

#SICsummerschool

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18th – 20th of May 2026

Summer School 2026

LEO Foundation Skin Immunology Research Center (SIC), University of Copenhagen (UCPH), invites you to join an intense three-day learning experience on skin and immunological skin disease research. The Summer School offers 1:1 interaction with and feedback from the world's leading experts on this year's theme: "**Skin Immunity and Homeostasis**".

Application and selection of participants

The Summer School targets PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Participants will be selected based on applications containing a short abstract on your current scientific project (max. 250 words) and short CV to ensure representation of a variety of relevant research themes. Participants are expected to bring a poster based on their submitted abstract. Read more and apply here: sic.ku.dk/summerschool

Deadlines

The application deadline is 15th of January 2026, 23:59 CET. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than 19th of February 2026.

ECTS points

PhD students, who are enrolled at the UCPH Graduate School of Health and Medical Sciences, can apply for ECTS points by submitting the form [Approval of external courses](#). PhD students must apply for approval through their [PhD Planner](#). We can provide attendance certificates for applying for ECTS points, if needed.

Participation

Participation is free of charge and includes accommodation, meals, and refreshments for the duration of the programme. Participants are responsible for their own travel and insurance costs, as well as any meals and hotel expenses incurred before and after the Summer School. A limited number of travel grants will be available.

Venue

The Summer School will be held at atmospheric Hotel Hornbækhus, acclaimed as one of Europe's best seaside hotels for its scenic surroundings in Hornbæk, Denmark and the equally charming Hotel Bretagne. Visit www.hornbaekhus.com/en and <https://en.hotelbretagne.dk/> for details.

Programme

Preliminary programme – subject to change

Monday 18th of May

- 10:30 Registration for bus to Hornbæk
- 11:00 Departure from central Copenhagen (Vor Frue Plads)
- 12:00 Arrival and lunch at Hotel Bretagne
- 12:50 Group photo

SESSION 1: T cell Immunity in the Skin I

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 13:00 Welcome
- 13:10 Christina Zielinski (University of Jena, Germany and Cambridge University, UK) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 13:45 Georg Stary (Medical University of Vienna, Austria) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 14:20 Short Talk 1: from submitted abstracts
- 14:30 Short Talk 2: from submitted abstracts
- 14:40 Break

SESSION 2: T cell Immunity in the Skin II

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 15:10 Thomas Gebhardt (The University of Melbourne, Australia) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 15:45 Xiang Zheng (Aarhus University, Denmark) – ‘From Markers to Networks through Multiplexed Imaging-Powered Deep Visual Proteomics’
- 16:20 Short Talk 3: from submitted abstracts

- 16:30 Short Talk 4: from submitted abstracts
- 16:40 Short Talk 5: from submitted abstracts
- 16:50 Short introductions from scientists presenting posters
- Break and check-in at Hotel Bretagne/Hornbækhus

Location: Hornbækhus

- 18:30 “Meet the speakers” dinner
- 20:00 Poster session
- 21:30 Poster session closes

Tuesday 19th of May

7:30 – 8.45: Breakfast at Hotel Bretagne/Hornbækhus

SESSION 3: Skin Homeostasis

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 9:00 Rachel Watson (A*STAR Skin Research Lab (A*SRL), Singapore) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 9:35 Ning-Xu Landén (Karolinska University, Sweden) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 10:10 TBA
- 10:45 Break

SESSION 4: Skin fibroblasts

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 11:15 Yuval Rinkevich (Chinese Institutes for Medical Research, China) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 11:50 Beate Lichtenberger (Medical University of Vienna, Austria) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 12:25 Short Talk 6: from submitted abstracts

- 12:35 Short Talk 7: from submitted abstracts
- 12:45 Short Talk 8: from submitted abstracts
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Outing – Esrum Kloster
- 16:30 “Hygge” break – coffee, tea and cake – Hotel Bretagne

SESSION 5: Skin Lymphatics

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 17:00 Cornelia Halin (ETH Zurich, Switzerland) – ‘title of talk TBA’
- 17:35 Short Talk 9: from submitted abstracts
- 17:45 Short Talk 10: from submitted abstracts
- 18:00 Short introductions from scientists presenting posters
- Break

Location: Hornbækhus

- 19:00 “Meet the speakers” dinner
- 20:30 Poster session
- 22:00 Poster session closes

Wednesday 20th of May

7:30 – 8.45: Breakfast and check-out at Hotel Bretagne/Hornbækhus

SESSION 6: Innate Immunity in the Skin

Chairs: TBA

Location: Hotel Bretagne

- 9:00 Kailin Mesa (Princeton University, USA) – ‘Niche-specific dermal macrophage loss promotes skin capillary aging’

9:35	Mathieu Bertrand (Flemish Institute of Biotechnology, Belgium) – ‘title of talk TBA’
10:10	Short Talk 11: from submitted abstracts
10:20	Short Talk 12: from submitted abstracts
10:30	Break
11:00	Michelle Kahlenberg (University of Michigan, USA) – ‘title of talk TBA’
11:35	Wrap-up and awards for best Poster and Short Talk
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Departure from Hotel Bretagne
14:00	Optional tour of SIC/drop-off at central Copenhagen

The programme may be subject to change.

Organisers from LEO Foundation Skin Immunology Research Center, University of Copenhagen, Denmark:

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