

BIOCHEMISTRY BOOT CAMP
Mitchell Memorial Library Auditorium
June 5-7, 2023

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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Monday, June 5

Morning Session

- 8:00 am "No-Frills" Breakfast
Bagels, doughnuts, coffee, and juice
- 9:00 am Introductory Remarks Nick Fitzkee
- 9:05 am **Session 1:** Protein Structure Matt Thompson
Primary, secondary, tertiary structure; origins of function
- 10:20 am Break
- 10:30 am **Session 2:** Protein Properties and Online-Databases Nick Fitzkee
Computer tools for understanding proteins; ExpASY, Entrez
- 11:50 am Group Photo
- 12:00 pm Break for Lunch (on your own)

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 pm **Session 3:** DNA Structure and Properties Chris Johnson
Basic properties, PCR, predicting melting temperatures
- 1:50 pm Break
- 2:00 pm **Session 4:** DNA Properties and Online Databases Chris Johnson
Predicting melting temperature, PCR, and cloning
- 2:50 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **Session 5:** Introduction to UNIX Nick Fitzkee
Filesystem, running programs, X-windows, working with files
- 4:50 pm Discussion and Day 1 Wrap-Up Participants
- 5:00 pm Break for Dinner (on your own)

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Tuesday, June 6

Morning Session

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| 9:00 am | Session 6: Publication-Quality Graphics
Excel Tricks, Learning the GIMP and InkScape | Nick Fitzkee |
| 9:50 am | Break | |
| 10:00 am | Session 7: Graphics in PowerPoint: Layout and Illustration (New!)
Arranging Graphs, Illustrations and Diagrams, Animations | Tim Dowell |
| 11:50 am | Break for Lunch (on your own) | |

Afternoon Session

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| 1:30 pm | Session 8: Model Fitting and GnuPlot
Model basics, uncertainties and errors, chi-squared | Nick Fitzkee |
| 2:50 pm | Break | |
| 3:00 pm | Session 9: The PDB and Molecular Visualization
Using PyMOL for analysis and figures | Nick Fitzkee |
| 4:15 pm | Break | |
| 4:30 pm | Session 10: Keeping a Lab Notebook | Dhanush Amarasekara |
| 5:20 pm | Discussion and Day 2 Wrap-Up | Participants |
| | Take Home Lab: GNUPlot for Chemists | |
| | Take Home Lab: Practice Using PyMOL | |
| 5:30 pm | Break for Dinner (on your own) | |

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Wednesday, June 7

Morning Session

- 9:00 am **Session 11:** Basic Bioinformatics
Homology, sequence alignment, and BLAST Nick Fitzkee
- 10:20 am Break
- 10:30 am **Session 12:** Getting Started with Python
A very basic introduction to programming and workflow Nick Fitzkee
- 11:50 am Break for Lunch (on your own)

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 pm **Session 13:** Literature Databases and Reference Management
Constructing a library, Getting a perfect bibliography Nick Fitzkee
- 2:20 pm Survey and Day 3 Wrap-Up Participants