

# **National Research School ATMP**

## **Information call for funds 2024**

**7 PhD projects starting in 2024 will each be awarded 1.5 million SEK co-funding.**

### **Who can apply?**

The call is aimed at potential PhD supervisors at all higher education institutions in Sweden for new research projects relevant to ATMP.

### **Benefits and requirements for supervisors and doctoral students in approved projects**

The department where supervisors of granted doctoral projects work is awarded a grant of 1.5 million SEK. This is a co-financing of the doctoral project that covers direct and indirect costs, including overhead costs at the host university.

Supervisors commit to actively participate in up to one common graduate school activity per year together with all students and supervisors.

The doctoral student becomes part of a national graduate school in ATMP with access to elective courses, workshops and other activities that ensure a solid graduate education with the aim of training future leaders and academic teachers in the field.

The doctoral student's individual study plan must include:

- At least 6 credits (4 weeks) of the Graduate School's ATMP courses.
- Active participation in all activities of the graduate school.

### **Application period**

The application period is 15 December 2023 to 15 February 2024 at 24.00.

### **Decision on allocation**

Decisions on the allocation of funds are made by the board of the graduate school based on the ranking from the external evaluation of the projects.

The decision on allocation will be announced in June 2024.

### **Conditions for applying**

- The main applicant (principal supervisor) must be employed or formally affiliated and active at the higher education institution where the doctoral student is expected to be admitted. The main applicant is required to have a documented supervisor training programme and to meet the respective higher education institution's requirements for supervision.
- The principal applicant can only participate as principal supervisor in one application at this call. If a principal supervisor appears as principal supervisor on several applications, all are considered invalid.
- The rules that apply to supervision and doctoral education at each higher education institution apply to those who are awarded funding.

## **Assessment of the application**

For applications received, an initial assessment of eligibility is made based on the national graduate school's description of the research area ATMP. Projects that are deemed clearly irrelevant will not be considered for further review. A maximum of 20 applications will be forwarded to the external evaluation group that will review and rank the projects based on the evaluation criteria. See document ATMP-researchschool\_application\_2024.

The evaluation group consists of a total of 7 experts, 5 experts from each involved university and 2 international experts. See the website for more information:

<https://www.stemcellcenter.lu.se/atmp-research-school/about-us/evaluation-committee>

The reviewers must be free from bias towards the projects, a reviewer does not review projects from his/her university.

Each project is assessed by at least three people who report scores for each application based on the assessment criteria.

## **Doctoral recruitment**

The full-time doctoral projects that are granted project funding for third-cycle education then participate in the recruitment process of doctoral students.

Part-time doctoral students: Part-time doctoral students are doctoral students employed by another organization than the higher education institution, such as the region. Applications for prospective part-time doctoral projects with employment at another principal must include a written certificate from the head of operations certifying that the doctoral student will have the time and opportunity to complete the doctoral programme. Once a part-time project has been approved, the higher education institution does not need to advertise the project. At the time of admission, a contract is drawn up between the higher education institution and the external principal that ensures that the doctoral project is financed until graduation.

Full-time doctoral students: Full-time doctoral students are those employed by a higher education institution. After granting a full-time doctoral project, each higher education institution shall advertise a new position for the project. Recruitment must be competitive and only persons who have not yet been admitted to a doctoral programme can be recruited. The positions must be advertised, and otherwise comply with the respective university's regulations.

Projects that have been granted funding will be presented on the Graduate School's website.

The doctoral student must be admitted and employed when the research school starts, no later than 1 December 2024.