



Cardiff
Metropolitan
University

Prifysgol
Metropolitan
Caerdydd

**POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
MASTER OF SCIENCE**

IN

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY)
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY)
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IMMUNOHAEMATOLOGY)
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (CELLULAR and MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY)
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (MEDICAL GENETICS & GENOMICS)**

School of Sport & Health Sciences

Induction & Enrolment Information

Academic Year 2018/2019

CONTENTS

1. [Welcome from your programme director and teaching team](#)
2. [Enrolment / ID Card Collection](#)
3. [Induction Week Timetable](#)
4. [Attendance](#)
5. [Useful links](#)

1. Welcome from your Teaching Team

Dear Student

I am Maninder Ahluwalia, the Programme Director for the MSc Biomedical Sciences at Cardiff Metropolitan University and I would like to welcome you in advance to the programme. I hope that your plans to come to Cardiff Metropolitan University are progressing well, and the teaching team are really looking forward to meeting you in September.

Dedicated to our students

At Cardiff Metropolitan University we value our relationship with our students very highly. In a recent external review by the Institute of Biomedical Sciences of the MSc BMS programme we were commended for our excellent student support systems. Our external examiners also commented in the end of year report that our support for all students from a variety of backgrounds was to be commended - "the way the course deals with the range of students, from mature part-time students in the NHS, to international students who do not have English as a first language, is a strong feature of the course."

Taught by professionals

Students benefit from being taught by an excellent academic team which has a wide range of experience. Many of the team are Fellows or Members of the IBMS, six members of staff are registered to practice by the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) and have close links with the BMS profession, and many are prominent and active researchers in the field of Biomedical Sciences. The contemporary and relevant research interests of the academic team in areas of diabetes mellitus, cancer, wound healing, leukaemia and coronary heart disease have provided the opportunity for students to carry out research at a very high standard over a wide range of topics and this had been commended by external examiners with the high standard of experimental work being undertaken highlighted.

Programme aims

The programme aims and outcomes are informed by the requirements of the University and of a number of external stakeholders, such as the healthcare scientist, the IBMS, the HCPC, employers and our International students.

The programme aims to provide a route of career development for the biomedical scientist. It aims to build upon and develop the knowledge and skills gained at undergraduate study and at the workplace to empower the biomedical scientist to progress in their chosen career. This could be to gain a senior or management position, or to progress onto a higher research degree, or as part of the professional pathway to a Higher Specialist Diploma or as a stepping stone to a taught doctorate programme.

The programme also provides a course of advanced study and research for full time students not yet employed. It develops in depth knowledge in a particular specialism whilst still retaining an integrated approach to diagnostic medicine and biomedical science. The practical elements of the taught programme and the research project provide an opportunity for all students to gain and develop analytical and research skills which will prepare students for further research. However, it is particularly important for some of our International students who aspire to fill a practical skills gap from previous study which is required for the transition to the next level of learning.

Excellent employment opportunities

Students have an excellent employment record, with some students gaining promotions to senior management positions within the NHS or local Pharmaceutical or Biotechnology companies, whilst

others have gone on to pursue a PhD or a research post and many International students have returned home armed with new technical and transferable skills which will enable them to contribute to the advancement of biomedical sciences in their home countries.

I look forward to meeting you in the Cardiff School of Health Sciences Induction event which will be held on **Thursday 20th of September 2018 from 2-5pm in Room TBC, Llandaff Campus.**

Maninder Ahluwalia

mahluwalia@cardiffmet.ac.uk

Meet the Team:

The **Programme Director** is responsible for the organisation and overall operation of the programme and to provide academic leadership. The **Module Leaders** will co-ordinate the delivery and assessment of their modules.

Project supervisors will liaise on a one to one basis with students during the dissertation element of the programme. The projects undertaken by Fulltime students will be coordinated by the **Project manager**. Part time students will have a university supervisor and a laboratory based supervisor and the process will be coordinated by the programme director.

		Room	Ext.No
Programme Director	Dr Maninder Ahluwalia	D201b	5924
Module Leaders			
Molecular Biology	Dr Neil Rushmere	D2.04c	1145
Research strategies & innovation in Biomedical Science	Dr Jo Welton	D2.06	4170
Immunology	Dr Rebecca Aicheler	T2.11	6842
Analytical and Diagnostic Techniques	Dr Maninder Ahluwalia	D2.04c	5924
Medical Biochemistry	Dr Lowri Mainwaring	D2.01d	5608
Advanced Topics in Medical Biochemistry	Dr Lowri Mainwaring	D2.01d	5608
Immunohaematology	Ms Amanda Davies	D2.06a	5999
Advanced Topics in Immunohaematology	Ms Amanda Davies	D2.06a	5999
Cellular and Molecular Pathology	Dr Maninder Ahluwalia	D2.01cb	5924
Advanced Topics in Cellular and Molecular Pathology	Dr Neil Rushmere	D2.04c	1145
Medical Microbiology	Dr Mike Beeton	D2.08	5557
Advanced Topics in Medical Microbiology & Infection	Dr Sarah Maddocks	D201e	5607
Medical Genetics & Genomics	Dr Maninder Ahluwalia	D2.01cb	5924

Advanced topics in
Medical Genetics &
Genomics

Dr Maninder Ahluwalia

D2.01cb

5924

2. Enrolment / ID Card Collection

When the ID Card collection schedule is confirmed we will also integrate this into your Induction Timetable for you.

Enrolment

Enrolment is an essential process that confirms your status as a Cardiff Met student and also gives you access to Cardiff Met IT systems, payment of fees, and, importantly, enables you to obtain your Student MetCard.

