

# Biomed Newsletter

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Welcome to the final issue of the Biomed Newsletter, term starts on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> and I hope you have started to prepare for it.

You should receive an e-mail about online enrolment, between now and the start of term. Please ensure you also complete the campusone induction package to webct – this will be invaluable when you start your programme of study. I look forward to meeting you on the Msc programme.

*Dr Colm Lowery*

I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter, if you didn't receive the previous issues please e-mail [vs@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:vs@ulster.ac.uk) requesting a copy or take a look at the Biomed Resource Area where you should find you have access to the previous newsletters.

## Online Enrolment

### When?

Online enrolment for Biomedical Science will be open from 5<sup>th</sup> Sep until the start of term on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

### How?

An e-mail will be sent to your e-mail account in the first week of September with instructions about online enrolment – please ensure you have space in your account for this e-mail.

### Where?

You can complete online enrolment from any pc or laptop with an internet connection anywhere in the world. However we would suggest that when completing the online enrolment you have all information you have received from the University of Ulster to hand.

### Who?

You complete online enrolment by yourself – however should you require any help support is available.

### Why?

Online enrolment negates the need to send out paper and rely on the postal service. It enables students to check their personal details and enrol on their chosen modules at any time of the day or night – its flexible and convenient.

## What happens after I enrol?

Once you have enrolled with the University of Ulster you will be given access to WebCT – The online learning platform. WebCT is a secure area, you need a WebCTID and password in order to access it. You can then access it at <http://campusone.ulster.ac.uk/login/> Once you have logged in you should have access to the WebCT Induction Package, this package contains lots of information on how to navigate and use the system. You MUST complete this package in order to use WebCT successfully,

From approx. Sep 14<sup>th</sup> you should have access to the Biomed resource area. This area contains general information on your course, the course handbook, course regulations and frequently asked questions. It also contains email and discussion rooms where you can chat to other students on the programme.

You should make the most of your time before term starts getting familiar with WebCT and the Biomed resource area.

Term will start on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> when you will have access to your semester one modules. You will be allocated an eTutor for each module, and they will contact you in the first week of term.

## Why study the MSc Biomedical Sciences – A Student Profile?



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Having done the IBMS Special Fellowship Examination many years ago and noted the advancements occurring in diagnostic molecular haematology, I felt I needed to keep abreast with latest haematological opinions. I also realized that as training officer for the haematology laboratory, this is essential if I am to perform my role adequately.

A distance-learning MSc course at the University of Ulster has given me the opportunity to work and study without attending a university. The course has been challenging and demanding, as work, social and family commitments impact heavily. However, it was not difficult. Adequate on-line library facilities both at the UU and work provide easy access to latest research information. The modules are well designed, comprehensive and interesting.

Having now achieved an MSc, I feel that I have enhanced my knowledge in haematology, broadened my understanding of biomedical science, can confidently undertake a research project and provide better academic mentoring of junior staff pursuing post graduate courses. My career prospects to specialist grade in the future also seem credible.

My most enjoyable aspect of the course was the regular use of the discussion board, which provided a forum for students and tutors to share information and for social discourse. Surprisingly, despite it being a DL course, I have come to meet and know many students in my field of work and have formed some useful contacts.

My advice to prospective students is to commit to giving time to completing assignments. Use the facilities provided by the UU, especially the discussion board to interact with tutors and other students when in doubt about course work and for social contact.

### Internet & Study Skills

You can find online tutorials to help you with study skills and internet by going to [www.ulster.ac.uk/library/training](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/library/training)

This section of the University of Ulster's website contains online tutorials, we would recommend you have a look at the Library Skills Tutorial and the Finding Information on the internet. These tutorials should help you prepare for your online course.

### Preparing for the Start of Term

Ensure that your pc is set up correctly for your course by going to <http://campusone.ulster.ac.uk/potential/> and carrying out a browser tune up and testing your workstation.

It will save you time in the long run!

Please remember to keep the Virtual School informed of any changes to your address, telephone or e-mail. You can contact the virtual school by e-mailing [vs@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:vs@ulster.ac.uk) or calling on 028 7032 4181.