

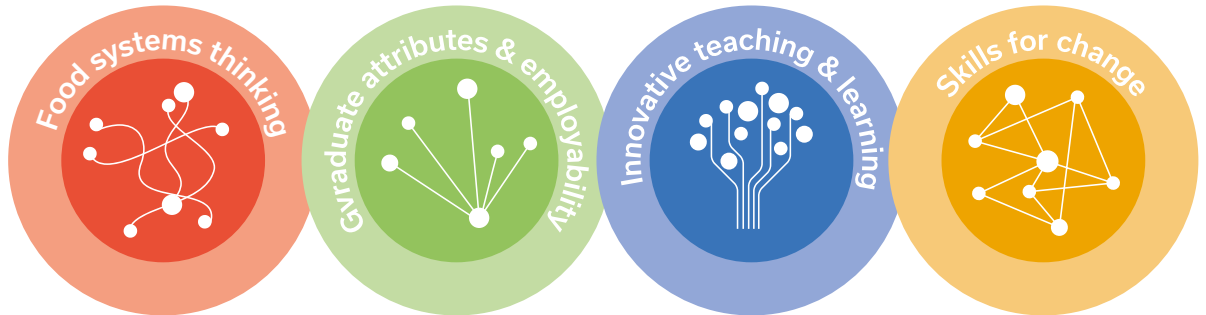


# IFSTAL

Interdisciplinary Food Systems  
Teaching & Learning

## Learn the skills to transform the food system

ENROL FOR THE 2020/21 PROGRAMME



The London Centre for  
Integrative Research  
on Agriculture & Health



## Gain new perspectives and invaluable skills

The Interdisciplinary Food Systems Teaching and Learning (IFSTAL) programme helps students from different disciplines and backgrounds gain skills and connections that can support food system transformation. Many IFSTAL alumni have gone on to work in food-related careers around the world. In response to COVID-19, the 2020 IFSTAL Summer School was held as an online event in July 2020 with great success. Building on this dynamic, well-received experience, the 2020/21 programme will launch with online workshops. IFSTAL's face-to-face events will return when it is deemed safe to run them.

All the workshops are carefully planned to be highly interactive and deliver a range of perspectives.

### Who is IFSTAL for?

The programme is free and open to all postgraduate students enrolled at one of our partner institutions. Interested undergraduate students are welcome to apply to your Education Coordinator – see page 4 for details.

**"Taking a systems approach is about thinking broadly not narrowly and, in the end, it will put the organisation in a much better place to deal with the challenges that are coming in the future."**

**IFSTAL Workplace partner**



**Julia Lee**  
BVet Med  
Royal Veterinary College

To appreciate who I am within a team, which role I play, what boundaries I need to draw, etc. was truly fulfilling and enjoyable. The strong network of alumni and course leaders also supports and ensures every single student excels in their career pathway.



**Anna Knowles-Smith**  
MSc Environmental Governance  
University of Oxford

The programme culminated in an engaging week-long summer school, my enjoyment of which ultimately proved to be decisive factor in my choice to pursue a career in food policy, as well as providing me with the confidence, network, skills and experience to do so.



## Join a global community of interdisciplinary thinkers

- Engage in a programme of cutting-edge, flexible, online units on food systems thinking and methodologies, complemented by workshops.
- Join our diverse community of more than 1,600 food systems thinkers. Our global network includes students, alumni and workplace professionals.
- Connect with those working on real life food system challenges in a variety of organisations.
- Interact with students from across our partner institutions in interdisciplinary, team-based challenges.
- Develop future-focused skills in working and collaborating online.
- Enhance your CV, develop a range of food systems skills and gain opportunities for work and dissertation placements, internships and more.

## How can I benefit from participating in IFSTAL?

The curriculum is designed to help you develop a range of skills and knowledge above and beyond those you would normally acquire from your studies. IFSTAL will help you become:

- An imaginative and critical food systems thinker
- A well-informed and knowledgeable employee
- A creative and active collaborator and learner
- An engaged and informed professional able to effect change
- A confident and flexible communicator

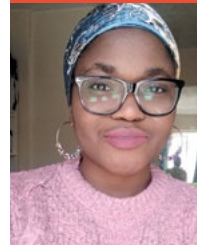


### Kathy Wabnitz

MSc Public Health

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

I particularly enjoyed the variety of opportunities to connect with people from other universities and the workplace as well as the practical application of methods during the workshops and the summer school. Taking part in IFSTAL is a unique opportunity which you should not miss!



### Chizoba Ezea

MSc Food Security

University of Warwick

The learning experience is a gift that I will cherish for the rest of my career. The teamwork and brainstorming sessions were the best part for me. They not only equipped me with workplace skills but offered an opportunity to converse with scholars from different schools, courses, and personal backgrounds.

# IFSTAL events 2020/21

| Event          | Theme  | Date   how to access                         |
|----------------|--|--|
| Launch event   | Learn more about IFSTAL: meet the team + talks from guest speakers and IFSTAL alumni | 22 October 2020   online                     |
| Workshop 1     | Exploration of food systems  | 7 November 2020   online                     |
| Workshop 2     | Investigation of food systems thinking   | 5 December 2020   online                     |
| Workshop 3     | Application of food systems methods  | 6 February 2021<br>face-to-face* (venue tbc) |
| Workshop 4     | Intervention for food systems change   | 6 March 2021<br>face-to-face* (venue tbc)    |
| Public lecture | Speaker to be confirmed  | 12 May 2021   London*                        |

\*subject to COVID-19 guidelines

We plan to hold a three-day virtual summer school in July 2021. If funding and COVID-19 allow, this will become a five-day residential event.

## Tailored food systems training for organisations

Customised training courses on food systems thinking can help organisations get to the core of the challenges they face. IFSTAL can work with you to create a training package that addresses your unique issues while giving you access to the international IFSTAL network and community. To discuss tailored food systems training, please contact John Ingram, IFSTAL Programme Leader – [john.ingram@eci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:john.ingram@eci.ox.ac.uk)

## How to get involved

### Signing up to IFSTAL via Canvas

Canvas is the virtual learning environment (VLE) used by IFSTAL. Oxford students can sign up to IFSTAL directly in Canvas. Non-Oxford students should access the registration form through their institution's VLE (e.g. LEARN or Moodle). Once you have completed this form, an account will be created on Canvas for enrolment on the course. You will then be able to access the full course via [canvas.ox.ac.uk](https://canvas.ox.ac.uk) and start your IFSTAL journey.

### For further information contact:

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