

# MICROMON

## MOLECULAR BIOLOGY TECHNIQUES COURSE

### TESTIMONIALS

Don't know the difference between DNA and RNA or a Southern and a Western? This course will provide hands on experience coupled with the theoretical detail in lectures provided by academics working with these techniques. This is an intense week of learning but with the friendly and helpful staff, excellent catering and tight organisation, the week felt like a breeze. I highly recommend this course for anyone interested in learning about molecular techniques or wanting to freshen up their skills.

**2014 - Dr Lachlan Palmer, School of Biological Sciences, Flinders University, SA**

I completed the Micromon DNA Techniques Course which I have to say is a fantastic short course in covering a broad range of molecular biology techniques. I found the course packed full of information which was delivered by both lectures and practical work where hands on techniques were practiced. A group of experienced lecturers provided well-presented lectures and a group of tutors provided well-informed and helpful practical guidance to get us through the very intensive practicals. Excellent administration and logistics greatly helped the course run smoothly with exceptional food provided for lunches, morning and afternoon teas and a great course dinner on the Thursday night. Thank you to Kylie and Mark for putting a great course together. I highly recommend this course to anybody who wishes to learn about recombinant DNA techniques or just to up-skill in this area. Great course, highly recommended.

**2014 – Mr Geoffrey Baker, Department of Defence, VIC**

This is an excellent course for anyone in science seeking enhanced understanding and practical skills in bio-molecular techniques. A little background knowledge is helpful but not essential as the lectures and practicals provide a dauntingly comprehensive package. There is plenty of scope to be hands on and the tutors are excellent. The administration, layout and content gave me a solid backbone to further my own work; and the genuine excitement for the molecular world displayed by the orchestrators of the course is palpable and contagious! Highly recommended.

**2013 - Ms Lindsey Perry, School of Agriculture and Food Science, University of Queensland, QLD**

Last week I participated in the DNA Techniques course and can't speak more highly of this course. I recommend it to anyone requiring the basics of DNA theory, technologies and techniques. It was a very well organised course with great content and a broad spectrum of knowledge from the lecturers, tutors and organisers. There was a great balance of theory and practical laboratory based classes. The week was rather full but it needed to be to cover the material on offer. It was a very worthwhile course, from my point of view. Thank you to you, Kylie and her team for putting this course together, it was so well organised and great to be a part of. I will be recommending this to fellow colleagues whom need to develop their skills in this area.

**2013 - Ms Virginia McQueen, Department of Environment and Primary Industries, VIC**

The course is really well organised. The lectures are delivered in a simple yet effective and enthusiastic manner. The workshops are highly instructive and efficient. Not a moment is wasted in making us excellent beginners in DNA recombinant technology. It has only been a week since I've completed this course, yet already, in my lab, we have started integrating the material I've learned there. It is definitely worth the fee.

**2013 - Dr Zerina Lokmic, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Royal Children's Hospital, VIC**

Thanks to Micromon for delivering a most educational and reflective course. It has helped me to learn the specific molecular techniques starting from gene cloning, hybridization, PCR and sequencing that are most significant for a researcher specializing in any field of science. The gained practical skills and great reference material has provided me with a new set of tools and many ideas for my day to day research. Thanks to Micromon for delivering a highly organized, cost-effective and knowledgeable course with utmost care and fun that has helped me to become more familiar with the world of molecular science in my own way.

**2013 – Ms Saranya Kuppusamy, CERAR, University of South Australia, SA**

The Micromon workshop was amazing, well organised, very useful and more than what I expected. Very good lectures supported by new and modern information and techniques by excellent lecturers. Experiments and topics of the practical work were useful and more than enough, applied by expert instructors. Amazingly professional academic and administrative staff made everything run smoothly. Good organisation of the workshop starting from the correspondence, supervision, guidance and catering. High quality of sponsors helped in providing the working materials. The social environment was excellent, and gives you the impression of being at home. Finally, it was a very successful course at all its levels, providing skills more than was expected, and I would not hesitate to advise people to attend it in the future.

**2012 – Dr Mohamed Nabih Baeshen, Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia**

The Micromon course was an amazing introduction to molecular biology techniques, especially for those coming from a non-laboratory background. Whilst theoretical knowledge is important, the best thing about the course was the time doing all the lab experiments and gaining new skills. All the lab supervisors were fantastic. I would highly recommend this course to others seeking basic skills in molecular biology, regardless of their vocational background.

**2011 – Ms Natasha Holmes, Infectious Diseases Department, Austin Health, VIC**

I cannot recommend the course highly enough. It is extremely well organised in all areas from catering to practicals. Whilst the programme is intensive the lectures and practicals are delivered by people that are both knowledgeable and pleasant making the experience all the more enjoyable. I would like to thank yourself, Kylie, Jessica and all those involved behind the scenes for allowing me the opportunity to experience this wonderful course.

**2011 – Mr Geoffrey Phillips, Medical School, University of Tasmania, TAS**

Thank you for an enjoyable week! The course was extremely well organised with outstanding attention to detail, and coming from interstate I felt well looked after. Staff are highly experienced and willing and able to impart any information we required. I now feel more confident in my workplace and excited to put my new skills into practice.

**2011 – Ms Druimé Nolan, Animal Health Labs, Western Australia Department of Fisheries, WA**

The Micromon DNA recombinant course was very well organised and structured. The interaction with the lecturers and practical demonstrators who themselves are researchers, provides me with ideas and suggestions on the relevance of these techniques in my current field of research and its applications. The completion of this course has given me greater confidence in dealing with recombinant DNA technology and advice is on hand any time.

**2011 – Dr Visalini Muthusamy, School of Medical Sciences, RMIT University, VIC**

As an Infectious Diseases clinician with virtually no hands-on molecular microbiology experience and a somewhat tenuous understanding of the science behind it, I approached the Micromon course with some uncertainty about how well I might perform in the lab, not to mention how confusing the course content might be. In enrolling, I was hoping to gain new skills for part of a PhD. The course is run in an extremely professional manner and is even able to cater for newbies like me. While the volume of coursework is considerable, I came away from Micromon feeling optimistic about translating my new knowledge into future research (as well as learning how NOT to run a centrifuge!).

**2011 – Dr Andrew Mahony, Infectious Diseases Department, Austin Health, VIC**

This course is superb - exciting, authoritative, brilliantly organised and a lot of fun. I came out of it feeling that a whole new universe of molecular techniques had been opened up to me. I can't wait to apply this new knowledge to my own research.

**2011 – Dr John Bekkers, Neuroscience, John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU, ACT**