

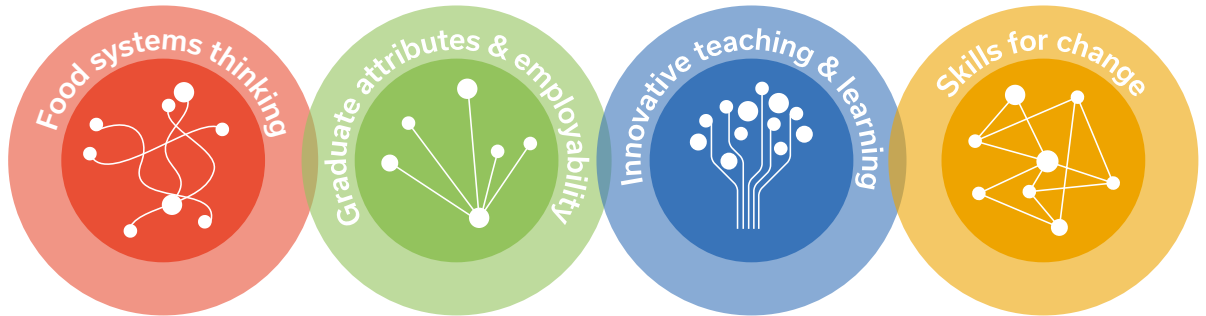


# IFSTAL

Interdisciplinary Food Systems  
Teaching & Learning

## Learn the skills to transform the food system

ENROL FOR THE 2021/22 PROGRAMME



# Gain new perspectives and invaluable skills

The Interdisciplinary Food Systems Teaching and Learning (IFSTAL) programme helps students from different disciplines and backgrounds gain skills and connections that can support food system transformation. Many IFSTAL alumni have gone on to work in food-related careers around the world. In response to COVID-19, the 2020 IFSTAL Summer School was held as an online event in July 2021 with great success. Building on this dynamic, well-received experience, the 2021/22 programme will launch with online workshops. IFSTAL's face-to-face events will return when it is deemed safe to run them.

All the workshops are carefully planned to be highly interactive and deliver a range of perspectives.

## Who is IFSTAL for?

The programme is free and open to all postgraduate students enrolled at one of our partner institutions. Interested undergraduate students are welcome to apply to your Education Coordinator – see page 4 for details.

**"Taking a systems approach is about thinking broadly not narrowly and, in the end, it will put the organisation in a much better place to deal with the challenges that are coming in the future."**

**IFSTAL Workplace partner**



**Nadine Aschauer**  
MSc Life Sciences  
University of Warwick

IFSTAL excels with expertise in food systems thinking and fosters career development - a unique experience not to be missed!



**Vicente Macia-Kjaer**  
MA Anthropology of Food  
SOAS, University of London

At the summer school we applied the strategies and frameworks we had learned to current food systems challenges and had the chance to share our ideas with government and civil society organisations.



**Chloe Dedryver**  
MSc Public Health  
LSHTM, University of London

I am grateful to IFSTAL for helping me build professional connections in the food policy and advocacy space.

## Join a global community of interdisciplinary thinkers

- Engage in a programme of cutting-edge, flexible, online units on food systems thinking and methodologies, complemented by workshops.
- Join our diverse community of more than 1,800 food systems thinkers. Our global network includes students, alumni and workplace professionals.
- Connect with those working on real life food system challenges in a variety of organisations.
- Interact with students from across our partner institutions in interdisciplinary, team-based challenges.
- Develop future-focused skills in working and collaborating online.
- Enhance your CV, develop a range of food systems skills and gain opportunities for work and dissertation placements, internships and more.

## How can I benefit from participating in IFSTAL?

The curriculum is designed to help you develop a range of skills and knowledge above and beyond those you would normally acquire from your studies. IFSTAL will help you become:

- An imaginative and critical food systems thinker
- A well-informed and knowledgeable employee
- A creative and active collaborator and learner
- An engaged and informed professional able to effect change
- A confident and flexible communicator



**Justine Pearce**  
PhD, RVC  
University of London

IFSTAL has taught me valuable methods to successfully apply both systemic and interdisciplinary thinking to a variety of complex problems. It has allowed me to look at my research from new perspectives as well as develop the necessary skills to pursue a career in policy.



**Nadja Yang**  
DPhil Engineering Science,  
University of Oxford

IFSTAL was the only fruitful course that I took during my 1st DPhil year as its online format was perfect during the pandemic! Not only did I learn much about food systems thinking that prepares me for my bio economy research, but I could form lifelong friendships there.

## IFSTAL events 2021/22

Event	Theme	Date   how to access
Launch event	Learn more about IFSTAL: meet the team + talks from guest speakers and IFSTAL alumni	21 October 2021   online
Workshop 1	Exploration of food systems	13 November 2021   online
Workshop 2	Investigation of food systems thinking	11 December 2021   online
Workshop 3	Application of food systems methods	5 February 2022   University of Warwick
Workshop 4	Intervention for food systems change	5 March 2022   University of Oxford
Public lecture	Speaker to be confirmed	tbc May 2022   London

We plan to hold a three-day virtual summer school in July 2022. If funding and COVID-19 allow, this will become a five-day residential event.

### Tailored food systems training for organisations

Customised training courses on food systems thinking can help organisations get to the core of the challenges they face. IFSTAL can work with you to create a training package that addresses your unique issues while giving you access to the international IFSTAL network and community. To discuss tailored food systems training, please contact John Ingram, IFSTAL Programme Leader – [john.ingram@eci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:john.ingram@eci.ox.ac.uk)

## How to get involved

### Signing up to IFSTAL via Canvas

Canvas is the virtual learning environment (VLE) used by IFSTAL. Oxford students can sign up to IFSTAL directly in Canvas. Non-Oxford students should access the registration form through their institution's VLE (e.g. LEARN or Moodle). Once you have completed this form, an account will be created on Canvas for enrolment on the course. You will then be able to access the full course via [canvas.ox.ac.uk](http://canvas.ox.ac.uk) and start your IFSTAL journey.

### For further information contact:

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