

## Mentor on the BRIDGE – Translational Excellence Programme?

The BRIDGE – Translational Excellence Programme is seeking mentor teams who wish to combine their research and perspectives from the clinical or Life Science Industry sector, and academic world to develop a two-year research project in collaboration with a young postdoctoral researcher.

In the upcoming call opening on September 2, BRIDGE offers 11 new postdoc positions for fellows who are interested in tapping into the translational eco-system and want to work with research in the clinical-academic cross-field, or to bridge with the Life Science Industry.



### Becoming a BRIDGE mentor

BRIDGE is a paid and full-time, two-year postdoctoral excellence programme at SUND financed by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. It is the vision of the programme to establish a translational network across research disciplines, hospitals and the Life Science Industry.

**Each fellow will have two mentors** – a researcher from SUND and someone from the clinical environment at a hospital or from the Life Science Industry. Fellows will spend 80 percent of their time on their research project and 20 percent of their time on a tailor-made translational academic curriculum.

The mentors must contribute with guidance and provide an inspiring academic environment as well as pay the running costs for the research project. The salary of all fellows is paid by BRIDGE.

Interested mentors can apply from now until the **deadline 11 October 2019**. The registered mentor teams will be published on the BRIDGE [website](#) as they are filed to the Secretariat. Interested fellows are then to contact relevant mentor teams to prepare a joint project description for the overall application for the programme. The call for fellows opens on 2 September 2019 and the programme's second batch of fellows and mentors will commence their two-year fellowship from **1 April 2020**.

Click [here](#) for more information about becoming a mentor.

## Enthusiastic bridge-builders from the 2019 call

'If you are interested in the translational process, I think BRIDGE is the programme for you', says Jonathan Thorsen, who is a trained medical doctor (PhD) and current fellow appointed on the BRIDGE-programme.

Translational competencies and the associated infrastructure are crucial to the ability of researchers and the healthcare system to develop better treatments, says Henriette Svarre Nielsen, Specialist in Reproductive Medicine at Rigshospitalet, Associate Professor at the Department of Clinical Medicine at the University of Copenhagen, and a BRIDGE mentor.

'From a scientific point of view, this approach is absolutely needed and essential to move a research field forward', she says.

### Additional information

Information meeting at the Maersk Tower, Panum on 26 August 2019 from 16.00-18.00 ([link](#))

Read more about becoming a mentor ([link](#))

Read more about applying for a fellowship ([link](#))

Watch the promotion video here:

