





FREELANCE SCIENCE JOURNALIST

Researcher-turned-journalist passionate about science communication and outreach. Skilled in pitching, reporting, writing and working with editors. Holds a PhD in virology and has utilized his doctoral training to produce meticulously researched and analytical journalism.

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DR KAMAL NAHAS

BSc, MSc Oxon, PhD Cantab

- Proficiency in written and oral science communication for general and specialist audiences
- Takes ownership of numerous writing projects while effectively working with commenters and editors
- Experience in experimental design and execution with a strong foundation in statistical and quantitative analysis

EDUCATION

PhD Pathology

University of Cambridge & Diamond Light Source

Thesis: Multi-modal imaging of herpesvirus infection

Summary: Used multiple microscopy techniques to probe the assembly of herpes simplex virus-1 in the cell and assess the functions of nine viral genes

MSc Integrated Immunology

University of Oxford

BSc Biology (Honours)

Imperial College London

Speech & Drama Diploma

Trinity College London

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Co-corresponding & first author

Nahas, K. L. *et al.* (2022) [Biological Imaging](#)

First author

Nahas, K. L. *et al.* (2022) [PLOS Pathogens](#)

Middle author

Okolo, C. *et al.* (2022) [Journal of Physics: Conference Series](#)

Harkiolaki, M. *et al.* (2022) [Microscopy & Microanalysis](#)

Vyas, N. *et al.* (2021) [Journal of Visualized Experiments](#)

Okolo, C. *et al.* (2021) [Nature Protocols](#)

CONFERENCES

Session chair

Virus workshop: assembly, egress, and entry
Microbiology Society Annual Conference (2022)

Talk presenter

Microscience Microscopy Congress (2023)
Microbiology Society Annual Conference (2022)
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Microbiology Society Annual Conference (2021)
CCP-EM Spring Symposium (2019)

Poster presenter

Microbiology Society Annual Conference (2019)
Wolfson College, Cambridge Research Event (2019)

CAREER

Freelance science journalist (present)

Significant experience writing news stories, news analyses, profiles, explainers, and feature articles for [Live Science](#), [Nature](#) (upcoming), [New Scientist](#), [Science](#), [Scientist Live](#), and [The Scientist](#)

Selected articles

News: Atlas of biomedical literature could help track down fabricated studies ([Science](#))

Feature: The truth about foods said to boost your immune system ([New Scientist](#))

Full portfolio available at www.kamalnahas.com

Beamline scientist (2022–present)

Diamond Light Source

EXPERIENCE

Media trips

Attending the inaugural [Hong Kong Laureate Forum](#) and reporting on 3 stories (upcoming; 2023–2024)

Workshops

Scientific Paper Writing & Publishing (Cofactor Ltd)
Science Communication (Steve Cross)
People Management (MTD Training)

Teaching and outreach

Tutoring University of Cambridge undergraduates on developmental biology (2020–2021)

Training students at Diamond Light Source workshops (2021–2023)

SKILLS & AWARDS

Writing

Finding stories, conducting interviews, and writing, editing and fact-checking under time constraints

Research

Cell & virus cloning, microscopy and statistics

Data Analysis

Linux, BASH, Python, R, Macro (ImageJ) & Microsoft

Awards

2016 winner of Faculty of Natural Sciences—Make A Difference competition for designing a patented quality test for frying oil (Imperial College London)