

Programme EIT Food Algal course September 2025 Iceland

Tuesday, 2nd September

- 9:00 – 9:30 Arrival & registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 René Groben (Matís) - Introduction & housekeeping
- 9:45 – 10:00 TBD - Introduction to Matís & welcome address
- 10:00 – 10:45 Matt Davey / Francisca Vermeulen (SAMS) – Introduction to Algal Biotechnology
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Cecilia Rad Menendez (SAMS) - The Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa: facilitating protists research and the biotechnology sector
- 11:30 – 12:00 Rósa Jónsdóttir (Matís) – Algal research at Matís, novel proteins and food
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:15 Konstantin Frick / Ulrike Schmid-Steiger (Fraunhofer) - Algae in nutrition: Applications and Regulations
- 14:15 – 14:45 Sigurður Petúrrsson (Rækt) – Macroalgal industry and sustainable aquaculture in Iceland
- 14:45 – 15:00 Break
- 15:00 – 15:30 Tatiana Zuniga-Burgos (University of Cambridge) - Don't fail to scale: The role of the Algal Innovation Centre (AIC), University of Cambridge to support algal biotechnology
- 15:30 – 16:00 Julie Encausse (Marea) – Bioplastic from algal residues for food packaging
- 16:00 – 17:00 Discussion & Information about course assessment
- 17:00 – 17:30 Tour of Matís facilities
- 17:30 – 18:00 Break
- 18:00 – 21:00 Buffet dinner at Matís

Wednesday, 3rd September

- 9:00 Start at Matís or city centre
- 10:00 – 12:00 Vaxa Impact Nutrition (Hellisheiði)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Matís Aquaculture Research Facility (MARS) (Reykjavík)

Thursday, 4th September

- 9:00 Start at Matís or city centre
- 9:30 – 11:00 Marine & Freshwater Research Institute (Hafnafjörður)
- 12:00 Lunch, area Reykjanes peninsula (packed lunch)
- until 14:00 coast, macroalgae, Hafró facility in Grindavík
- 14:30 – 16:30 Algalíf (Ásbru)
- 17:30 Back in Reykjavík

Notes:

Hafró, algal research & general tour / introduction

Algalíf

(Blue Lagoon)

Hafró macroalgal work at Grindavík / Hyndla

Macroalgae at shore / Hafró guide / Karl

Start 9:00 -> 30 min to Hafró -> 45 min to Algalíf -> 30 min to Blue Lagoon -> 15 min to Hafró / Grindavík -> Matís 1 h

3h total driving time

Alternative for Wednesday:

MARS

Macroalgal companies & facilities in Akranes (Breið)

Alternative for Thursday:

Geothermal area, only half day excursion