

Zerina Kurtovic (ESR5) shares her work with students from Stockholm's Blackebergs Gymnasium

On November 13, 2019, high school students from Stockholm's Blackebergs Gymnasium visited Kancera AB. The students were 3rd year high school students motivated to learn more about science. The visit was organized as a part of a course in scientific specialization the students had participated in. Around 15 selected students and their teachers spent an afternoon at Kancera where they got an introduction to the company and a tour of the labs by Dr. Norin. Following this, Zerina Kurtovic (ESR5), gave a short talk to the students about her PhD project, Exploring novel macrophage-associated mechanisms in autoantibody-induced pain. Zerina is undertaking this project at Kancera, under the supervision of Dr Thomas Olin, and at the Karolinska Institutet under the supervision of Camilla Svensson. Kancera's other PhD students from the SYNTRAIN ITN, Jemina Lehto and Anna Huguet Ninou, also talked about their projects. The high school students then got the chance to ask questions about the projects but also about what it is like to be a PhD student. They were interested in the challenges and benefits of doing a PhD and particularly curious about the benefits of working in both the industrial and academic environment.