



Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS)
Strategic Research Area in Health Care Science (SFO-V)

Karolinska Institutet invites applications for funding for Postdoctoral Researchers/Assistant Professors in Health Care Science 2020-2021 (Dnr: 2-1943/2020)

Background

The Strategic Research Area in Health Care Science (SFO-V) at Karolinska Institutet and Umeå University, *Bridging Research and Practice for Better Health* (<http://ki.se/en/research/strategic-research-area-in-care-sciences-sfo-v>) is based on governmental funding.

Health care science aims to develop the field in a broad sense, beyond the mandate of specific professional groups. The study of complex care processes is emphasized and based on knowledge and methodologies derived from a number of academic disciplines. Research in health care science is distinguished from biomedical science and research through its foci, including patient care, development of theory, concepts and methods of relevance for care, and implementation of care. A central issue is collaboration between care giver and patient/client, with research in this area closely related to health services research on care processes and systems, and often applying a multidisciplinary perspective.

The overall vision for SFO-V is to ensure that the development and provision of healthcare services is based on high quality research. The aim of this strategic research area is thus to develop high-quality research in health care science at Karolinska Institutet and Umeå University, increase collaboration with healthcare providers, patients and policymakers as well as the business sector and the wider community, and contribute to renewal and expansion of health care education at all levels. The research is focused on four main areas:

- Co-creation of products, services and processes
- Self-management of health-related conditions
- eHealth
- Bio-behavioral health care science

For definitions of research areas, please see: <http://ki.se/en/research/about-sfo-v>

Funding of postdoctoral researchers/assistant professors at Karolinska Institutet

SFO-V will fund junior researchers in health care science with particularly outstanding scientific merits and future potential. The funding will be for one year. The researchers in receipt of funding are expected to dedicate 20% of full-time to the development of health care science within the SFO-V and its aims. This may include, but not be exclusive to, oral or written reports, arrangement of courses, workshops, lectures or seminars, or external representation.

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The funding for salary will be provided as a block grant of 800 000 SEK per year for postdoctoral researchers and 1 000 000 SEK per year for assistant professors. Higher salary, if required, should be provided by the recipient department. In addition to the block grant, a small project grant of 50 000 SEK will be provided for postdoctoral researchers and assistant professors respectively.

The funded positions are to be handled by the recipient department according to ordinary procedures at Karolinska Institutet, commence 1/1-2021 and can be held no longer than until 31/12 2021, unless deductible time, such as in the event of parental leave or sickness, can be claimed. The employment is to be agreed with the recipient department, which is responsible for the salary and for providing project costs and costs related to work space, IT, etc.

Eligibility

Applicants must have graduated with a PhD in an area relevant to health care science. The thesis defense must have taken place within the past five years for postdoctoral researchers, and nine years for assistant professors at the time for commencement of the funded position. Individuals who graduated earlier may be eligible if there is particular reason for claiming deductible time, such as in the event of parental leave or sickness. Reason, dates and extent must be clearly specified in the application and verified with the relevant documentation.

To be eligible for postdoctoral funding, the applicant should not have held previous or present postdoctoral researcher positions for more than the equivalent of two years full time at commencement of the position funded by SFO-V. To be eligible for funding as an assistant professor, the applicant must have been appointed previously or presently as a postdoctoral researcher for at least the equivalent of two years full time and not hold, or have previously held, an assistant professorship.

The applicant should have conducted successful research of a high standard in recent years, show great potential for continuing to do so and for establishing his/her own research line within health care science. The applicant should have been published in internationally leading journals in his/her field within health care science in recent years, and occupied a prominent place in the list of authors, preferably as first author and senior author. The applicant must have potential as the principal applicant for obtaining good, preferably external financing and as a future leader within health care science.

Application process

The application in PDF, including all enclosures, must be submitted in English only and include the following:

1. Application form (see enclosure)
2. A complete qualifications portfolio
<https://ki.se/om-ki/meritportfolj-for-larare-och-forskare>
3. Project plan (maximum three pages, Arial, font size 11, 1,5 line space)
4. Motivation for the current application (maximum one page, Arial, font size 11, 1,5 line space)
5. Verifications for crediting of illness, military service, work for labor unions or student organizations, parental leave or similar circumstances (if applicable)
6. Verification from the thesis defense committee or the equivalent (only if the thesis defense is scheduled within three months after the application deadline)
7. Certification form signed by recipient department chair (see enclosure)

Assessment criteria

Applicants will be assessed by external researchers. Assessment criteria are (i) the applicant's competence and potential, (ii) the scientific quality of the project and its relevance to health care science and at least one of the four main areas of the SFO-V. The criteria will be weighted equally. All other merits equal, priority will be given to applicants who have already moved from the research group, department, or who plan to do so if obtaining funding from SFO-V. Interviews will be performed with the highest ranked applicants and the outcome considered in the final decision on funding.

Further information

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Last date for application

Last date for application is 19th of July, 2020 (noon).

Decision

Decision will be announced in 30 September, 2020.

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Applications received incomplete and/or late will not be handled.
Applications received by e-mail only will not be accepted.