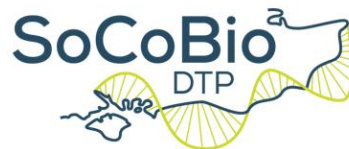




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Joining instructions

2024 Annual Conference

Hosted by the University of Kent

Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024



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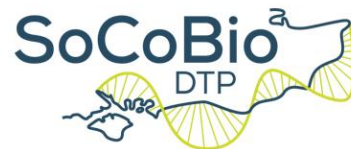


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## Welcome

We would like to welcome students, staff, and guests to the 2024 SoCoBio annual conference hosted by the University of Kent. This is an opportunity for all cohorts to share and discuss their projects and see the amazing research that has been undertaken by members of the SoCoBio DTP. We are joined by an exciting range of guest speakers and industry partners and will also be providing training and wellbeing workshops.

In this document, you will find all relevant information on how to find us the University of Kent and get an overview of what the conference will entail.

## Travel information

The conference is held at the University of Kent (Canterbury Campus). The address is:

University of Kent  
Canterbury  
Kent  
England  
CT2 7ND

For travel instructions:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury/directions>

## Accommodation

Students and guests who have pre-registered for accommodation will stay on the University of Kent campus, in Keynes College. These are en-suite single rooms and are available for guests travelling from other institutions. Check-in is from 14:00 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and check-out is by 10:00 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Luggage can be left in room SR1 of Sibson building (conference venue) before/after check in/out.

Please visit Keynes College Reception to collect your room keys. Receptions will be open from 08:00 to 20:00 daily. If you need to check-in outside of these times, please call campus security from the phone at reception. Bedrooms are serviced daily and provided with towels, linen, and complimentary toiletries. Tea and coffee making facilities are also provided. Breakfast is provided in Dolche Vita, Keynes College between 07:45 and 09:30 and you will be required to show your room key to prove residency. Delegates are asked to familiarise themselves with the University's evacuation procedures, which are displayed on the back of the door in each bedroom.

## Parking

Attendees are encouraged to take public transport, but parking permits will be available for parking on campus for those who have registered for them. These will permit attendees to park in any car parks excluding the barriered carpark on Giles Lane. We suggest using either Keynes or Chipperfield carparks.



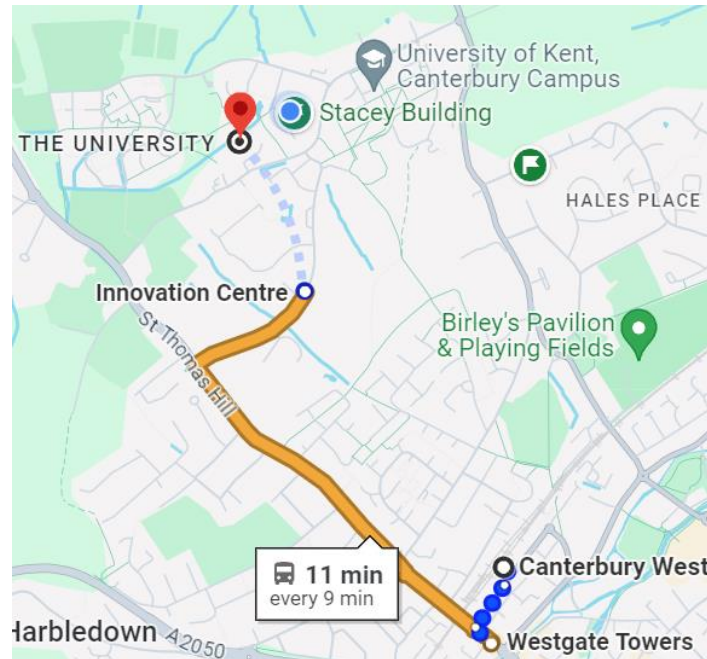
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## Getting to accommodation/campus

Canterbury West train station is a half hour walk from campus. Alternatively, the Uni1 bus can be taken from the nearby Westgate towers bus stop to campus. The map below shows directions from Canterbury West to the University of Kent.



## Getting to venue on campus and relevant sites on campus

The conference will be held in the Sibson building. Talks will be in lecture 1, and poster sessions, breaks and the networking event will take place in the foyer. If you wish to familiarise yourself with the venue prior to the event, please go to <https://www.kent.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/venues/sibson>.

## Travel expenses

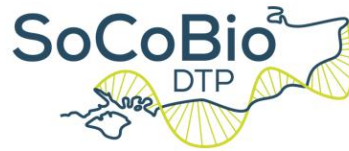
Students can claim expenses for return travel from their host partner institutions to the University of Kent in line with the DTP Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Policy.

