Dr Elizabeth Williams

Research Group website: https://sites.exeter.ac.uk/molmarsys/

How day-to-day research training and support is provided: You will initially be trained by project supervisors alongside our local lab and facility technicians with expertise in animal culture and bioimaging. Further day-to-day experimental support to be provided by our postdoc and senior PhD students, who will provide a main point of contact on a daily basis.

Supervision style: Directive support: C / Training structure: 4

How often PhD students see you in a timetabled group meeting: At least once a fortnight

Other research groups that PhD students will have the opportunity to frequently interact with: The student will have the opportunity to join in person talks and discussion groups through the University of Exeter's Biosciences research themes, particularly the 'Dynamic Cellular Systems' and 'Healthy and Sustainable Environments' themes, plus the connected 'Living Systems Institute' of which EW is an Affiliate.

How often you meet with your PhD students 1-1 formally outside of group meetings (i.e. meetings of >30 minutes): At least once a fortnight

Meeting format: Mixture of virtual/in person

Expected working pattern (based on a full-time student): Minimum of core hours, typically Monday to Friday. This is with some flexibility based on e.g. the need to work with live animals/larvae during a specific window of development, which may fall outside of regular hours. The EW lab works on a rota system which allocates ~1h of marine invertebrate culture care on a weekend approx. once a month.

How the second supervisor supports the PhD project: Meeting between both supervisors every month, with student to spend some time during PhD with second supervisors' research group, initially in their second rotation project. Second supervisor will provide support and expertise in functional genetics experiments and largescale transcriptomics analyses working with Nematostella vectensis.

Notice needed for feedback on work (based on a 5000 word report): 1-2 weeks

Communication: Student is welcome to arrange meetings in person and/or online. Contact by email at any time. In the event that supervisor cannot be reached directly, the EW group Teams page has a chat feature that can help to answer questions quickly.