

Epigenetics of embryogenesis and placentation

16-17 July 2025

St John's College, Cambridge

Loke Centre for Trophoblast Research Annual Meeting

The Loke Centre for Trophoblast Research is hosting an international conference *Epigenetics of embryogenesis and placentation* on 16–17 July 2026 as a hybrid event. This two-day meeting brings together leading clinical and basic scientists to explore topics including the interplay of environment, genetics and epigenetics in DOHaD, mechanisms of cell fate and lineage development, genomic imprinting, X chromosome inactivation, and the role of repetitive elements in trophoblast and early development.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



Ros John
Cardiff University



Marisa Bartolomei
University of Pennsylvania



Rachel Freathy
University of Exeter



Courtney Hanna
University of Cambridge



Claire Rougeulle
Institut Curie



Miguel Branco
Queen Mary University of London



Wei Xie
Tsinghua University



Juliane Glaser
Max Planck Institute



James Turner
Francis Crick Institute



Eamonn Maher
University of Cambridge



Azusa Inoue
Riken IMS



The LokeCentre
for trophoblast research



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to partner with us in supporting this vibrant and impactful event. If you might be interested in any of the sponsorship options or would like to discuss a more tailored sponsorship package, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Clara Munger at execmgr.lokectr@pdn.cam.ac.uk

Sponsorship level	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Logo on the event website, conference programme and holding slides	✓	✓	✓
Exhibition space within the registration, refreshments and poster session area	✓	✓	✗
Advertisement in the conference programme	✓ Full Page	✓ Half Page	✗
Free in-person conference registration	✓ 3	✓ 2	✓ 1
Free online conference registration	✓ 5	✓ 2	✓ 2
Invitations to the drinks reception and dinner	✓ 3	✓ 2	✗
Cost	£2500 +VAT	£1500 +VAT	£800 +VAT

Select from the options listed below and receive additional benefits at the Gold, Silver or Bronze level.

Dinner or poster session sponsor £3500

- Exclusive event sponsorship with logo on-site signage during the event
- Naming opportunity in promotional material
- Gold sponsorship recognition and benefits

Travel award sponsorship £500-£1000 per award (recommended)

- We would be pleased to offer named sponsored travel awards to selected poster presenters.
- Travel awards can be offered at any level in addition to Bronze, Silver, or Gold sponsorship

Flash-talk presentation opportunity £3500

- 5-minute opportunity to present to in-person and virtual audience during a scientific session
- Available to a maximum of 2 sponsors
- Gold sponsorship recognition and benefits

Conference lanyard sponsor £3000

- Exclusive logo on conference lanyards for access badges worn by all attendees
- Gold sponsorship recognition and benefits

VENUE AND LOGISTICS

The two-day meeting will be held at St John's College and online to a virtual audience.

St John's College, founded in 1511, provides a stunning backdrop for our meeting.



*Old divinity school
Main lecture theatre*

Situated in the heart of the historic city of Cambridge, within 18 acres of stunning grounds overlooking the picturesque River Cam, St John's offers a balanced blend of breathtaking history and state-of-the-art conference facilities. Drinks reception will be hosted in the famous backs, while the conference dinner will be held in the magnificent 16th-century Hall.

Our plenary sessions will take place in the beautifully refurbished 19th-century Old Divinity School, which holds a 180-seat lecture theatre. The academic programme will be streamed to the online audience, with support from a specialist AV company ensuring a seamless interaction between in-person and virtual workshop delegates. This hybrid format ensures that the workshop, designed to appeal to a diverse international audience, is not constrained by the size of the auditorium. We expect approximately 150 attendees in person, and 100 online.

Between the academic sessions, we will hold refreshment breaks in the large central hall of the Old Divinity School, which is large enough to allow for easy networking and discussion. This central area provides an exhibition space where sponsors can set up booths to share information about their businesses and activities alongside conference poster presentations.

Conference attendees will attend a drinks reception and three-course dinner in the College on the evening of Thursday, 16th July, a networking opportunity also open to Silver and Gold level sponsors.