Please note that DTP policy has been updated. This can be viewed at:

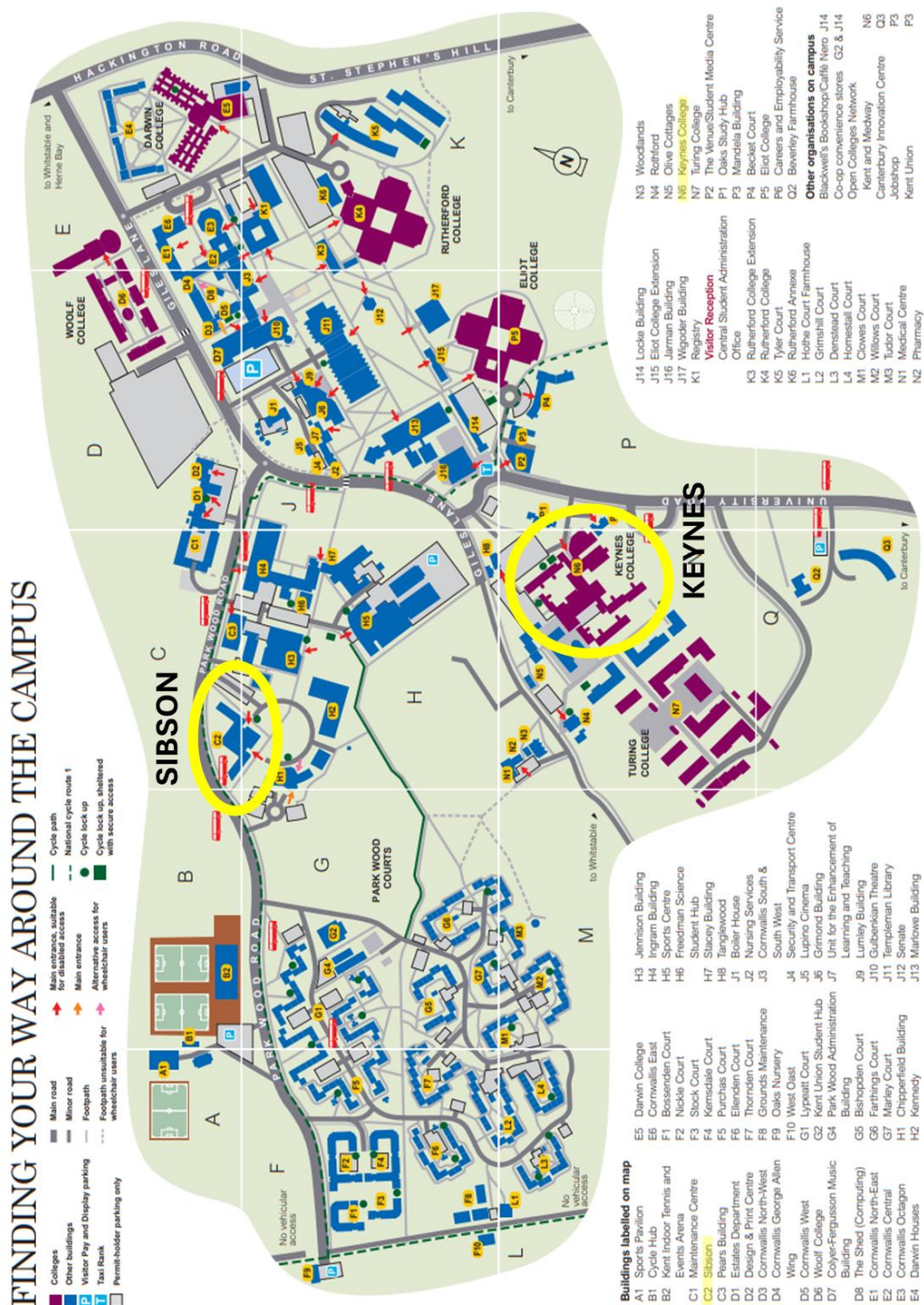
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Here is a link to a map of the campus: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/canterbury-campus>

