

This month the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) will be celebrating with an Anniversary Gala Dinner to mark 10 years since the launch of the RSB, with special guest Sir David Attenborough FRS Hon FRSE. A decade of growth has seen many positive changes, particularly in our training programme, which is something of real value to our membership and to the bioscience community.

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.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS CERTIFICATE

**Don't miss out on the following technical skills courses this month:**

- [Leadership in a Laboratory Environment](#)

The [Technical Skills Certificate](#) is the latest initiative by the Royal Society of Biology, designed to support the **career development of technical staff** working in higher education, industry or in a private laboratory. The certificate supports competency development for our [Registered Science Technician \(RSciTech\)](#) professional recognition award.

If you are an organisation and would like to register staff in bulk for this certificate, or require any further information please visit our [web page](#) or email [training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk)

## INDUSTRY SKILLS CERTIFICATE

**Don't miss out on the following industry skills courses this month:**

- [Media Communication Training](#)

The Royal Society of Biology has developed an [Industry Skills Certificate](#). This new initiative is designed to support the **employability of scientists in industry**. With extensive research and input from our [Employer Advisory Group \(EAG\)](#), we have created a bespoke set of online and in-person training courses that are aimed to enhance the experience, skill set and knowledge of scientists. This certificate also supports competency development for our [Registered Scientist \(RSci\)](#) professional recognition award.

If you are an organisation and would like to register staff in bulk for this certificate, or require any further information please visit our [web page](#) or email [training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk)

## CPD EVENT APPROVAL

Do you run **workshops, seminars, conferences** and other **events** suitable for biologists?

Would you like to offer your participants CPD credits for your events?

Royal Society of Biology CPD Approval formally recognises those events that allow our members to keep up to date with recent developments or key skills within their field, or in any area of the biosciences they may find interesting.

A CPD approved 'event' can be a lecture or programme of lectures, a conference, a short course, a one-day inset, a seminar, or other activity that provides training or education. For further details please visit the [RSB website](#) or contact [training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk)

## ONLINE TRAINING COURSES

**Core Business Skills for Biologists - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
 This unique course aims to provide participants with a better understanding and knowledge of business in the bioscience sector.

**Personal Skills for Leadership - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
 This online course will help participants recognise and develop personal skills needed to be a more effective leader.

**Introduction to Project Management - [Industry & Technical Skills Certificate](#)**  
 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.

**Unconscious Bias - [Industry & Technical Skills Certificate](#)**  
 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.

**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.

**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.

**Persuasive Scientific Writing**  
 This course is for those of you who write technical, scientific and other related articles and reports, including students, who wish to improve their report and general document writing skills.

**Writing for Non-specialist Audiences (*new*)**  
 This half-day course is designed for those wanting to improve the way they communicate to a non-specialist audience.

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

**Media Communication Training - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 10th March 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £120 + VAT | Non-member - £240 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Leadership in a Laboratory Environment - [Technical Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 20th March 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £90 + VAT | Non-member - £180 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Navigating the Patent System for Biologists - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 3rd April 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £85 + VAT | Non-member - £170 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Laboratory Health & Safety (and COSHH) - [Technical Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 22nd April 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £90 + VAT | Non-member - £180 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Programming for Biologists - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 24th April 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £85 + VAT | Non-member - £170 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Train the Trainer - [Industry & Technical Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 11th May 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £150 + VAT | Non-member - £300 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Biological Application - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 8th June 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £100 + VAT | Non-member - £200 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Introduction to Reproducible Analyses in R - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 29th June 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £85 + VAT | Non-member - £170 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

**Introduction to Quality Management - [Industry Skills Certificate](#)**  
**Date:** 6th November 2020  
**Location:** London  
**Fees:** Member - £120 + VAT | Non-member - £240 + VAT  
**For further details and to book please visit the [RSB website](#)**

## HUBS WORKSHOP

[Enhancing Teaching and Learning Through Learning Partnerships, part of the HUBS Learning & Teaching Workshop Series 2020](#)

Engaging students as partners in T&L continues to attract growing attention and critical debate. This event will explore pedagogies associated with learning partnerships in HE from different perspectives. 26 March 2020, University of Reading.

This workshop is free to staff from [HUBS member universities](#)

## POTENTIAL NEW TRAINING COURSES

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

- **Cell/Tissue Culture: The Basics**
- **The Light Microscope: All you need to Know**
- **Experimental Design in the Bioscience Laboratory**
- **Aseptic Technique**
- **Laboratory Maths**
- **The Basics of Immunoassays**

If you are interested in attending the potential courses listed above or can deliver training in these areas, please [register your interest](#)

## TRAINERS NEEDED

We are seeking trainers in the following areas:

- **Cell/Tissue Culture: The Basics**
- **The Light Microscope: All you need to Know**
- **Experimental Design in the Bioscience Laboratory**
- **Aseptic Technique**
- **Laboratory Maths**
- **The Basics of Immunoassays**

Please do get in touch if you can help by emailing [training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk)

## PROFESSIONAL REGISTERS

Advance your career by applying for one of our industry recognised professional registers, or members of the RSB. Submit your application now to be considered in our next quarterly election.

**RSci**  
Registered Scientist

**RSciTech**  
Registered Science Technician

**CSciTech**  
Chartered Science Teacher

**CSci**  
Chartered Scientist

## MEMBER ORGANISATION EVENTS

[Checkpoint blockade – understanding mechanisms, unlocking new approaches](#)

**Date:** 19.03.20  
 A British Society for Immunology event  
*IET Birmingham: Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, Birmingham, West Midlands B1 2NP*

[Microbiology Society Annual Conference 2020](#)

**Date:** 30.03.20 - 03.04.20  
 A Microbiology Society conference  
*Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh EH3 8EE*

[AST 2020 Animal Science and Technology Conference](#)

**Date:** 24.03.20 - 26.03.20  
 A joint LASA/LAVA/IAT Conference  
*Edinburgh*

[Evolving Molecular Bioscience Education](#)

**Date:** 02.04.20 - 03.04.20  
 A Biochemical Society event  
*The Studio, 67 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6AE*

[Continuing Education Symposium 3: Carcinogenesis](#)

**Date:** 24.03.20 - 26.03.20  
 British Society of Toxicological Pathology event  
*Department of Pathology, University of Cambridge, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge CB2 1QP*

[The 17th Marine Biological Association Postgraduate Conference](#)

**Date:** 20.04.20 - 22.04.20  
 A Marine Biological Association event  
*University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Exeter EX4 4XZ*