



## Training Newsletter: February 2019

The Royal Society of Biology has developed new training courses in [Unconscious Bias](#) and [Governance](#), to add to our suite of online and in person training programme. Our training programme provides a range of training and development opportunities to support the professionalism of those working in the biosciences.

If you're interested in developing your skills, want to maintain your professional registration or simply looking for a refresher course, please do take a look at our [website](#) and [online learning platform](#) where we hope you will find something of value.

### ONLINE TRAINING COURSES

#### **Gopher Science Lab**

This online course has been written and reviewed by teachers, for teachers. The following lessons are designed to give teachers clear guidance on how to carry out the Gopher Science Lab activities so that they can feel confident in leading or supervising the activities during a lab day or classroom session.

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#### **Introduction to Project Management**

Throughout this online course participants will learn the skills and planning tools they need to successfully complete a project and how to anticipate and resolve the issues they are likely to encounter as a project manager.

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#### **Introduction to Trusteeship and Governance**

The aim of this course is to support and provide new trustees with knowledge on the responsibilities of a trustee and how to carry these out, in accordance with the rules and regulations in place.

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## **Unconscious Bias**

This half day awareness building course aims to educate staff and managers so that they can lead by example in the quest to change mind-sets and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace.

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For further details and to register onto any of the above online training courses, please visit our online learning platform - [myLearning](#) or email [training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk).

## **IN PERSON TRAINING COURSES**

### **Leadership in a Laboratory Environment**

**When:** 08 March 2019

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

**Booking Deadline:** 28 February 2019

#### **Overview**

A successful career in a scientific lab environment needs leadership and management skills as well as research skills. To get the best from people, team leaders need to be able to form teams, provide leadership and deal with issues that will inevitably emerge. These are skills that can be developed with practice. The aim of this course is to introduce some team-working and leadership models that can be of practical use in developing those skills.

#### **Who is the course for?**

Following the success of previous courses, the Society continues offer this one-day introductory course specifically to meet the needs of postdoctoral researchers in academic or industrial environments. It is aimed at:

- Laboratory team leaders and principal investigators who want to improve the way they manage their teams
- Postdoctoral researchers who have been selected for, or aspire to, promotion to team leader positions

#### **CPD**

This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for the purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as **21 CPD credits**.

**How this course supports registers competencies:** This course has been identified as supporting competency development for: [Registered Scientist \(RSci\)](#) and [Registered Science Technician \(RSciTech\)](#).

Competency area: Interpersonal Skills and Personal Responsibility.

**Fees:** From £60 + VAT

**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#).**

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## Programming for Biologists

**When:** 05 April 2019

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

**Booking Deadline:** 15 March 2019

### Overview

There's no escaping it - computing is becoming an essential part of the scientist toolkit. From coping with the data deluge by automated analysis or simulating a mathematical model of your system, coding is an essential skill for the modern biologist.

This hands-on, one-day course will introduce you to Python, a popular and powerful computer language. You will learn the basics of working with Python through the increasingly popular Jupyter Notebook system.

But Don't Panic - this course is designed for those with no existing coding experience.

### Who is this course for?

PhD students and researchers at any career stage in biology and related areas of science and medicine.

Although no previous coding experience is required, attendees will be working on their own laptops and will be expected to install some programmes before the course. Any laptop or operating system is suitable.

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Competency area: Interpersonal Skills

**Fees:** From £65 + VAT

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## RSB EVENTS

### Branch and MO events

24.02.19

[Northern Ireland: Galapagos – Evolution & Global Change](#)

Northern Ireland branch

### Potential new training courses

We are inviting expressions of interest for potential new training courses:

- Drug Development
- Laboratory Leadership and Management

### I'm a Scientist, Get me out of here!

I'm a Scientist is an online public engagement event that gets technicians, and other people in science, talking to school students across the UK.

*LT1, Queen's University Belfast,  
Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn  
Road, Belfast BT9 7BL*

- Mental Health at Work
- Writing a Business Plan
- IP Awareness

**27.02.19 - 28.02.19**

[Surgical Techniques and  
Innovations](#)

Laboratory Animal Science  
Association  
*Harwell Science and Innovation  
Campus, Oxfordshire OX11 0QG*

If you are interesting in attending  
the potential courses listed above,  
please [register your interest.](#)

Technicians develop their  
communication skills, gain a fresh  
perspective on their work, and raise  
awareness of their vital work,  
helping students see the role as  
something 'for them'. Taking part  
supports the career development  
goals of the [Technician  
Commitment](#), signed by 60+ UK HE  
institutions.

**04.03.19 - 08.03.19**

[Facilitation and Communications  
Skills](#)

A Durrell Wildlife Conservation  
Trust Event  
*Durrell, Les Augres manor, La  
Profonde Rue, Trinity, Jersey JE3  
5BP*

The team are looking for technicians  
who work in fields related to  
physics, biomedicine, psychology,  
space and energy. Competitors of  
the X-Factor style online  
competition must answer the  
questions of curious school students.  
The lucky winner will be awarded  
**£500 to spend on further public  
engagement.** You can apply via this  
[link.](#)

**13.03.19**

[Experimental Medicine 2019  
workshop](#)

British Pharmacological Society  
*16 Angel Gate, City Road, London  
EC1V 2PT*

**16.03.19**

[Devon and Cornwall: AGM and  
Lecture - Art in the Service of  
Science](#)

Devon and Cornwall branch event  
*Marine Biological Association,  
Citadel Hill, Plymouth, Devon PL1  
2PB*



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