# Erik Hartman

PhD Student in Computational Biology



Academic awards & personal grants

- 2025 Global Young Scientist Summit, Singapore
- 2024 Career Development Grant, Singapore, Grant: SGD 3,000
- 2024 Young Promise in Engineering, Swedish Chamber of Commerce, Award: €5,000
- 2024 EMBO Fellowship Exchange Grant, Heidelberg, Germany, Stipend: €9,000
- 2024 Anders Wall Award for Young Scientists, Stockholm, Sweden, Award: €20,000
- 2021 Best BSc Thesis, Clinical Innovation, Lund, Sweden, Award: €1,000
- 2019 Gold Medal, iGEM, Boston, USA
- 2018 3rd Place, Intel ISEF (Translational Medicine), Pittsburgh, USA
- 2018 1st Place, National Science Competition for Young Scientists, Stockholm, Sweden

### Experience

- 2024 2025 Internship, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR), Singapore Collaborated with Dr. Peter J. Bond as part of my PhD research. (Sponsored by EMBO.)
- 2024 Present PhD Student, Medical Faculty, Lund University, Lund, Sweden Conducting research in computational biology focusing on protein degradation mechanisms for diagnostic and therapeutic applications.
  - 2020 2024 Researcher, *Medical Faculty, Lund University*, Lund, Sweden Worked in multiple groups at the Department of Infection Medicine.
    - 2023 **Machine Learning Developer**, *Qlucore*, Lund, Sweden Implemented machine learning algorithms to enhance omics data analysis.
    - 2022 **Bioinformatic Consultant**, *Dianovator*, Malmö, Sweden Developed a summary report system for insulin pump algorithms.
  - 2019 2022 **Tutor & Lecturer**, *LTH* and *Various Institutions*, Lund, Sweden Provided tutoring and lecturing in mathematics, chemistry, and data analysis at both high-school and university levels. Designed and supervised computer exercises for the course Data-driven Health (BMEN35) at LTH.

#### Volunteering

- 2021 2024 Head of board, treasurer, Lund Lifting Club (LTK), Lund, Sweden
  - Headed a weightlifting organization with > 150 members. During this time I was also competing in powerlifting at an international level.
- 2019 2021 Head of organization, SynthEthics
  - Founded and headed a philosophy organization dealing with the ethics of genetic engineering and bioweapons. Held workshops and lectures as well as spread awareness through social media.
- 2018 Present **Society for Young Scientists**, Sweden
  - Held different roles. Amongst other things: arranged the national science competition, was a board member. Involved most recently as a judge for the national science competition.

## Selected publications

First-authored

2025 Mining the endogenous peptidome for peptide binders with deep learning-driven optimization and molecular simulations

bioRxiv

Hartman E., Samsudin F., Bond P.J., Schmidtchen A. and Malmström J.

**DOI**: 10.1101/2025.01.20.633551

2024 Peptide clustering enhances large-scale analyses and reveals proteolytic signatures in mass spectrometry data

Nature Communications

Hartman E., Forsberg F., Kjellström S., Petrlova J., Luo C., Scott A., Puthia M., Malmström J., Schmidtchen A.

**DOI:** 10.1038/s41467-024-51589-y

2023 Interpreting biologically informed neural networks for enhanced biomarker discovery and pathway analysis

Nature Communications

Hartman E., Scott A., Malmström L., Malmström J.

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-023-41146-4

Co-authored

2023 Explainable machine learning for the identification of proteome states via the data processing kitchen sink

bioRxiv

Scott, A.M., Hartman, E., Malmström, J., Malmström, L.

**DOI**: 10.1101/2023.08.30.555506

2023 Selective protein aggregation confines and inhibits endotoxins in wounds: Linking host defense to amyloid formation

*iScience* 

Petrlova, J., Hartman, E., Petruk, G., Lim, J.C.H., Adav, S.S., Kjellström, S., Puthia, M., Schmidtchen, A.

DOI: 10.1016/j.isci.2023.107951

#### Education

2021–2022 MSc in Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University, Sweden

2018–2021 BSc in Biomedical Engineering with additional coursework in Molecular Biology, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University, Sweden

Supervision

2025 Felicia Amelie, Supervised master thesis work on identifying peptides in plasma.

2025 **Malcolm Siljehag Alencar**, Supervised project for identifying large scale binders using Bayesian optimization.

Reviewing

Peer reviewer for: Nature Communications (1), Scientific Reports (2), Bioinformatic Advances (1), and Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's Archives of Pharmacology (1).

References

Availability References available upon request.