



BRIDGE

WHAT'S IN IT FOR US

– A life science industry company operating in Denmark or Region Skåne

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE – TRANSLATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME?

The BRIDGE – Translational Excellence Programme aims to educate and encourage translational scientists (postdocs) to drive translational research from basic discoveries at universities to clinical medicine at hospitals and in the life science industry, and vice versa. By doing so, the **overall goal is to facilitate strengthened collaboration between all three sectors, i.e. healthcare, academia and the life sciences industry**, and thus enhance the mobility of talented researchers to conduct excellent translational research within all of the aforementioned sectors.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

1. Two-year **postdocs fully financed** by BRIDGE and appointed at the University of Copenhagen incl. DKK 50.000 annum to cover costs not covered within the programme
2. **Collaboratively defined translational research projects** developed to bridge the three sectors
3. Two or three **project mentors** from basic science (UCPH, mandatory), clinical science (regional hospital) and the **life science industry** (Denmark, Skåne), all actively involved in research
4. **Academic Curriculum** – fellows dedicate 20 percent of their time on 15 courses specifically designed train fellows in applying discoveries from basic biomedical research, from the laboratory and preclinical studies, to the development of trials and studies in humans, ultimately leading to new therapies.

PROJECT MENTOR TEAMS

To enable transsectoral knowledge-exchange and skills acquisition in translational medicine, each fellow will be mentored by two, or potentially three, project mentors: one from **basic science** at Copenhagen University, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences (SUND) (mandatory), and ideally one from both **clinical science** at regional hospitals in the Greater Copenhagen Area (Regions H/S), and one from the **life science industry** in Denmark or Region Skåne.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

1. **Tap into curiosity-driven research in academia**
2. **Network and establish new collaborations** with outstanding basic researchers at the University of Copenhagen and clinical researchers at the regional hospitals (Capital Region and Region Zealand)
3. Work together with a **fully financed postdoc** on a translational research project that you define together with the academic and clinical project mentors
4. Enhance the **recruitment potential** of future candidates for positions in your company

THREE STEPS TO APPLY

1. Construct a project '**Mentor Team**' by reaching out to a basic scientist from UCPH and/or clinical scientist from a regional hospital (Regions H/S), and together define a **research project proposal**
2. **Find a candidate** for your project (or register the project before 30 November 2021 so we can help you find a candidate)
3. **Submit your application** by 28 February 2021 (read more [here](#))

FELLOWS' APPOINTMENT CONDITIONS

The fellow will be appointed at UCPH but will work across the two/three organisations and thus help tie you all together, advance on the research project, provide you with great networking opportunities and access to one another's infrastructure and research environments during the fellowship.

WHEN?

- Deadline for project Mentor Team registration for teams without a designated postdoc candidate for publishing on the BRIDGE website: 30 November 2021.
- Deadline for submission of application w/ Mentor Team and applicant: 28 February 2022.

QUESTIONS?

Information webinar on November 10th and 16th, 15:00-16:00 both days. Register [here](#).

Please direct any questions via email to bridge@sund.ku.dk or, alternatively, call the Programme Coordinator, Danny Damsgaard, on telephone: 93 50 92 65.

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