

Fiona Wanjiku Moejes

PhD student at:

Daithi O'Murchu Marine Research Station

Project title:

Investigation of the feasibility of large-scale culture at a pilot plant

Educational background:

- September 2007 to July 2011 Masters of Biological Science (4-year MBiolSci degree) in Medical Genetics, The University of Sheffield

Research and Work experience:

- November 2013, attended the 1st Lisbon Microalgae Biotechnology Advanced Course (LiMBAC) in Lisbon, Portugal
- May 2013, featured in a Euronews Futuris short-feature called 'Sea Fuel' which was shot at Daithi O'Murchu Marine Research Station
- January 2010 to March 2013, Omnia Estates Property Management Company (various positions from accountant to maintenance administrator; part-time and full-time)
- September 2010 to June 2011, The University of Sheffield, Masters Extended Laboratory Project 'Identifying and Characterising Tetraselmis suecica as a Potential Source of Biodiesel'.
- September 2009 to March 2010, The University of Sheffield. Third Year Laboratory Project 'The Expression of TRAIL in Experimental Atherosclerosis'.



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Main Supervisor:

Julie Maguire

Nationality:

Dutch/Kenyan



Personal interests / motto:

Travelling, exploring new cultures, socialising/meeting new people, fishing (shore, deep sea), weight training, reading books (from authors such as Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Khaled Hosseini). It is my career as well as personal goal to integrate the potential of microalgal biotechnology to development strategies in the developing world. Motto: Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them. *Marcus Aurelius*

Advantages of being an MSC fellow:

The advantages are gaining experience and knowledge on different research techniques/approaches in various fields. Being able to discuss your ideas and approaches with people in different fields to have a well-rounded approach to your research. Networking, meeting people with similar scientific goals as well as personal interests.

