



**Dr. Mark  
Bodman -Smith**

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

**“I hope that  
we can now  
encourage  
engagement with  
students from  
underrepresented  
communities.”**

Mark is the Associate Dean for Post Graduate Students, Deputy Head of the Graduate School and also a Senior Lecturer in Immunology, at St George's University of London.

Mark's academic career started at the University of Leeds and he went on to complete a PhD at UCL. Since then he has been involved in research investigating the immunotherapy of autoimmune disease and, most recently, cancer. He is particularly interested in the role of the non-conventional T cell.

He has had about a dozen PhD students through his laboratory and has been struck by the lack of applicants from ethnic minority communities for advertised studentships. This led to a collaboration with ERA, for which he is an Academic Advisor, trying to raise awareness of the Academic career path in these communities.

**“Through Ektaa CIC's Equal Representation in Academia (ERA) initiative, I hope that we can now encourage engagement with students from underrepresented communities and welcome them into academia.”**