

## The 2022 British Liquid Crystal Society Annual Training Workshop

There are a few places still available to attend the [next edition](#) of the [British Liquid Crystal Society](#) (BLCS) Annual Training Workshops to be held at the University of Birmingham from **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> June and finish in the late afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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](#)

Please email your expression of interest in the prescribed form (see next page) to [blcs-atw@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:blcs-atw@contacts.bham.ac.uk) by **3 May 2022**.

There are no registration fees for accepted participants. EPSRC funded researchers will be given priority.

Dwaipayan Chakrabarti and Jon Preece

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