Dear UBMA members,

For many of us the new academic year is approaching (or already started?!); I hope you had a good summer and are excited for the new intake of students?!

In today's newsletter:

- Highlighting the Times Higher Education Technician of the Year Award 2025
- Reminder to complete the questionnaire to help shape our communications strategy
- Reminder to spread the word to you colleagues about the UBMA and encourage them to join our community
- Last chance to book for the IST conference, UBMA will have a stand so we hope to see you there!
- Follow UBMA on LinkedIn, share our posts, add content and tag us - useful content will be posted there in-between newsletters
- RSB Biology Week 11-19th October—are you doing something you want us to highlight?

James Fox (Communications Officer)

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University Biosciences Managers' Association

10th September 2025

Celebrating technicians!

The eight technicians shortlisted for the 2025 Times Higher Education 'Outstanding Technician of the Year' were announced this week. This category recognises individuals whose exceptional practical skills, commitment and vision have enabled the highest quality teaching, research or knowledge transfer and showcases the talents of technical staff across the UK. The winner will be announced in Edinburgh on 14th November.

The shortlisted technical professionals are:

Jiteen Ahmed, Aston University
Alex Laude, Newcastle University
Helena Brown, University of Leeds
Joe Rees-Jones, University of York
John Nicolson, University of Cambridge
Kate Robinson, Harper Adams University
Linda Lightley, Northumbria University
Phil Chaplain, Robert Gordon University

Congratulations on your nomination!

UBMA communications survey

A reminder that we are still looking for your feedback on UBMA communications and for you to tell us what you want to hear about, how you want to hear from us and how frequently that should be?

To facilitate this, we kindly ask you to complete this survey, we don't expect it to take long and any feedback you can give us will be really useful. The link should take you to a google form (which may also be new software to you?!)

We plan to summarise and present feedback in the October newsletter

Biology Week 2025

Biology week 2025 takes place October 11-19th 2025, there is a series of events organised by the Royal Society of Biology. Explore the amazing selection of events and activities that will be taking place during that week!

The UBMA is a member organization of the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) and they have invited us and other MOs to let them know of any activities, events, or resources you are undertaking which they will advertise on their online calendar.

2025 IST conference 18th September 2025, University of Birmingham

UBMA has Corporate Affiliation to the IST, which is the professional body for specialist, technical and managerial staff. This years conference theme is: Innovating and Evolving in a Changing Landscape. UBMA officers will be in attendance and there will be a UBMA stand so it would be wonderful to catchup with other UBMA members at the event. Further, Allison Hunter will be delivering a workshop on Innovative Sustainability!

Bookings are open for the Institute of Science & Technology (IST) conference at the University of Birmingham on Thursday 18th September 2025!

There are some excellent keynote speakers to hear from, a huge variety of workshops to attend and the opportunity to network with other technical professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds.

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Join us!

You already know what a wonderful community the UBMA is, but do your colleagues?! Please spread the word about the UBMA and encourage other bioscience managers to join us!

Details on how to join are here or contact our membership secretary

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