

Strengthening ATMP Skills Through Collaboration

One of SCALE's goals is to strengthen competence and collaboration within the ATMP field by creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and networking. As part of this effort, SCALE supported participation in Summer by Design, an educational program hosted by CCRM and the University of Toronto.

Why international training and connections matter

Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) are developed within a global ecosystem. Researchers, clinicians, manufacturers, regulators, and industry partners must work together across organizational and geographical boundaries. Programs such as Summer by Design provide participants with the opportunity to learn from international experts, gain new perspectives, and build networks that extend beyond their local and national environments.

A Swedish perspective in a global setting

Among this year's participants was Emilie Rickardsson Bergqvist, physician in Clinical Immunology and Transfusion Medicine and PhD student at Sahlgrenska University Hospital.

With hands-on experience of patient-close cell therapy production and ongoing research within the ATMP field, Emilie brought a valuable clinical perspective to the program while further developing her knowledge through discussions with researchers, clinicians, and innovators from around the world.

The course focused on the later stages of ATMP development and the key principles needed to successfully translate innovative therapies from research into clinical use and eventually to patients. Topics included process development, commercialization, manufacturing challenges, regulatory considerations, scientific communication, and cross-sector collaboration.

The program also provided opportunities to connect with researchers and innovators from Canada, Europe, and other parts of the world.

Networks as a key enabler

One of Emilie's key takeaways was the importance of collaboration and international networks.

Working with ATMPs requires expertise from many disciplines, and progress often depends on bringing together people from healthcare, academia, industry, and supporting organizations.

Looking ahead

As advanced therapies continue to evolve, access to international knowledge and networks will remain important for Sweden's competitiveness and long-term capacity within the field.

By supporting opportunities such as Summer by Design, SCALE aims to help build the skills, connections, and perspectives needed to accelerate ATMP development and implementation.

Interested in hearing more about the program or Emilie's experience?

Feel free to reach out to Emilie when you get the chance, or send us a message at info@scale-atmp.se. We're always happy to talk about ATMPs, skills development, and collaboration opportunities. 😊