

The 2022 British Liquid Crystal Society Annual Training Workshop

We are pleased to announce that the next edition of the [British Liquid Crystal Society](#) (BLCS) Annual Training Workshops will be held at the University of Birmingham from **15th to 17th June 2022**. The workshop, being funded by the UK's Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), is intended to provide education and training for the next generation of researchers in the highly interdisciplinary area of liquid-crystal research, highlighting its recent advances in the wider context of soft and biological matter.

The BLCS Winter Workshops were held annually at the University of Hull since 1994 before it moved to Birmingham in 2020. The 2021 edition was held online, forced by the pandemic. The 2022 event will be held as a physical event in the summer. The three-day event will start at noon on the 15th June and finish in the late afternoon of the 17th, and will include lectures, practical training sessions and a mini-symposium "Liquid-Crystal Research in the 2020s"; the mini-symposium will discuss emerging questions and open problems in liquid-crystals research and at its interfaces. The workshop is intended for early-stage researchers (primarily PhD students, but also post-doctoral research associates and researchers in industry, who are relatively new to the field of liquid-crystal research, irrespective of their academic disciplines) and can offer limited number of places.

Confirmed speakers include:

1. [Dr Dwaipayan Chakrabarti](#)
2. [Prof. Cliff Jones](#)
3. [Dr Mamatha Nagaraj](#)
4. [Prof. Apala Majumdar](#)
5. [Prof. Georg Mehl](#)
6. [Prof. Nigel Mottram](#)
7. [Prof. Jon Preece](#)
8. [Prof. Mark R. Wilson](#)
9. [Prof. Julia Yeomans](#)

Expressions of interest in the prescribed format (see the next page) are currently invited for attending the 2022 BLCS Annual Training Workshop in June. Please email your expression of interest to blcs-atw@contacts.bham.ac.uk by **28 February 28 2022**. Accepted participants will be notified for them to confirm their participation by **10 March 2022**.

There are no registration fees for accepted participants, who would be provided with two nights of accommodation (Bed & Breakfast) to attend the workshop in Birmingham, the situation permitting. EPSRC funded researchers will be given priority.

Dwaipayan Chakrabarti and Jon Preece

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To be emailed to blcs-atw@contacts.bham.ac.uk by **28 February, 2022**

Please follow the format below.

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2. Forename:
3. Affiliation:
4. E-mail address:
Confirm e-mail address:
5. Career stage:
PhD Student / Post-Doctoral Research Associate / Researcher in Industry / Other
If 'other', please specify:
6. Research supervisor(s):
7. Current area of research:
8. Reason to attend the BLCS Annual Training Workshop:
9. Please specify if currently funded by an EPSRC grant:
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