You can complete the online Self-Enrolment process from any computer through the Cardiff Met Self Service system once you have received your **Enrolment Email**. If you need help with choosing the option modules, you can communicate with your programme director for more help. This can also be done when you meet your programme director at the time of induction.

On receipt of your Enrolment Email, please begin your Self-Enrolment by going to the www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/enrolment webpage and following the step-by-step guidance provided. Access to the Enrolment section of the Cardiff Met Self Service system will require you to login with a username and password. **Please input the same username and password you originally used to apply with.** Guidance is provided for forgotten usernames/passwords. Please note that in order to Self-Enrol, your status with Cardiff Met must be **Unconditional Firm (UF)** i.e. all conditions met and place accepted.

3. Induction Week Timetable

Induction will take place on Thursday 20th of September 2018 from 2-5pm in Room TBC. Please report to Cardiff Metropolitan University main reception at the front of the Llandaff campus and you will be given directions to the appropriate room.

Students will meet the programme director and be given information about the programme. An introduction to the library facilities will be arranged for later in the term.

MONDAY 17 th September	TUESDAY 18 th September	WEDNESDAY 19 th September	THURSDAY 20 th September	FRIDAY 21 st September
			Induction and ID card collection 2pm - 5pm Room tbc Llandaff Campus	

4. Attendance

First year part-time students will be required to attend University for lectures on Wednesday, normally between 9.00am and 6.00pm and Full-Time students attend University for lectures on both Wednesday and Thursday. Full-Time students will be expected to attend University on a full-time basis and undertake the practical work for the dissertation element. The first date of attendance will be Thursday 20th September 2018 for Induction and then Wednesday 26th of September 2018 for lectures.

The Academic year will be of 30 weeks duration organised into 3 Terms:

Enrolment / Module Selection and Year 1 Induction:

Mon 17 September 2018 - Fri 21 September 2018

Autumn Term:

Mon 24 September 2018 - Fri 14 December 2018

Spring Term:

Mon 14 January 2019 - Fri 29 March 2019

Summer Term:

Mon 29 April 2019 - Fri 14 June 2019

Below is a week by week timetable to help you plan your academic year.
 For the purposes of timetabling, each week of the year is identified by a specific “week number”. The following table may be useful to you for this purpose:

CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY		
TERM DATES FOR TIMETABLING (2018/2019)		
TEACHING WEEK PATTERNS		
Week Commencing:	Week Number	Term Framework
17 September 2018	8	INDUCTION WEEK
24 September 2018	9	Term 1 Teaching Begins Autumn Term Begins
01 October 2018	10	
08 October 2018	11	
15 October 2018	12	
22 October 2018	13	
29 October 2018	14	
05 November 2018	15	
12 November 2018	16	
19 November 2018	17	
26 November 2018	18	
03 December 2018	19	
10 December 2018	20	Term 1 Teaching Ends Autumn Term Ends
17 December 2018	21	CHRISTMAS VACATION
24 December 2018	22	CHRISTMAS VACATION
31 December 2018	23	CHRISTMAS VACATION
07 January 2019	24	CHRISTMAS VACATION
14 January 2019	25	Term 2 Teaching Begins Spring Term Begins
21 January 2019	26	
28 January 2019	27	
04 February 2019	28	
11 February 2019	29	
18 February 2019	30	
25 February 2019	31	
04 March 2019	32	
11 March 2019	33	
18 March 2019	34	
25 March 2019	35	Spring Term Ends
01 April 2019	36	EASTER VACATION
08 April 2019	37	EASTER VACATION
15 April 2019	38	EASTER VACATION
22 April 2019*	39	EASTER VACATION
29 April 2019	40	Summer Term Begins Undergrad Teaching Pattern Ends
06 May 2019*	41	Exams
13 May 2019	42	Exams
20 May 2019	43	Exams
27 May 2019*	44	Exam Boards
03 June 2019	45	
10 June 2019	46	Summer Term Ends

*Bank Holiday 6th & 27th May

5. Useful links

- [Academic Handbook](#)
- [Accommodation](#)
- [Additional Costs](#)

Additional costs are any mandatory or optional expenses, in addition to tuition fees, that need to be paid for by students to fully participate and complete their studies.
- [Admissions Policy](#)
- [Bike Shelters](#)

Once you are on campus and have collected your student ID card you will be able to request access to the various bike shelters around our campuses.
- [Campus Maps & Met Rider](#)
- [Cardiff Met News](#)
- [Cardiff Met Sport & Facilities](#)
- [Cardiff Met SU](#) *including Freshers information & wristbands*
- [DBS](#)

If your programme involves you coming into contact with children and young or vulnerable people then you will have been asked to carry out a criminal records check as part of your offer.
- [Occupational Health](#)

To comply with current Health & Safety legislation, all Cardiff Met students undertaking a healthcare-related programme at Cardiff School of Health Sciences (involving a clinical placement component), are required to participate in a mandatory Occupational Health Screening assessment. Additionally, certain courses are also required to adhere to the Department of Health's immunisation and vaccination programme.
- [Student Finance](#)

For information on tuition fees, alumni discount, loans and scholarships, as well as contact information for the Student Finance Advisory Service.
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Student Services](#)

For help during your time with us in relation to your health, welfare, lifestyle and future career. The aim is to provide you with all the support you need to ensure your studies are as enjoyable and successful as possible. Services also include counselling, disability and chaplaincy.
- [Term Dates](#)
- [Virtual Tours](#)

Have another look around our campus and facilities with our guided virtual tours