been ranked 4th in the UK for Bioscience (Guardian University League Tables 2019).

Do you have a question? Try looking at the ‘Frequently asked Questions’ on our web pages. Alternatively, contact us via email (msc.lifesciences@warwick.ac.uk) or contact your regional agent.

Why not come and visit us on an Open Day? It will be busy so please book. If you can’t make the trip to Warwick then you can visit our Online Open Day to find out whether studying here might suit you.

Best wishes from the Taught Masters Team

Once again we had a fantastic celebration in January when our MSc students graduated.

Rob Lillywhite, Associate Course Director, tweeted this lovely photo of three happy graduates, Eresha Fernando, Emily Cooper and Katie Endersby, who attended the reception after the ceremony. Eresha is now working at London Zoo and Katie has started a PhD.

The following prizes were awarded:

Coursework prize, Biotechnology, Bioprocessing & Business Management: Watsapon Wattanasuespin
Coursework prize, Medical Biotechnology & Business Management: Katie Dowson
Project prize, Biotechnology, Bioprocessing & Business Management: Maria Helena Ortiz-Cañavate Campbell (Title: Barriers to and Enablers for the Commercialisation of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products in Europe)
Project prize, Medical Biotechnology & Business Management: Helen Middleton (Title: The Potential Use of Nanomedicines in the Treatment of Cancer)
Best student, Sustainable Crop Production: Patrick Shannon-Hughes
Best student, Environmental Bioscience: Emily Cooper
Best student, Food Security: Charlotte Lacey
Best project, Environment, Food & Sustainable Crop programmes: Patrick Shannon-Hughes (Title: Can closed loop features improve the resilience of UK food systems?)
Welcome back to our alumni
It was great to catch up with four alumni when they came back to talk to students at a careers event in November.
Chris Morris (Food Security) is now a Senior Consultant with Anthesis Group, a global sustainability consultancy, Chris Hockaday (Biotechnology, Bioprocessing & Business Management) a Scientific Marketing Executive at Bio-Techne, Natasha Verhakk (Medical Biotechnology & Business Management) a Regulatory Affairs Officer at The Binding Site and Henry James (Environmental Bioscience in a Changing Climate) is an Environmental Consultant with Amey PLC. We also welcomed Ryan Marshall who is a Patient Safety Scientist at AstraZeneca. Current students really appreciated their advice and support.

Useful links
Immigration Service for advice on visas and UK living.
Centre for Applied Linguistics for support in developing English language and academic literacy.
Postgraduate Admissions for guidance on all aspects of the postgraduate admissions process.
Warwick Accommodation to help you find somewhere to live, either on campus or close to the University.

Interested in the food system? 
Do you want to help address the systematic failings in food systems which have resulted in about one billion people being hungry while two billion are overweight or obese? As a Warwick student you can join IFSTAL, a cross-university, interdisciplinary, interactive training programme to improve knowledge in food system thinking. The curriculum includes a research placement and internship programme.

Get involved - Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC)
This committee is made up of elected student representatives from each of the five Masters courses and members of staff. It provides a space for students to discuss anything related to teaching, learning and student support, and to get involved with the running of our MSc courses. One recent agenda item was a request by students for help in managing their assessment deadlines and as a result written assignments are now always due by 4pm and presentations by 9.30am. These unified deadline times allow students to better manage their work load.

Meet our graduates - Shijia Qian
Shijia graduated from the MSc in Biotechnology, Bioprocessing & Business Management in 2018. She is now working for WuXi Biologics (a contract research company).

“...The course is fantastic for people who are interested in both business and pharmaceuticals. I learned how to research and solve academic problems. If you encounter any problems contact your tutor groups, classmates and staff, they will always be there to help you. Tutor and mentor groups gave me useful career guidance and I am now employed by WuXi Biologics as a proposal generation specialist, working with both technical experts and business teams. The job interview had three rounds but I passed and was the only candidate to secure this position. Enjoy the course and essays! Enjoy the ducks, geese and swans! Enjoy life at Warwick!"