

The Sainsbury Laboratory Action Plan 2023-2025

Action	Action	Key outcomes
1	Increase the visibility of the technical staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a final definition of the term “technical staff” to ensure better representation for those whose position are unclear.</li> <li>- Ensure the technical staff are included in communications, including a series of portraits about members of the technical cohort</li> <li>- Encourage technicians to create/update their profile on the TSL website</li> </ul>
2	Working together with other signatories of the Technician commitment either locally or nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact the TC leads of local institutions (John Innes Centre, University of East Anglia) to create joint initiatives and share good practice</li> <li>- Create a joint program of event with the other local signatories</li> <li>- Establish an inter-institute exchange programme with other research institutes</li> </ul>
3	Continue to promote professional identity of the technical cohort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to advertise for professional registration and ensure the staff is aware of the advantages.</li> <li>- Ensuring continued support for initial registration along with a potential support for the renewal fees</li> <li>- Career Development Review: ensure that is it adapted to all staff and not only to post-doctoral scientists.</li> </ul>

4	Facilitate access to training for technical staff, including a set amount of time per month dedicated to training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to advertise training available to technical staff either in-house or externally</li> <li>- Populate the intranet with resources, trainings, and conference available for the technical staff</li> <li>- Set an amount of time per month dedicated to training</li> </ul>
5	Acknowledgement of technician contributions to publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishment of an authorship policy which will be accessible online.</li> <li>- Investigate the possibility to be able to look for publication by authors, staff cohort, etc...</li> </ul>
6	Increase recognition of technical staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate the possibility to set up internal awards, possibility to do it in conjunction with JIC</li> <li>- Establish a way to share external awards opportunities with technical staff and facilitate technical staff nomination for these awards</li> </ul>
7	Ensure that the technical staff is represented and has a chance to contribute to changes and decision making within the institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that there is a representant of the technical staff at each committee (SMG, Athena Swan, Sustainability, HP3, etc...)</li> <li>- Technician Committee to meet once a month (bimonthly meeting open to all technical staff) – Minutes to be available on the intranet.</li> <li>- Establishment of a staff suggestion box – monitor and ensure all suggestions get a response.</li> </ul>

8	Ensure the sustainability of the technical expertise at TSL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure representation and contribution of technical staff to outreach events</li><li>- Promote the apprenticeship scheme to welcome more students.</li><li>- Create a database of skills on the intranet that would be available to staff at TSL</li><li>- Ensure the passing of expertise from technical staff to the others by way of workshops/trainings</li><li>- Sustainability committee led by support staff to find ways to reduce carbon footprint and waste in our laboratories</li></ul>
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