

# Isabel Torres

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## EDUCATION

- 2003- 2008**      **University of Cambridge, Department of Genetics (UK)**  
PhD degree in Genetics
- 2002- 2003**      **University of Cambridge, Department of Genetics (UK)**  
MPhil degree in Developmental Biology
- 1997- 2001**      **University of Lisbon, Faculty of Sciences (Portugal)**  
BSc degree in Biology
- 1999**              **University of California, Davis (USA)**  
Undergraduate courses: *Genes and Gene Expression* and *Organic Chemistry*.

## EDITING EXPERIENCE

- 2017- present**      **Founder and editor at Blue Skies Science Editing and Consultancy®**  
Scientific editing of grant proposals, research articles, reviews, book chapters and institutional reports. Consultancy in project grant writing and in presentation skills.
- 2018-2020**      **Science writer at Public Library of Science (PLoS)**  
Writing of press releases in the life sciences.
- 2016**                **Research administrator at Institut de Génétique Moléculaire de Montpellier**  
Editing and writing of grant proposals and research articles, project management, clinical trial administration, organisation of seminars/symposiums.
- 2012-2013**      **Health editor at The Munich Eye**  
Editing and writing of press articles, selecting and assigning science news to journalists.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009- 2012**      **MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (Cambridge, UK)**  
**Research associate in Sean Munro lab**  
Function of small GTPases in vesicle trafficking and secretion.
- 2003-2008**      **Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute (Cambridge, UK)**  
**PhD student in Daniel St Johnston lab**  
Cytoskeleton regulation and polarity establishment in epithelial cells.
- 2003**                **New York University, Department of Biology (USA)**  
**Visiting scholar in Claude Desplan Lab**  
Mechanisms of cell fate determination in the retina.
- 2002-2003**      **Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute (Cambridge, UK)**  
**MPhil student in Daniel St Johnston lab**  
Function of Notch and JAK/STAT signalling pathways in cell differentiation and embryonic polarisation.
- 1999**                **University of California Davis (USA)**  
**Summer internship in Johnathan Scholey Lab**  
Chemotactic behaviour in *C. elegans* motor-protein mutants.

## FURTHER TRAINING

**2009- 2011**      **Professional training at Medical Research Council**

Attended the following courses:

- Project Management
- Writing Project Grants
- Presentation Skills

**2011**      **Rising Stars Science Communication course at University of Cambridge (UK)**

Selected amongst over 100 applicants (10% admission rate).

## LANGUAGES

Portuguese: native speaker

English: bilingual

French: bilingual