

Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS)
Strategic Research Program in Health Care Sciences

Funding for Research in Health Care Sciences 2020 – for research groups addressing the 4 core areas in SFO-V

Background

The overarching goal for the SFO-initiative is to better bridge research in health care with the practice of providing high quality care.

Research within SFO-V is focused on four main areas:

- **Co-creation** - of services, processes and products refers to collaborative activities and approaches that strive to facilitate users, i.e. any stakeholder in issues related to health, disease and illness, working together on equal terms to create value, based on their different types of knowledge and experience.
- **Self-management** - refers to a person's ability to manage the symptoms, treatment, physical and psychological consequences, and life-style changes inherent in living with a health condition.
- **eHealth** - refers to the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for health and health-related fields, including health care services, health surveillance, health communication, health education and research.
- **Bio-behavioural health care science** - refers to the intercept of health care sciences with biological and behavioural sciences, to study the complex interactions among biological, social, behavioural and environmental factors and their effects on outcome to address issues of relevance for health care sciences.

Announcement of funding for research 2020-2021

SFO-V announces funds for Research in Health Care Sciences, for established research groups in SFO-Vs four core areas for the years 2020-2021.

- **Blue Sky Grant** is a new strategic investment that requires the projects to according to scientific evaluation, not only to be of high quality but also to be innovative and pioneering where higher risk taking is acceptable. A Blue Sky Grant should be aimed towards discovering something new beyond what is already known in the research community. Funding is granted within each one of the four strategic core areas after a national/international scientific review of the applications. During 2020 Blue Sky Grants will be funded with approximately 1 million SEK including INDI.
- **Project Grant** will be awarded to projects that intends to contribute to long-term development of Health Care Sciences Research at KI and to provide junior researchers access to creative and established research environments. Funding is granted within each one of the four strategic core areas after national/international scientific review of the applications. During 2020 research grants will be funded with approximately 800 000 SEK including INDI.

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Research groups

"Research groups" refers here to already established environments consisting of researchers at various levels who together form a critical mass in one of SFO-Vs four core areas. The research group will consist of senior researchers, junior researchers, postdocs and PhD students. The research group must demonstrate an established cooperation through research projects conducted together, publications, doctoral dissertations and shared grants for research.

The research group can be interdisciplinary composed but also "one discipline group" that represents one of SFO-Vs core areas.

Eligibility requirements

The main applicant should be employed at KI for at least 50% and the leader of a research group that conducts research in one of the four core areas that has a well-developed national and international network.

Scientific review

The scientific review will be carried out by a small group of experts who will rank the research groups in three categories (excellent, internationally leading, nationally leading) on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1/ The research group's focus in research in relation to at least one of SFO-Vs four core areas in health care research and the SFO-V objectives to bridge research and practice in the field of health care research.
- 2/ Scientific weight (list grants, publications and dissertations over the last five years).
- 3/ The research group's contributions and outcomes or evidence of activities to bridge the gap between theory and practice of health care, exemplified in ongoing research projects and/or other types of activities.
- 4/ National and international collaborations (describe projects, grants publications and exchange programs).

Application

The application should be written in English and annexed with, except the application form, the following annexes in 1 PDF application:

Annex 1 - Short CV for each member of the research group (maximum 2 pages for each)

Annex 2 - Description of ongoing research responding to criteria number 1 (maximum 2 pages)

Annex 3 – Description of the proposed project including relevance for health care sciences in English, max 5 pages Times 11p, single space

Incomplete and/or too late received applications will not be handled.

Further information

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Last date for application and address Last date for application is the 19th of July 2020.

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