

WORKSHOP B3

27th of MAY, 2026

13:30-15:00

Title:

Building Interdisciplinary Support Teams for Clinical Translational PhD Training – Why It Matters and How to Do It

Venue: Seminar Room 0, ground floor, EOK building

Workshop Description: Translational medicine aims to accelerate the journey from scientific discovery to improved patient care. However, traditional PhD structures often fail to provide the interdisciplinary mentoring and systemic support required for effective translation.

This interactive workshop presents our unique clinical translational PhD training model, designed to ensure the rapid application of medical discoveries through structured interdisciplinary support teams. The model is grounded in the **Translational Medicine Cycle**, as described in *Nature Medicine* (“Accelerating the translational medicine cycle”).

Participants will:

- Explore the structure and principles of our interdisciplinary PhD mentoring system
- Understand how the Translational Medicine Cycle supports faster clinical implementation
- Learn practical strategies for building effective supervisory and support teams
- Discuss how to reach out for institutional and international collaboration
- Identify pathways for publishing in high-impact journals
- Reflect on how to integrate multiple healthcare-related disciplines into PhD training

Through short presentations, moderated discussions, and small-group exercises, the workshop will offer concrete tools for implementing similar models at other institutions.

Target audience: Active PhD students (clinical and translational fields). PhD program directors. University leaders and decision-makers. Supervisors and mentors involved in doctoral education

Facilitators:

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Additional information:

Workshop will take place in person only (not hybrid/online), however if there is high demand for online participants we can organize it

Participant limit: Maximum 30