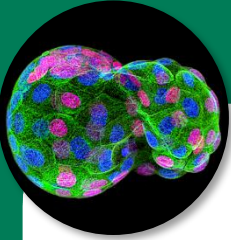


# LABORATORY OF EARLY MAMMALIAN DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY (LEMDB)



## Study the very start of life!

When a mammalian sperm and egg fuse in the female reproductive tract, an amazing train of events is set in motion that ultimately results in an infant live birth. The developmental stages that immediately follow this fertilisation event give rise to a dividing embryo that during this early period sustains itself until implantation into the maternal uterus.

During this “preimplantation” developmental period the one cell zygote undergoes a series of cell divisions that ultimately leads to a formation of a blastocyst embryo (ready to implant - *see above picture*) comprising three distinct cell types. The Trophectoderm (a precursor of the placenta), the Primitive Endoderm (that leads to the formation of other supportive tissues) and the Epiblast (a progenitor pool for building the foetus).



## Join the research team!

I received my Ph.D. in 2004 at University of Leeds, UK. After 7 years post-doctoral training in Cambridge (UK), I established the LEMDB at this Faculty (in 2010) as a Marie Curie Integration Grant Fellow. To date 5 Masters students have graduated from our group. My current team has 2 post-doctoral researchers, 3 PhD students and 3 undergraduate students.

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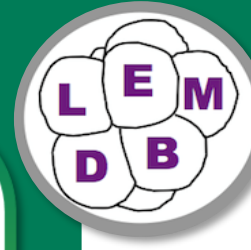
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## Potential Master's research project 2024-2026:

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