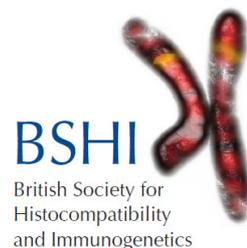


# Training and Development Executive



## THE BSHI DIPLOMA IN HISTOCOMPATIBILITY & IMMUNOGENETICS

The BSHI Diploma in H&I training scheme is a carefully structured, in-service training plan for Healthcare Scientists working in UK and Republic of Ireland Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratories. The aim of the Scheme is to provide a solid practical training in the skills necessary to undertake the work in a clinical H&I laboratory and to underpin this with a sound theoretical knowledge base. The requirements of the Scheme include the successful completion of two essays, a casebook and a project/dissertation. These and other requirements in addition to the many theoretical “Key Tasks” in the syllabus, ensure that the Training Scheme has an appropriate academic and practical balance.

Entry to the BSHI Diploma is restricted to individuals who hold an appropriate degree from a recognised awarding body (usually a second class Honours degree in a Biology discipline) and are employed as a Healthcare Scientist in a laboratory providing H&I services to a transplant programme. Applicants must be BSHI members and have the support of their Head of Laboratory. They must also have a BSHI accredited Training Manager. The role of the laboratory's Training Manager is pivotal to the successful running of the Scheme. Among the Training Manager's responsibilities is the continuous assessment of the Trainee throughout the training period. However, the Trainee's work and progress is also regularly externally assessed by the BSHI Training and Development Executive and their appointed assessors. In this way the Executive aims to maintain a standardised approach to basic training in the discipline.

Registration may be full time or part time. The normal, maximum period for full time registration will be three years. Candidates who exceed the three year limit may be removed from the scheme unless an extension to their training has been previously authorised by the Training and Development Executive. All such extensions will be strictly limited to a maximum of one year. The minimum period of registration is two years full time. Part time registration will normally last five years with a minimum and maximum registration period of four and six years respectively.

The BSHI Training and Development Executive also provide appropriate support to Trainees through their Training Managers. One of the features of the Training Manual/Achievement Record is the Guidelines section, which is designed to aid Training Managers and Trainees in the standard management of the Scheme.

Where the facilities and resources are available Trainee(s) are encouraged to attend an appropriate part-time MSc. course to augment their postgraduate training. It is stressed, however, that this Scheme is self-contained. Its successful completion will equip the Trainee with a thorough grounding in Histocompatibility and related Immunogenetics which, for some individuals, will act as a core requirement for Clinical Scientist Registration and a useful stepping-stone to the Royal College of Pathologists' exam in Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics.

Whilst similar in content the BSHI Diploma is not part of the Modernising Scientific Careers Scientist Training Programme (STP) details of which can be found on the following link: [http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/explore-by-career/healthcare-science/training/nhs-scientist-training-programme-\(stp\)/](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/explore-by-career/healthcare-science/training/nhs-scientist-training-programme-(stp)/)