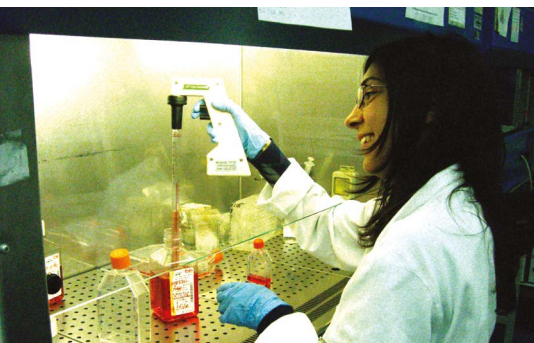


AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTRE PROGRAMME

WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER EXCELLENCE IN DOCTORAL TRAINING



The Open University's Affiliated Research Centre (ARC) Programme supports the provision of doctoral training in the UK, Europe and worldwide. Through collaborations with institutions undertaking high-quality research we have created a network of partner organisations whose interests complement our own teaching and research strengths. This enables students to study towards an Open University research degree qualification in a centre of research excellence. ARCs benefit from our positioning as a global leader in innovative and high-quality programme delivery.

WHAT IS AN AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTRE?

The Open University's ARC programme began in October 2007 growing from the OU sponsoring establishments programme. It enables leading research institutes, who do not have their own degree awarding powers, to provide doctoral training with our support.

OUR COMMUNITY OF ARCS

Our community of ARCs consists of prestigious research institutes that are specialists in their field carrying out research in centres across the globe. We regularly look to make new partnerships with institutes to widen our community. For a full list of current ARCs see our website: www.open.ac.uk/research/degrees/affiliate-centres

WORLD-RENOWNED RESEARCH

Affiliated Research Centres benefit from membership of a community of world-renowned research organisations whose doctoral programmes are supported by The Open University.

They may register students across the full range of areas of OU academic excellence for a UK postgraduate research degree which is respected all over the world:

- Arts and Humanities
- Computing
- Design and Technology
- Education and Education Technology
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Knowledge Media
- Law
- Management and Business
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Sciences

There is a current focus within the programme in such fields as cancer research, tropical medicine, marine biology and architecture and design. Students registered with the OU have an impressive publication record, with many first-authored papers appearing across the world in internationally recognised journals such as *Nature*.

RECOGNISED QUALITY

Since The Open University's launch in 1969, more than 2 million people worldwide have achieved their learning goals by studying with us.

A hallmark of the OU's delivery is the quality of programmes. As a degree awarding institution, the OU is regulated by the Higher

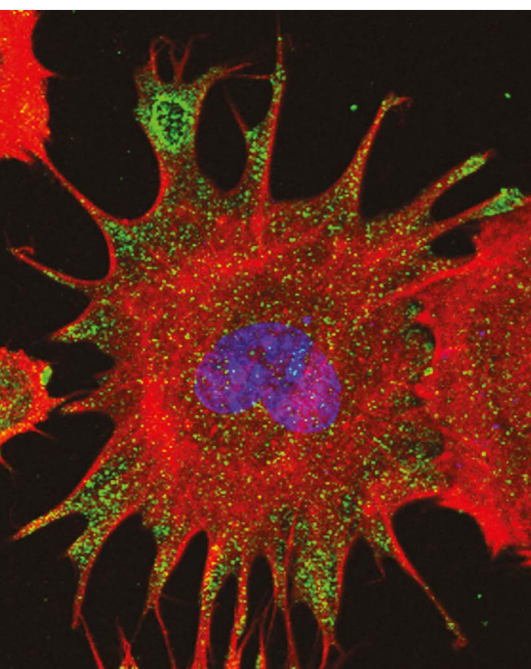


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