Bridging of worlds: In recent times the scientific community has made impressive strides in both understanding the molecular processes behind diseases and designing effective treatments to combat them. Although there is already much collaboration, many of the disciplines within in the chemical sciences remain separated by artificial boundaries. We believe that medical imaging is a useful forum through which confluence amongst chemical disciplines can be achieved. Without proper collaboration, discoveries and scientific innovation are often resolved to academic gratification, but sadly are not fully exploited. In our current economic climate, securing funding for research is becoming increasingly difficult. Many researchers face the problem of trying to convince reviewers of their worthiness of funding; often an arduous task. With medical imaging, the value of a picture is often far higher than that of a thousand words. Researchers can benefit from powerful and seductive images, conveying biological information in an easily digestible form.

Subject matter: This workshop aims to provide a platform for chemistry, biochemistry and pharmacy graduate students to meet, network and develop an understanding of the role their discipline plays in greater scientific progress. There will be several keynote lectures, which are intended to serve as an educational bridge, connecting the various disciplines.

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