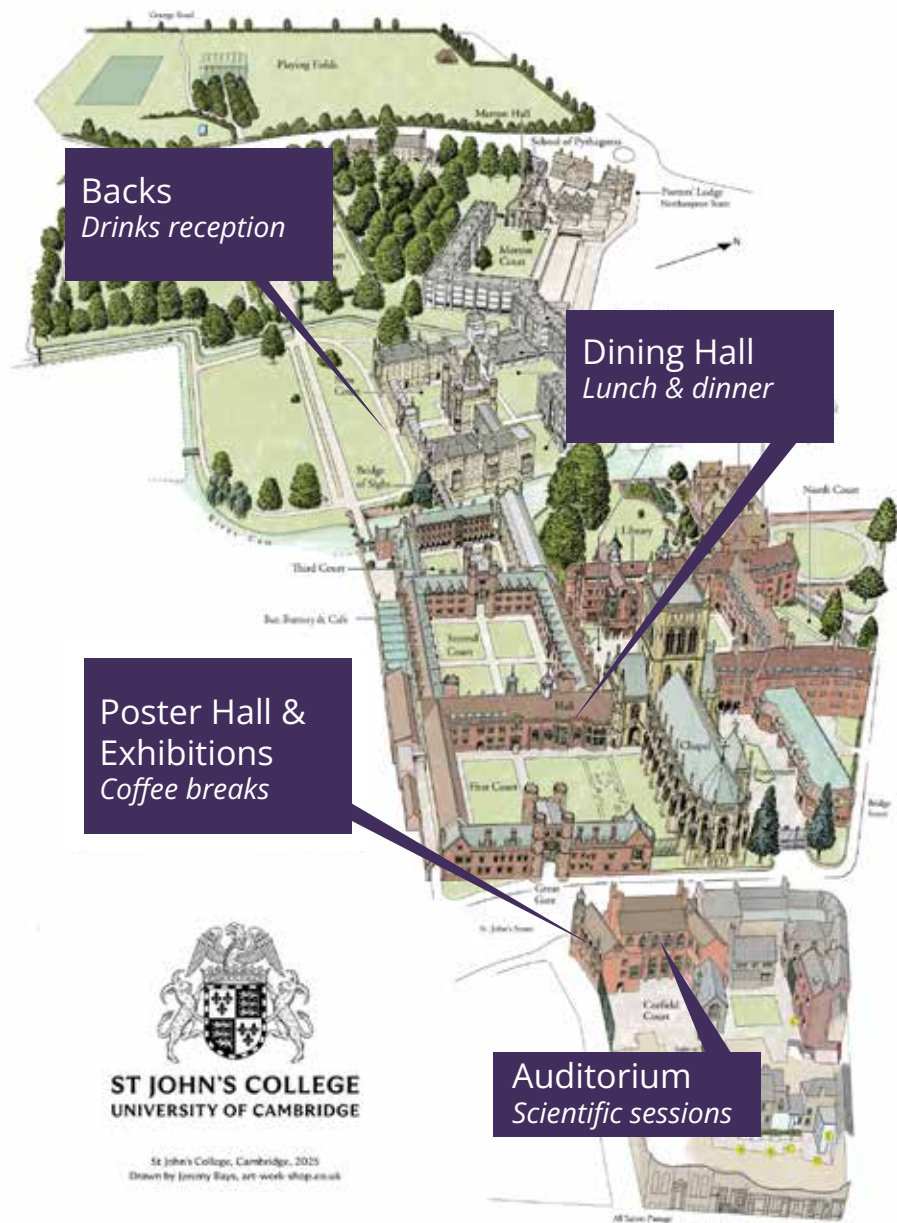
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 16th July 2026

10:00-10:20 Tea/coffee on arrival
 10:20-12:15 Scientific Session 1
 12:15-13:15 Lunch and poster session
 13:15-15:00 Scientific Session 2
 15:00-15:30 Break
 15:30-17:15 Scientific Session 3
 17:15-17:45 Break
 17:45-19:00 Scientific Session 4
 19:00-19:30 Drinks and poster session
 19:30-end Conference dinner

Friday, 17th July 2026

08:45-09:15 Tea/coffee on arrival
 09:15-10:45 Scientific Session 5
 10:45-11:45 Poster session
 11:45-12:30 Panel discussion and closing
 remarks



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

St John's College, Cambridge, 2025
 Drawn by Jeremy Bayle, art-work: shopart.co.uk



The LokeCentre
 for trophoblast research

Loke Centre for Trophoblast Research (CTR)

www.trophoblast.cam.ac.uk

The Loke Centre for Trophoblast Research (CTR) is a multidisciplinary, interdepartmental Centre internationally recognised for excellence in placental biology, early development, and maternal-fetal interactions during pregnancy. Founded in 2007 as the first inter-school initiative at the University of Cambridge, it integrates basic and clinical scientists who provide an internationally unparalleled breadth of expertise. Today, it brings together over 30 Principal Investigators united by a mission to understand normal placental development and the mechanisms leading to common placentally-related complications of fertility and pregnancy.