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biomedical science.

The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) supports over 20,000 members through qualifications, professional development and a community of practice that spans all career stages. When you join, you gain access to national qualifications, CPD resources, expert guidance, professional recognition and public engagement tools. Whether you're starting out or leading the profession, IBMS membership gives you the support and status you need to succeed.



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eStudent membership



Start your career in biomedical science

If you're studying biomedical science at undergraduate or postgraduate level, IBMS eStudent membership helps you build your knowledge, grow your network and show your commitment to the profession.

Stay informed

- ◆ Access digital editions of The Biomedical Scientist magazine and British Journal of Biomedical Science.
- ◆ Receive regular email updates from across the profession.

Get support

- ◆ Use IBMS resources to help with placements, HCPC registration and early career planning.
- ◆ Attend free student events and join our national mentoring programme.
- ◆ Connect with peers through your IBMS branch or regional group.

Save and benefit

- ◆ Access discounts on books, travel, shopping and more.
- ◆ Receive 25% off selected Oxford University Press titles for IBMS Accredited courses.
- ◆ Apply for student awards and grants to support public engagement.

Associate membership



Take your first professional step

Associate membership is for those working in biomedical science who are developing their skills and qualifications. It's ideal for Medical Laboratory Assistants, trainees, and those working towards registration.

Build your knowledge

- ◆ Access IBMS publications, Congress recordings and online education workshops.
- ◆ Track your continuing professional development (CPD) using our digital system.

Develop your career

- ◆ Work towards IBMS Certificates of Achievement.
- ◆ Join branch events, webinars and the Biomedical Scientist Live digital event.
- ◆ Connect through IBMS membership groups and regional networks.

Protect your work

- ◆ Demonstrate your professional standards through the IBMS Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Access discounted indemnity insurance and free 24/7 legal support.

Who can apply?

You must be working in biomedical science and hold either:

- ◆ A Level 2 qualification (e.g. GCSE or City & Guilds)
- ◆ An ordinary degree (non-Honours)
- ◆ A UK ENIC-recognised overseas qualification at undergraduate level
- ◆ Or be enrolled on the IBMS Certificate of Achievement

Licentiate membership



Get recognised as a biomedical scientist

Licentiate membership is for those who are HCPC-registered or working towards registration in an IBMS-approved training laboratory. It recognises your professional standing within biomedical science.

Advance your career

- ◆ Access IBMS qualifications including the Certificate of Competence and specialist diplomas.
- ◆ Begin your pathway to full Member status.

Stay connected

- ◆ Join local branch events, membership groups and mentoring schemes.
- ◆ Attend webinars and receive discounts for IBMS Congress.

Demonstrate your professionalism

- ◆ Use the post-nominals LIBMS.
- ◆ Maintain CPD through our online recording system.
- ◆ Receive up-to-date guidance, support and legal helpline access.

Who can apply?

You must be working in biomedical science and either:

- ◆ Hold a UK Honours degree (BSc Hons) in a biomedical science-related subject
- ◆ Hold an overseas qualification confirmed by UK ENIC as equivalent
- ◆ Be HCPC registered with at least one year of experience at Honours degree level

If you don't have an Honours degree but are HCPC registered with at least one year's experience, you can still apply with a supporting statement from your lab manager. If they're not an IBMS member, this must be sent from a professional email or on headed paper.

Member (MIBMS)



Take the next step in your profession

IBMS Member status is for experienced biomedical scientists ready to deepen their expertise, lead within their teams and contribute to the profession.

Build your expertise

- ◆ Progress with IBMS higher and expert qualifications.
- ◆ Access online training, professional workshops and CPD tracking tools.

Gain recognition

- ◆ Use the MIBMS post-nominals to reflect your professional standing.
- ◆ Register as a Chartered Scientist (CSci) via the Science Council.

Shape the profession

- ◆ Join advisory panels, become an examiner, or stand for IBMS Council.
- ◆ Contribute to guidance, education and policy development.

Who can apply?

You'll need:

- ◆ An IBMS Specialist Diploma or Diploma of Specialist Practice
- ◆ Or a comparable professional qualification (e.g. STP, BBTS Specialist Certificate)
- ◆ Or a biomedical science-related M-level qualification with two years' experience
- ◆ Or an IBMS Certificate of Expert Practice

“Being a member of the IBMS allows me to access more opportunities. I’m doing a Master’s in medical microbiology and use the CPD portfolio to keep track of all the seminars and lectures I go to. It’s all nice and organised and available if I ever get called by the HCPC.”

— Alex Ellwood, Specialist Biomedical Scientist

Fellow (FIBMS)



Lead, shape and represent the profession

Fellowship is the highest level of IBMS membership. It recognises advanced qualifications, leadership and sustained professional impact in biomedical science.

Advance your influence

- ◆ Access IBMS Advanced Specialist Diplomas and tailored professional support.
- ◆ Contribute to the development of standards, training and policy.

Demonstrate status

- ◆ Use the FIBMS post-nominals and be eligible for Chartered Scientist status at a reduced rate.

Support others

- ◆ Join the IBMS mentoring programme or serve as a Verifier or Examiner.
- ◆ Help guide future practice through advisory roles and panel membership.

Who can apply?

You'll need:

- ◆ An IBMS Higher Specialist Diploma or Diploma of Higher Specialist Practice
- ◆ Or a recognised Expert Practice + Advanced Specialist Diploma combination
- ◆ Or a PhD/Professional Doctorate or equivalent, plus five years' experience
- ◆ Or an equivalent professional qualification such as HSST

An experiential route is also available for those with equivalent expertise and leadership experience.

Other ways to be part of the IBMS community



Company Membership

Connect with biomedical professionals, exhibit at Congress, access exclusive rates and promote your work across IBMS platforms.

Retired Membership

Stay active in the profession after retirement. Reduced fees apply and you'll retain access to events, publications and mentoring.

Overseas Membership

Join the IBMS from anywhere in the world. We'll assess your qualifications and assign the right membership grade. Additional options available for print magazine delivery.



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"As a member of the IBMS, you're part of a community. Members have a shared common goal and an understanding of what is important. It provides a network to share your experiences and collaborate with others."

— Mary McIlroy, Senior Dissector and Trainee Consultant Healthcare Scientist

What our members say

"I became an IBMS member because of all the different resources it offers. This includes continuing professional development, educational materials and courses to advance your career. There are also networking opportunities and events, such as Congress. I think it's essential that all biomedical scientists become IBMS members and I would recommend joining to everyone."

— Deborah Craddock,
Senior Biomedical Scientist

"Being a member of the IBMS, and getting involved with meetings and building connections, has given me a voice in the profession. It has built my portfolio and CV and made me a credible candidate when I've moved up in my career."

— Chris Elliott, Assistant Director
Pathology