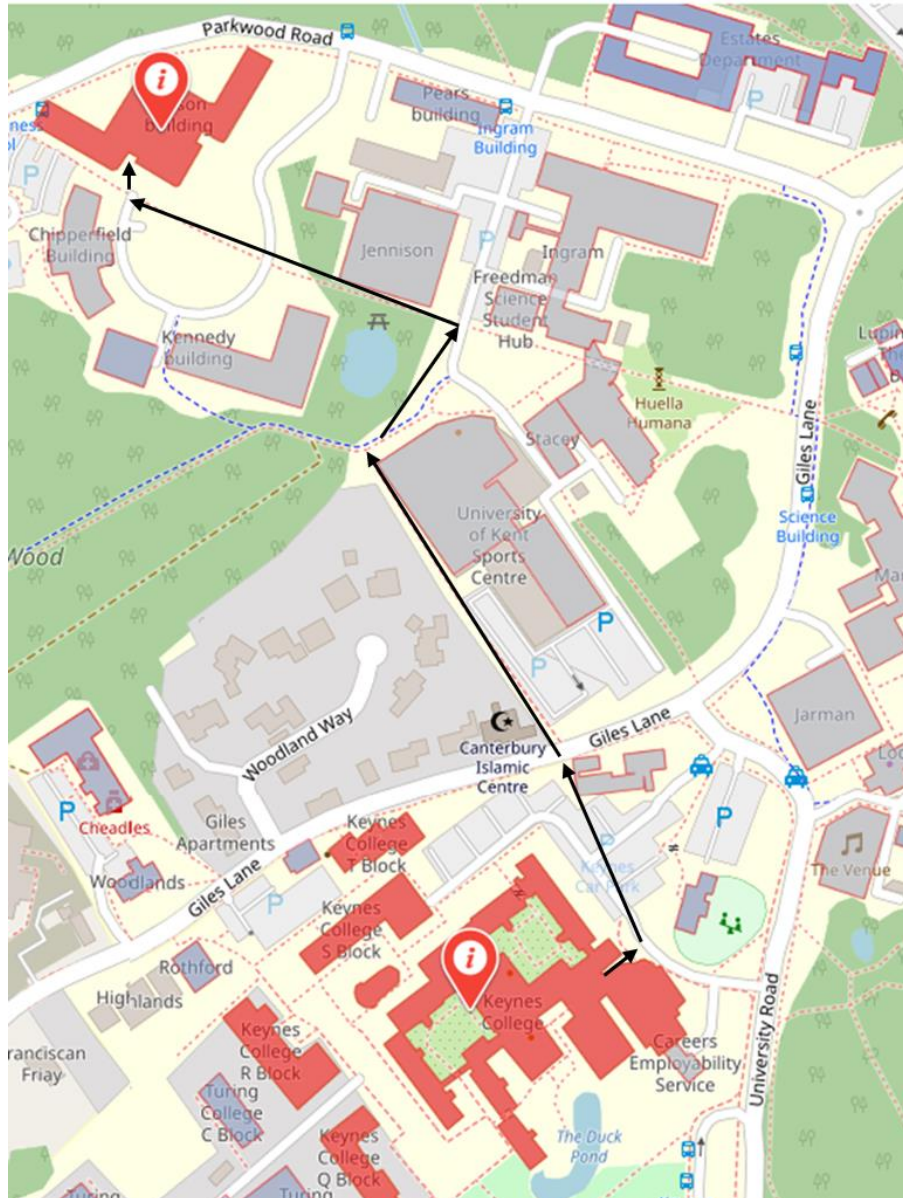


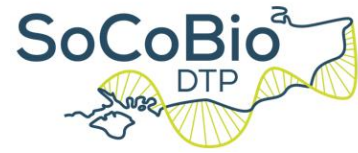
Highlighted above are the conference venue (Sibson) and the accommodation in Keynes, which is also where some meals will be served.





Map between accommodation in Keynes College and Sibson conference venue:





### Food and drink info

Breakfast will be available on the mornings of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for attendees staying on campus this will take place in Dolce Vita. Lunch will be provided on both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for all attendees and will take place at the conference venue in the Sibson building. Dinner will be provided on the 16<sup>th</sup> on campus and 17<sup>th</sup> in Canterbury (Cathedral lodge). Coffee and refreshments will also be provided between sessions.

Please inform us of any dietary requirements upon registration (prior to the event).

