

MRC DTP - Career Speakers (2017 – 2026)

2017/2018

January 12th 2018

Dr. Anne Knowlton, [Current Biology](#), CellPress (Careers in Science Publishing)

May 11th 2018

Professor Nessa Carey, [Royal Society](#) (Effective knowledge exchange and commercialisation)

June 19th 2018

Dr. Kristina Harrison, [MRC Training and Career Groups](#) (Academic Careers in Science)

June 19th 2018

Dr. Susan Critchlow, [AstraZeneca](#) (Careers in the Pharmaceutical industry)

September 7th 2018

Dr. Marc Wilkinson, [Patent Attorney, JA Kemp](#) (Careers in Patent Law)

2018/2019

November 8th 2018

Tom Hockaday, [Technology Transfer Innovation](#) (University Technology Transfer)

December 13th 2018

Anna Sharman, [CoFactor](#) (Science training and publication support)

January 24th 2019

Dr. Vicky Robinson CBE, [NC3Rs](#) (Improving Practise and Ethics in Animal Research)

March 28th 2019

Dr. Adair Richards, [Adair Richards Associates](#) (Leadership training in Academia and Business)

June 6th 2019

Dr. Giles Yeo, [MRC Institute of Metabolic Science](#) (Public Engagement in Science and Medicine)

2019/2020

September 26th 2019

Rachel Sandby-Thomas, Registrar, University of Warwick (How do universities work?)

October 17th 2019

Dr. Emily Grossman, [Making Science exciting and accessible](#) (STEM and Women in Science)

April 3rd 2020

Dr. Kiri Tan, Wellcome Trust, Senior grants adviser (How research funding agencies work)

June 15th Annual Conference 2020 (Online)

Dr Katy Kettleborough, [LifeArc](#) (Careers in Industry and the Pharmaceutical sector)

June 16th Annual Conference 2020 (Online)

Dr. Elisabeth Bik, [Wikipedia](#) (Scientific Integrity in publishing: image manipulation)

June 17th Annual Conference 2020 (Online)

Dr. Kevin Parker, [KKI Associates](#) (Entrepreneurship)

June 18th Annual Conference 2020 (Online)

Professor Lawrence Young, [University of Warwick](#) (The Covid-19 pandemic)

2020/2021

October 1st 2020

Dr. Kathryn van de Wiel, [The Brilliant Club](#) (Widening Participation and Outreach)

November 11th 2020

Dr. Karen Taylor, [Deloitte Centre for Health Studies](#) (Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare)

February 19th 2021

Dr. Tony Aldhous, [Senior software engineer CEL-UK](#) (Innovation and commercialisation)

April 16th 2021

Dr. Catriona Manville, [RAND Europe](#) (Improving innovation, health and science policy)

May 27th 2021

Professor Siobhan Quenby, [UHCW](#) (Reproductive Health)

2021/2022

October 28th 2021

Craig Robinson, Team Leader (Life Sciences), [VRS Recruitment](#) (Careers in Industry)

13 January 2022

Anja Strobel, [Department of Psychology, Chemnitz University](#) (Work-life balance)

February 24th 2022

Rebecca McKelvey, Founder and CEO [In2Science](#) (STEM placement opportunities)

April 7th 2022

Cristiana Vagnoni, Biological Sciences and Health Advisor, [Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology \(POST\)](#) (Science policy)

May 18th 2022

Thane Campbell, Associate for Doctoral Training, [Deep Science Ventures](#) (Technology transfer, Spinouts, and Venture capita)

2022/2023

November 17th 2022

Rick Mumford, Deputy Director, [Science Evidence and Research, Food Standards Agency](#) (Role of Science in Government)

December 8th 2022

Laura Hartford, [Warwick Institute for Engagement](#) (Outreach and public Engagement)

February 2nd 2023

Chi Onwurah, Labour MP, [Shadow Minister for Science, Research and innovation](#) (Science policy)

February 2nd 2023

Nessa Carey, Innovation, translation and commercialisation (How to prepare for uncertainty)

April 6th 2023

Jo Horne, Dean, [Midlands for Healthcare Science, Health Education England](#) (NHS Scientists Training Programme)

May 18th 2023

Natalie Banner, [Director of Ethics, Genomic England](#) (Ethics in science and medicine)

May 25th 2023

Aarti Jagannath, [Nuffield Department of Clinical Neuroscience](#), Oxford (Early Academic Career path)

2023/2024

October 26th 2023

Jeaniffer Yap, iCURE: (Commercial application and exploitation of research)

December 7th 2023

Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu, Pharmaceutical Nanoscience (Moving the needle on ED&I)

January 11th 2024

Professor Alice Roberts, University of Birmingham (Public Engagement in Science)

February 1st 2024

Dean Cook, UKRI. (Place and levelling Up at Innovate UK)

February 22nd 2024

Professor Thushan de Silva, University of Sheffield (Careers in Global Health)

May 23rd 2024

Andrew McAinsh & Meera Unnikrishnan, Warwick Medical school (Career paths into research)

June 25th 2024 (Annual conference)

Panel discussion:

Orion Tong (Infinitopes),

Mao Salio (MRC Human Immunology Unit, Oxford),

Hashem Koohy (Systems Immunology, Oxford),

Lindsey Hudson (BioTherapeutics)

2024/2025

October 24th 2024

MRC DTP alumni (Careers advice)

Tom Rawlings (Group leader, Centre for Trophoblast Research, Cambridge)

Ramon Garcia Maset (Postdoctoral Fellow, UCL)

Ben Roberts (Sustainability Lead and Innovation advisor, Medilinks Midlands)

Lauren Garbut (MChB medical doctors training program)

November 14th 2024

Daniel Watkins & Andrew Mullins (UK Intellectual Property Office, UKIPO) (Intellectual property)

January 9th 2025

Paul-Enguerrand Fady, Biosecurity Policy Unit, Centre for Long-term Resilience (Biopathogens and Biosecurity)

January 30th 2025

Manu Vatish, Prof of Obstetrics, Nuffield Women's & Reproductive Health (Women's health)

June 5th 2025

Matthew Cobb, University of Manchester (Science communication and publishing)

2025/2026

October 24th 2024

MRC DTP alumni (Careers advice)

Phil Auckland (Medicines Discovery catapult)

Ian Winfield (Cancer Research UK)

Ben Lanza (Roche Pharmaceuticals)

Maria Ababi (Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine)

Laura Usselmann (AstraZeneca)

November 14th 2025

Dr. Lotte Bjerre Knudsen (Chief Scientific Advisor, [Novo Nordisk](#)) (Clinical Lasker Prize winner)

December 4th 2025

Tom Hockaday, [Technology Transfer Innovation](#) (University technology transfer)

January 15th 2026

Dr. Josh Hodge, Senior Teaching Fellow, Imperial College London (Science Education)

February 26th 2026

Dr. Bethan Lloyd-Lewis, Senior Research fellow, Bristol University (Early Research Careers)

March 19th 2026

Dr. Joe Healey, CEO, NanoSyrinx (Innovation and university spinout companies)

April 9th 2026 16th (Online)

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