

Feedback for EPSRC Funding

Matt Gibson's feedback on 'Organising a meeting to establish a forum for the development of cross-campus collaborations'

On 19th / 20th April newly appointed academics and research fellows who are broadly interested in the field of Life Sciences met at Radcliffe House. This included participants from Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physics, Centre for Scientific Computing, Engineering, WMG, Statistics, Maths, Medical School and Systems Biology. The aim of the meeting was to break down barriers between Departments by encouraging researchers who are still establishing themselves to exchange ideas and develop original multidisciplinary projects that could be submitted to one of the RCUK members.

A total of 25 researchers attended the event and each gave a presentation on their background, current work and also ideas for work they would like to do, but requires strong interaction with other disciplines. To facilitate this, representatives from the various doctoral training centres introduced themselves and opportunities for masters/PhD students. There were also sessions on career advancement and technology transfer. Routes towards exploiting research findings were also discussed."

The meeting went very well and lots of new collaborations have been spawned. We are currently thinking of the best way to proceed - probably a dedicated grant-writing day and a short session to allow people who could not make it to the original meeting (or those who we missed) get a chance to present their work, and establish new links.

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