Good News

**Professor James Chong selected as an Oracle for Research Fellows**

Prof James Chong has recently been selected (as one of three globally) Oracle for Research Fellows for their Spring 2023 cohort. This industrially-funded fellowship includes a cash award of $100,000 (£81,000) and £132,200 of Oracle Cloud compute credits for a project entitled Using shotgun metagenomics data to develop a synthetic anaerobic digestion (AD) community. Although James officially holds the award, the successful application was a team effort driven by Dr Sarah Forrester and Annabel Cansdale, both part of the Centre of Excellence for Anaerobic Digestion (CEAD), who were heavily involved in preparing the application, and who will make use of the Cloud compute award throughout this project.

**Jack Stenning has grant award success**

Second-year WR student, Jack Stenning has been awarded two grants, an ECR grant from the organisers of the conference IABCR 2023 and a general travel grant from the Biochemical Society. Both total £1,500 and they are being used to fund Jack’s travel to the IABCR in Mexico.

Awards

**Welcome to the Department of Biology Wiki Site**

Welcome to our staff Wiki site, everything you need to know about the department in one place. The site is updated regularly with news and events, tips and tricks for working efficiently from home/back on campus as well as information about committees, groups and individual labs.

If you have any items you would like to add to the weekly Bulletin or Wiki site, please email the DMT Hub

Click here to view past editions of the staff bulletin: [Google folder for past copies of the bulletin](#)

**Finding your way around the Wiki**

Please see below for a list of the pages that can be found on the Wiki site:
The Department was awarded an Athena SWAN silver award in 2006. In 2014, it was awarded Gold, the first Biology Department in the UK to reach this level. In 2019, the Department was granted an Athena SWAN Gold award for a further four years, which is a huge achievement and demonstrates the Department's commitment to the UK Athena Swan Principles.

The Athena SWAN Charter was established in 2005 to encourage and recognise commitment to advancing the careers of women in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) employment in higher education and research.

In May 2015 the charter was expanded to recognise work undertaken in arts, humanities, social sciences, business and law, and in professional and support roles, as well as for trans staff and students. The charter now recognises work undertaken to address gender equality more broadly, and not just barriers to progression that affect women.

The award recognises our strong commitment to the advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all. We strive to ensure that there are no barriers to our staff and students reaching their goals, and we are committed to promoting, celebrating and raising awareness of equality and diversity issues in the widest sense across the department and beyond.

For the latest up-to-date news and upcoming events, please see Biology's gender equality web page.

We have been collecting career trees for some of our staff to demonstrate that careers are often not linear these can be found here Staff Career Trees
## Green Impact Awards 2021/22

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