



MAURICE WILKINS CENTRE
FOR MOLECULAR BIODISCOVERY

MAURICE WILKINS CENTRE COMMERCIALISATION WORKSHOP

Date

Friday 22nd February 2019

Aim

To introduce early career researchers with science commercialisation pathway in biotechnology.

Overview

The MWC Commercialisation Workshop will introduce early career researchers within MWC to commercial pathways from an academic setting, with the emphasis on life sciences and biomedical research innovations. Young researchers will learn more about patent protection, available funds for early-stage discoveries, and will have the opportunity to network and build relationships with like-minded people.

A limited number of spaces is available for MWC affiliate investigators. Networking event in the evening will be open to all interested MWC investigators.

Location

Victoria University of Wellington, Room 220, Murphy Building, Kelburn Campus

Format

One-day workshop with a panel discussion followed by a networking event.

PROGRAMME

Start	End	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
9.30	10.00	Registration		
10.00	10.10	Opening address	Rod Dunbar	MWC, University of Auckland
10.10	10.30	IP in general: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it? • How can ECRs benefit from IP protection? • Academic publications vs patents. 	Nicola Johnstone	Uniservices, University of Auckland
10.30	10.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are Return on Science and Momentum? • Opportunities and funds for ECRs. 	Graham Scown	Return On Science, Momentum
10.50	11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is KiwiNet? • Opportunities for ECRs (funds, internships) 	James Hutchinson	KiwiNet
11.20	11.40	IP in NZ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological samples & ownership. • Indigenous knowledge. 	Tim Stirrup	UniServices, University of Auckland
11:40	12:00	Additional Q&A on IP, Return on Science, KiwiNet		
12.00	13.00	Lunch break and networking		
13.00	14.00	Panel discussion		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising an idea worth patenting. • The process of protecting the idea or discovery. • Mistakes in an early stage of research that is heading towards commercialisation. • Investment attractions into the project to enable commercialisation. • What are different forms of commercialisation currently possible in NZ biotech? • Possible outcomes. 	Evelyn Body	UniServices, University of Auckland
			Emily Parker	Ferrier Research Institute, Victoria University of Wellington
			Kevin Sheehy	Upper Hutt Health Care
			Jon Ashen	Blue Penguin IP
			Jeanette Wood	Independent Science Consultant and Board Director
			Mark Cleaver	Massey Ventures Ltd
14.00	14.15	Afternoon Tea		
14.15	15.15	Workshop on commercialisation plans.		

15.15	16.15	Teams present their plans to the panel (10 min each)	
16.15	17.15	Real life examples from academics who have founded companies	
		Jeff Smaill – Convert Pharmaceuticals & Rain Therapeutics	
		Margaret Brimble and Rod Dunbar – SapVax	
		Vaughan Feisst – Upside Biotechnologies	
		Parry Guilford – Pacific Edge Ltd	
		Gavin Painter - Avalia	
		Bill Denny - KEA Therapeutics	
17.15	17.30	Closing word	Rod Dunbar
17.30	19.00	Networking drinks/dinner	Venue TBC

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