



Innovate UK



THE GLOBAL BUSINESS INNOVATION PROGRAMME FOCUS ON ADVANCED THERAPIES SWEDEN

Innovate UK is inviting ambitious companies to participate in the Global Business Innovation Programme.

Delivered by Innovate UK EDGE, the programme consists of a preparation phase, followed by a 5-day tailored visit to Sweden with the opportunity to meet and collaborate with key stakeholders and experts developing Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMP). The programme will provide a unique experience for delegates to identify international partners for technology collaboration.

Delegates will also benefit from a follow-up workshop and bespoke support from an Innovate UK EDGE Innovation & Growth Specialist to exploit the contacts, opportunities and knowledge gained during the visit. Previous programmes have resulted in high quality cross-border partnerships.

WHY SWEDEN

Sweden is one of the most innovative countries in the world and a global leader in the health and life sciences sector. With ambitions to be a world leader in ATMP development by 2030, the country benefits from a thriving biotechnology network and national initiatives coordinated by [ATMP Sweden](#).

In May 2023 the Swedish government, through Vinnova, the Swedish Innovation Agency, announced a 160 million SEK budget to establish several national clusters for the commercialisation of advanced therapies, such as The Centre for Commercialisation of Regenerative Medicine, CCRM Nordic, which will be located in "[GoCo](#)". Gothenburg's Health Innovation City.

In 2022, the UK and Sweden signed a joint [Memorandum of Understanding](#) on health and life sciences, highlighting ATMP as a priority.

Opportunities for UK-Swedish ATMP collaboration and partnerships are significant.

FOCUS TECHNOLOGIES:

Innovative and sustainable biomanufacturing processes and process technologies that enable the development of ATMP and delivery systems.

Including but not limited to:

- Manufacturing of cell therapies such as stem cell, natural killer (NK) cells, T-cell, and other engineered cell therapies
- Manufacturing of gene therapies using viral, and non-viral vectors
- mRNA and viral vector-based vaccine manufacturing
- Manufacturing of regenerative medicine
- Development of personalised medicines

KEY DATES:

Briefing Event	Application Deadline	Application Outcome	Pre-visit Workshop	Virtual Workshop	Innovation Visit	Exploitation Workshop
30 August 2023	22 September 2023	6 October 2023	19 & 20 October 2023	6 December 2023	21 - 26 January 2024	12 March 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Successful applicants will benefit from an intensive 9 to 12-month three phase programme and bespoke support from an Innovation & Growth Specialist throughout.

- **Getting ready for the market:** Preparation workshops to build knowledge and understanding of the market and opportunities, consideration of cultural differences and how to do business in Sweden, protecting Intellectual Property and training on articulating your value proposition and how to pitch.
- **Visiting the market:** Exclusive access to the Swedish market and the opportunity to meet key contacts, research organisations and companies. Meet potential collaborators and partners through pre-arranged meetings and matchmaking events.
- **Exploiting the opportunity:** A follow-up workshop and bespoke support from an Innovate UK EDGE Innovation & Growth Specialist who will help you exploit the knowledge, opportunities and connections made during the visit and develop cross border innovation projects.

EXAMPLE ITINERARY (subject to change):

Date	Activity
21 st January 2024	Travel to Stockholm
22 nd January 2024	Stockholm - British Embassy orientation on MoU & ATMP developments. Visits to world renowned universities and institutions such as Karolinska ATMP Centre, KTH Royal Institute, RISE Institute. Networking reception.
23 rd January 2024	Roundtable/B2B meetings continue in Stockholm/Uppsala.
24 th January 2024	Göteborg – GoCo Health Innovation City (home to significant biotech companies such as Astra Zeneca), Sahlgrenska Science Park; roundtable/B2B meetings.
25 th January 2024	Lund - visits to Lund University/Lund Stem Cell Centre; roundtable/B2B meetings.
26 th January 2024	Lund/Malmö - Medicon village/B2B collaboration meetings. De-brief. Return UK

TO APPLY FOR THIS INITIATIVE, YOU MUST BE:

A UK-based innovation led company with ambitions to grow and internationalise

A company with fewer than 500 employees

Able to attend and complete all activities

Innovate UK will fund and organise return flights, accommodation, and in-market group travel for successful applicants and one night's overnight accommodation and dinner for the pre-visit workshop. Innovate UK will also pay for any reasonable adjustments throughout the initiative. Only one representative from each company will be funded. On acceptance to the programme a commitment fee of £500 will be obtained from each delegate, which will be refunded on completion of the full activities and agreed action plan. Non-compliance after formal acceptance may result in forfeiting some or all the commitment fee.

[APPLY HERE](#) using the online application form. The Global Business Innovation Programme is a competitive process which aims to support the very best companies satisfying a quality threshold. Successful applicants will be notified by 6 October 2023.

Innovate UK is committed to improving the diversity of who we support. We welcome applications from under-represented groups.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Register](#) for the Briefing Event on 30 August 2023.

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