### Conference meals- timings and locations with directions

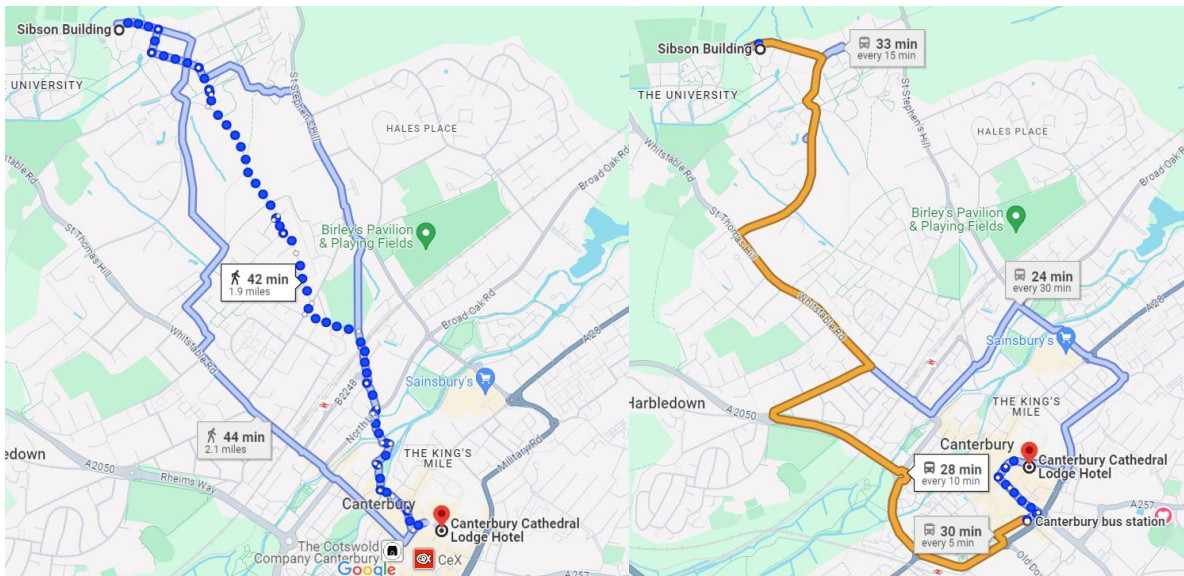
Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at 7pm on the University Campus in Keynes College.

The conference dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Cathedral lodge at 7pm. This is in the centre of Canterbury, adjacent to the cathedral. We will meet on campus at 6:00pm to walk down to town together, or else attendees can meet us at the following address:

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge Hotel  
Cathedral  
The Precincts  
Canterbury  
CT1 2EH

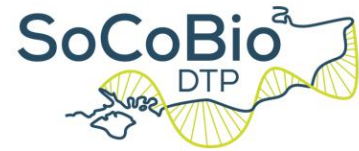
The Uni1 or 2 busses also run every 15 minutes from campus into town.

Map showing directions and walking/bus times from Sibson to the Cathedral Lodge:





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## Wellbeing event

On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> of April between the conference and evening meal, an optional wellbeing event will be run by two of the DTP wellbeing leads: Jamie and Molly.

This involves a trip to the nearby Coastal town of Whitstable (famous for Beer and Oysters) and will be an opportunity to quickly explore the area, get some fresh air and relax. But don't forget to be back in time for our conference dinner at Cathedral Lodge in Canterbury!

For more information about this event, please contact Jamie or Molly.



**Whitstable Beach and Harbour**  
17/04/24 – 16:45-18:30  
University of Kent → Whitstable  
[Triangle Services]

**Plan:**

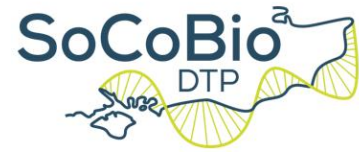
Individuals taking the bus will meet at Keynes College bus stop B at 16:45 and take the bus to Whitstable (~15mins). Those traveling by car can get free parking along the tankerton slopes. We'll have ~1h15m to explore the pebble beach and Whitstable town centre – so come along for a stroll, a paddle or even a swim (if you are brave enough). Then at ~18:15 we will take the return bus into Canterbury city centre for the conference dinner.

Contact: Jamie Thomas – 07435129395 – [jlt1n21@soton.ac.uk](mailto:jlt1n21@soton.ac.uk)  
Contact: Molly Rutt – 07713505135 – [mr1u21@soton.ac.uk](mailto:mr1u21@soton.ac.uk)  
Or Contact through the Microsoft Teams Site





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## Accessibility

The conference venue (Sibson) is wheelchair accessible and hearing assisted technology will be used throughout the conference. In sessions, all speakers will be required to use a microphone, and we will have volunteers passing microphones around during the Q&A. The accommodation (Keynes) is not wheelchair accessible.

All talks by invited speakers will be recorded and made available to participants for a month following the conference via the SoCoBio Conference Teams channel.

We encourage discussion relating to information presented on posters either via in person conversations or 'post it' questions on paper. Post it notes will be made available to all participants and can be left on posters with contact details. This will allow a variety of interactions as well as offering poster presenters opportunities for breaks.

Sibson has plenty of comfortable seating and is surrounded by greenspace which attendees can use if they need some quiet space.

