Dear UBMA members,

Please find below the February UBMA newsletter

In today's newsletter:

- Reminder to save the date for the 2026 annual UBMA conference: 8th-10th April 2026, University of Lancashire
- The UBMA annual general meeting is scheduled for 27th March 10am-11.30am.
- Highlighting 14 courses for Technical Professionals and other training opportunities
- Reminder to spread the word to you colleagues about the UBMA and encourage them to join our community
- Request for images, news stories or highlights for our website
- Follow UBMA on LinkedIn, share our posts, add content and tag us - useful content will be posted there in-between newsletters

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Save the date!

The 43rd annual UBMA conference will be hosted by Terri Blohm and Tony Dickson at the University of Lancashire between 8-10th April 2026.

Terri and Tony have developed an exciting programme of events, more details will follow very soon, a booking site is the only thing to be finalised. We will contact all members directly with details as soon as the booking site is live and host all details on the meetings section of the UBMA website

University of Lancashire

Details of the 2026 UBMA annual general meeting

This year, the UBMA committee would again like to host the AGM online, in advance of the conference, to maximise the number of members who might be able to attend.

Please mark your diaries for Friday, 27th March, 10am-11.30am. The meeting link and agenda will be circulated nearer the time. You should have received a copy of the minutes of the 2025 meeting via email.

Committee elections will be held (again, online) in the run-up to the AGM, so that results can be announced as part of it. UBMA secretary, Geoff Blunt, will send a request for nominations out shortly, along with key dates, the nomination form, and a description of the duties of the roles – please start to have a think, and feel free to approach him (secretary@ubma.org.uk) or other committee members for further information.

Career Development / Training Opportunities

- The UK Institute for Technical Skills & Strategy (UKITSS) recently wrote about how the technical skills landscape is changing and highlight 14 specialist courses designed to support career development across higher education and research

Other opportunities advertised by the Technical Specialist Network (TSN)

Project Management

Project Management Fundamentals: A Toolkit for Technicians | One Day | Thurs 26 February
Learn practical project management tools to enhance your workload planning, whatever discipline you work in. Learn more and book online: [ttss.ceq.uk]

Mastering Technical Project Delivery: Advanced Tools for Technicians | One Day | Tues 30 June
Understand advanced project management principles, gain practical project management tools and techniques and enhance your people and influencing skills. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk]

Project Management for Technicians | Cohort | Delivered March - April

Learn practical project management tools and techniques to enhance your workload planning. Delivered over 3 bootcamps with a 50-day project. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk]

Leadership and Management

Foundations for First Time Technical Leaders | Mon 23 Feb & Tues 24 March
Discover practical tools, benefit from interactive exercises and peer learning, delivered over two separate sessions. Learn more and book online: [ttss.ceq.uk]

Leading Through Adversity and Change | Tues 10 March & Thurs 16 April
Lead your team with clarity and confidence through times of change. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk]

Technical Leadership: Leading Self and Others | March - June (various)
Develop the confidence, clarity and skills to lead yourself and others effectively. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk], [ttss.ceq.uk]

Executive Programme in Strategic Technical Leadership | June - November

Develop key strategic skills to influence key stakeholders and build positive cultures within institutional structures. Learn more and register your interest [nottingham.ac.uk], [nottingham.ac.uk]

Teaching and Training

Designing Effective Technical Teaching and Training | Wed 18 Feb or Wed 18 March
Learn how to create clear and coherent learning opportunities for your students and trainees by building 'constructive alignment' into your practice. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk], [ttss.ceq.uk]

Assessing and Giving Feedback for Technical Learning | Wed 4 March or Wed 25 March
Learn how to practice and embed techniques for assessing and giving feedback to others to enhance your teaching or training skills. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk]

Career Coaching

One-to-One Coaching Sessions
Explore ideas, unlock possibilities and create positive change through one-to-one coaching. Learn more and book online [ttss.ceq.uk]

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Request for images / news stories / member highlights

The UBMA website was recently redesigned and the new UBMA branding developed. During that time stock images were added to the website but we would like to replace these with images from members. If you have any images you would like to see, please do send them over.

Similarly, if you have any news stories or things you would like highlighted to the community, please also send details to James.

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

LinkedIn

For those of you on **LinkedIn**, please connect, follow and share UBMA posts as they come up.

Search either for University Bioscience Managers Association, or UBMA and you should find us. Alternatively, click on the logo here.

From your UBMA Executive Committee

You are receiving this email because you are a member of the University Bioscience Managers Association. If you no longer wish to receive emails please contact the membership secretary by emailing membership.secretary@ubma.org.uk