

Dr Bernadine Idowu MRSB

Associate professor of biomedical science
University of West London

I teach students on several modules as part of the Biomedical Science degree. I enjoy seeing their passion for learning but in particular their fascination being in the laboratory. I allow them to take pics of themselves in the lab, especially when using microscopes to discover diseases, to share online and to inspire future scientists.

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Ashleigh Kitchiner

Senior marine mammal biologist, APEM Ltd

To do my job I need knowledge of marine mammal ecology, national and international protections and the impacts of construction. I write reviews on marine mammals and complete field surveys of species. I've worked on fieldwork projects such as wildlife guiding in Canada, marine mammal surveyor in Abu Dhabi, and observing whales in California!

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Dr Emma Hodcroft

Molecular epidemiologist
University of Bern & University of Geneva

I use viral sequences to investigate how pathogens evolve, transmit, and cause disease! We can create 'viral family trees' that let us follow pathogens through time and get insights into their adaptations and spread. There's so much we don't know about viruses, but we're at the cusp of a new age of pathogen data - so I'm poised to help uncover their mysteries!

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Marie Bowers MRSB

Technician in charge, physiology
University of Glasgow

As a Romany woman and project lead on Science Travels (STEM outreach with Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showman and Boater communities) I love discussing how we can use biology and STEM more widely to reach out to minoritised groups and create more inclusive scientific environments.

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Dr Lucy Harper

Chief executive, Applied Microbiology International

Having moved out of the lab a long time ago, I relish the fact that my job enables me to remain in touch with developments in applied microbiology, through the work of our trustees, members, speakers, webinar presenters, editors and authors. I'm privileged to have access to such rich expertise, all of which is contributing to finding solutions to global challenges.

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Elitsa Penkova

Postgraduate teaching associate
University of Exeter

I am a microbiologist working on the evolutionary ecology of antibiotic resistance in an insect model. I enjoy my work because it combines my love for the microbial world with my severe passion for entomology. It's lots of fun and I get to be creative, explore the laws of the world, and contribute to scientific knowledge.

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Professor Jack Gilbert

University of California San Diego
Vice president, Applied Microbiology
International

I am the current Vice President of Applied Microbiology International, which means I provide support to the President and engage in society activities. I get a blast out of interacting with researchers from across the world!

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Maira Xiromeriti

Undergraduate student, Swansea University

I am a final year undergrad, reading Medical Genetics. Through the course of my degree, I became fascinated by medical microbiology and synthetic biology. I am passionate about science communication and I am currently doing research on medical education. I joined the Applied Microbiology International to represent the voices of all early career scientists.

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Anete Salmane

Bio-integrated design laboratory co-ordinator
University College London

Being a lab coordinator is a really fun and challenging task! The creativity and drive that I am surrounded by on a daily basis is what I love the most about my role. I also get to spend some time in the workshop learning completely new skills to apply to making and experimenting.

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Dr Parvez Alam FRSB

Bioengineer and senior lecturer
The University of Edinburgh

One of my interests is in studying the natural world to better understand the structure-properties relationships of natural materials and the biomechanics and kinematics of natural mechanical bodies. What I enjoy most is knowing that my research brings new information to the world that generates interest and awe to the wonders of nature.

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