Prof Francis Stephens

Research Group website: https://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/phss/research/nutritionalphysiology/

How day-to-day research training and support is provided: You will initially be trained by FS, BW, and AM alongside our Senior Experimental officer. Further day-to-day experimental support to be provided by our postdoc and senior PhD students and your main point of contact FS on a daily basis

Supervision style: Directive support: B / Training structure: 8

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

Other research groups that PhD students will have the opportunity to frequently interact with: We have a relatively large and vibrant research group currently running over 10 different research projects.PhD students from all research groups in PHSS share a large office space and regularly interact. The Baring Court analytical facilities are shared on a collegiate and collaborative basis by 4 research groups NPG, Jones/Vanhatalo, Bowtell, O'Leary), who regularly share resource and techniques.

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

Meeting format: Mixture of virtual/in person

Expected working pattern (based on a full-time student): At least within core hours (10-4) and other time to be managed around this. Some rota work with other members of the research group. Due to the nature of the research, there may be some weekend and evening working.

How the second supervisor supports the PhD project: Progress meeting between both supervisors every 3 months. AM is generally in the laboratory on a daily basis and is always approachable for help and advice.

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

Communication: Available to e-mail every day. I have odd working hours but there will be a member of the team you can e-mail every day. I may contact you outside of working hours but I do not expect responses outside working hours. Meetings will need to be arranged in advance, but always welcome to drop in if my door is open for a chat.