If you would like further information about accessibility at Sibson or would like to familiarise yourself with the building, you can do so here:

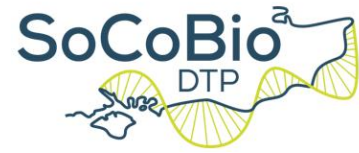
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Please let the DTP know if you have any additional accessibility requirements prior to the event so we can cater for all attendees' needs.







## Emergency procedure

The fire assembly point for the Sibson building is Chipperfield Car Park. Upon sounding of the fire alarm, follow exit signs to the nearest exit and assemble here.



## Prizes

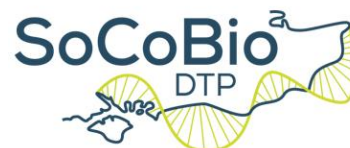
Prizes will be awarded for the best talk/poster from each year (2, 3 and 4) on each of the days. Winners will receive a certificate and £50 Amazon voucher.

There will also be a £50 prize for the networking quiz on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

## Social media and photography

Please follow us on X @socobiodtp and share your experiences of the conference.

Please note that photographs will be taken throughout the event and will be displayed on the DTP's website and social media. **Please inform the DTP if you do not wish for your image to appear on these sites.**



## Schedule at a glance

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April			
Time	Session	Chair/Speaker	Location
14:00-15:30	Thesis Writing workshop (yr4)	Profs Louise Serpell (Sussex)	Sibson LT2
14:30-15:30	Data management module Year 1 (in person)	Dr Rob Ewing	Sibson PC room 1
16:00-17:00	Plenary Talk: 'Nanotechnologies for Cell Manipulation' Chaired by Johanna Fish	Dr Ciro Chiappini (Kings College London)	Sibson LT1
17:00-18:30	Reflexivity for the Biosciences: "Winning@Life" A session to help identify and celebrate your successes.	Dr Jenny Tullet (Kent)	Kennedy SR1
19:00	Dinner & networking catchup with academic leads from your institution		Dolche Vita (Keynes college)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April. Non-Case students.			
9:00-10:00	3-Minute Thesis (Year 2)		Sibson LT1 Chairs: William Edwards & Simon Thundow
10:00-10:40	Poster session (Year 3) and coffee		Sibson Foyer
10:40- 12:30	10-minute talks (Year 4)		Sibson LT1 Chairs: William Edwards & Simon Thundow
12:30- 12:40	Short intro to Personal Development plans		Sibson LT1
12:40- 13:30	Lunch incorporating Personal Development Plan Discussions		Sibson Foyer
13:30- 14:30	<i>I did it my way: An unconventional path to success in academia</i>	Sara Rankin – Imperial College London	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Johanna Fish
14:30- 15:00	Coffee		Sibson Foyer
15:00-16:30	10-minute talks (Year 4)		Sibson LT1 Chaired by Jo Haszczyn and Johanna Fish
16:30- 18:00	Organised (optional) trip to Whitstable	Wellbeing Champions (see poster in joining instructions)	Meet at Keynes Bus Stop B @16:45
19:00	Conference dinner (Canterbury town centre)		Cathedral lodge
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April. Industry day with CASE student talks.			
9:00-10:00	3-Minute Thesis (Year 2)		Sibson LT1 Chaired by Bree Streater & Jack Stubbs
10:00-10:30	10-minute talks (Year 4)		Sibson LT1 Chaired by Bree Streater & Jack Stubbs
10:30- 11:15	Poster session (Year 3 CASE) and coffee		Foyer
11:15-12:00	10-minute talks (Year 4)		Sibson LT1 Chaired by Bree Streater & Jack Stubbs
12:00-12:30	<i>"Dreams, Goals and Impact: Scaling and Commercialising a Seaweed Technology Company."</i>	Michelle Marin Chao – Nutri-San	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Charlotte Bilsby
12:30		Dr Barrie Rooney – Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Charlotte Bilsby
12:35-14:00	Discovery Park Networking Lunch with staff and students		Sibson Foyer
14:00-14:20	<i>'Spun out on Research – a Translators Journey'</i>	Renos Savva– Discovery Park	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov
14:20-14:40	<i>"UKRI and ICURe funding opportunities"</i>	Tobias Von der Haar – University of Kent	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov
14:40-15:10	<i>"There and back again: a tale about research in academia and industry"</i>	Diego Gomez-Nicola– University of Southampton	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov
15:10- 15:30	Industry Q&A panel Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov	Renos Savva, Tobias Von der Haar, Michele Marin Chao, Diego Gomez-Nicola	Sibson LT1 Chaired by Oya Canik and Anastasia Kolesnikov
15:30	Concluding remarks		Sibson LT1
Depart			