



**SHORT PROGRAMME**  
**“Eureka International Summer Course on Translational Medicine”**  
**July 6 – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Utrecht (M37)**

**Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Collaboration does not happen in isolation. Building and maintaining relationships is a key part of Translational Medicine and so on this first day of the course we start with a late afternoon warm welcome. Join us for an informal introduction session to get to know your faculty and fellow students over drinks and bites.

**Location:** Kitchen Bar Danel, Vredenburgkade 11, 3511 WC Utrecht (city center)

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**Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today, you learn about the key challenges in translational medicine and how to become an agent of change. You will discuss the critical importance of patients in identifying unmet medical needs and creating interventions to improve health. You will start exploring your professional development goals and work in groups to apply your learnings to a case study that will continue to unfold throughout the week.

**Location:** Descartes-Centre, 11th Floor, ‘Matthias van Geuns’ building, Bolognalaan 48, 3584 CJ Utrecht (Science Park)

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**Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Today, at the highly innovative Nutricia Research building on the University of Utrecht campus, you will explore the complimentary roles of industry and academia in drug development and reflect on the challenges and opportunities of public private partnerships, including intellectual property. The day will conclude with your first group mentorship session.

**Location:** Danone Nutricia Research, Utrecht Science Park, Uppsalalaan 12, 3584 CT Utrecht (Science Park)

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**Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday offers the opportunity to work towards your personal learning goals. Parallel sessions allow you to choose your own path through the course. You will discuss the importance of diversity and inclusion in translational medicine, as well as continue work on your case study, professional development and small group mentoring.

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**Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Today we will move to the University’s Botanical Gardens (located at Utrecht Science Park) where you will discover how to unleash your creativity and learn how to effectively work as a team to have true impact. Parallel sessions will allow you to



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continue your unique path to your learning goals. In the evening we will have the conference dinner with all participants and faculty in the city center of Utrecht

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Afternoon – UU Botanical Gardens, Budapestlaan 17, 3584 CD Utrecht (Science Park)

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**Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>**

On this last day of the course, your group will present your case study and discuss your views with an expert panel. In the afternoon you will have an inspirational speed counseling session with a panel of established and upcoming translational scientists. To close out the week there will be a certificate ceremony, followed by farewell drinks and bites.

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**CORE FACULTY:**

**Richard Foty - course executive** Assistant Professor, Translational Research Program, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto,

**Sanne de Jong** - assistant professor in biomedical education at University Medical Center Utrecht

**Marc van Mil - course executive** Associate professor Biomedical Education, University Medical Center Utrecht, Education center & Center for Molecular Medicine,

**Joris van Montfrans** – Pediatrician Immunologist, Wilhelmina Children’s Hospital

**Berent Prakken** – **course director** Vice-Dean Education UMC Utrecht,

**Norm Rosenblum** -Professor of Paediatrics, Physiology, and Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, University of Toronto, Paediatric Nephrologist & Senior Scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children, and Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD)

**Hester den Ruijter** - Translational Scientist at the Laboratory of Experimental Cardiology, UMC Utrecht

**Anita Small** – Project Manager, Deaf Artists and Theatres Toolkit (DATT), Cahoots Theatre Company, Owner/Founder, small LANGUAGE CONNECTIONS

**OTHER CONFIRMED FACULTY/FACILITATORS:**

**Pat Furlong** - Founding President & CEO Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, New Jersey

**Roos de Jonge** - Advisor Patient engagement in education, University Medical Center Utrecht

**Casper Schoemaker** - Advisor patient involvement in research, University Medical Center Utrecht

**Anna van Suchtelen** – Artist, Writer