

## Scottish Consortium selected as 1 of 3 National Training Centres for the Advanced Therapies Skills Training Network

In collaboration with Life Sciences Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, Roslin CT, Edinburgh Napier University, Ayrshire College and IBioIC.

During 2020 SULSA worked closely with the Life Sciences Scotland Industry Leadership Group to support economic recovery through enhanced skills provision in the area of advanced therapies and vaccines. This is a significant area of growth for Scotland and one with pressing need during the COVID-19 years. This consortium, led by SULSA, has been selected as **1 of the 3 National Centres** to deliver cell and gene therapy and vaccine manufacturing specific on-site and digital training capabilities, as part of the Advanced Therapies Skills Training Network (ATSTN). The ATSTN programme is backed by **£4.7m in funding from BEIS and Innovate UK** and is driven by industry and coordinated by the CGT Catapult.

Our **Pan-Scotland provision**, with delivery from Colleges, Universities, Industry and Innovation Centres, not only enables us to train across a range of levels and deliver demand-led content but further builds the connectivity across the education system and our life science sector. Working as a consortium with our fellow UK Centres expands our influence and visibility across key players in the **UK Research and Innovation** landscape.

**From April 2021 SULSA will be coordinating both practical and theoretical training in areas including Gowning and Cleanroom Behaviour, Environmental Monitoring and Control, Cell Processing, Analytical Techniques and Up/Downstream Processing. This training is to be delivered as part of the Catapult UK National Training Centres. SULSA is working with Roslin CT, Edinburgh Napier University, IBioIC and Ayrshire College to deliver this between April 2021 and March 2023. Training will be available to industry staff, academics and those enrolled in Further and Higher Education. To register interest please fill in this form.**

This success-story clearly shows how Research Pools coordinate **targeted mission funding** across our education system and private sector to tackle grand challenges. In so doing it fulfils the SFC's aim to bring Colleges more fully into the national innovation agenda and to recognising **Colleges and Universities** as vital national assets.

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This Consortium and project align with our joint initiative with our SFC-funded partners:  
Research Innovation Scotland.

