



**Karolinska  
Institutet**

## Two-year SFO epidemiology grant at the consolidator level for junior researchers

The strategic research area in epidemiology (SFOepi) at Karolinska Institutet (KI) will invest in a program for leading junior researchers with particularly outstanding scientific merits and future potential within the strategic research area of epidemiology and biostatistics. To give the most prominent young researchers the opportunity to consolidate their research and broaden their activities, one grant will be awarded. The grant includes a two-year funding for researchers employed at Karolinska Institutet or at Region Stockholm and affiliated to Karolinska Institutet whose doctoral degree is not more than twelve years old. Particularly meritorious is the ability of the applicant to demonstrate how the planned activities will involve collaboration with other research groups at Karolinska Institutet, Region Stockholm or other national or international universities and health care centers.

### Eligibility:

- applicants must conduct internationally leading research within their subject area, must have their own research line and have demonstrated the ability to conduct research of very high quality, as well as demonstrate future development opportunities with continued high-quality research and the ability to attract external research funding.
- have a research plan according to the above for the next two years within Epidemiology/Biostatistics at KI.
- a doctorate or equivalent scientific competence should have been obtained on 1 January 2009 or later.
- applicants who have received a PhD degree earlier than 2009 may be eligible if there are special grounds for deductible time (parental leave, long-term illness, general medical internship, further training/specialist medical internship for clinically active professionals, mandatory service in the total defense forces, positions of trust in trade union organizations). Grounds, dates and extent must be clearly specified in the application and verified with relevant documentation. A maximum of 24 months can be deducted.
- employed at Karolinska Institutet or Region Stockholm or at an entity, based in Region Stockholm providing care under agreement with Region Stockholm, and affiliated to Karolinska Institutet
- the applicant should not hold a position as senior lecturer/adjunct senior lecturer or professor/adjunct professor at the time of the application deadline, or previously have received funding Consolidator grant through previous calls by the Board of Research/Faculty board at Karolinska Institutet.
- applicants who receive one of KI's centrally announced 5- or 2-year bridging grants will not be eligible to receive support also from this consolidator grant

### What does the funding entail?

The Consolidator grant should be applied for by individual researchers. Up to 1.2 million SEK per year may be awarded for two years (2022 - 2023), starting January 1, 2022. The funds can be used until December 31, 2023, no extensions will be granted. The grant may be used for salary or research-related costs including social costs (LPK) and INDI. Researchers who receive a consolidator grant are expected to conduct research in epidemiology and/or biostatistics and act as a team or research group leader at Karolinska Institutet or Region Stockholm. Payment of the Consolidator grant will be made to the applicants' KI department.

**Assessment criteria:** Applications will be assessed in four stages:

1. Assessment of eligibility
2. Prioritization of the group of applications to be reviewed by external experts
3. Review by external experts of the competence of the applicant and the scientific quality of the research plan (see specific criteria on the next page)
4. Interviews with applicants ranked highest by the external experts

### Application procedure

The application shall comprise the following documents written in English: a personal letter, an [application form](#), a certificate from head of current department of employment or affiliation which shows that the applicant may conduct research at the department, relevant certificates in case deductible time is stated in the application. Please send your application to [janina.mahmoodi@ki.se](mailto:janina.mahmoodi@ki.se) no later than **May 1st 2021**

## **Assessment criteria for external reviewers:**

### **Review by external experts**

This review applies two assessment criteria and judged on a seven-point scale:

#### *Applicant's competence*

**Publications.** What is the quality of the applicant's previous publications and other scientific achievements in relation to the phase he/she is in in his/her career.

**Academic studies and research merits.** Does the applicant have adequate experience of research, competence and a scientific network and degree of independence sufficient for implementing the proposed project?

**Funding.** Has competitive funding been obtained?

**Distinctions.** National/international recognition. Has the applicant been invited to hold a lecture or presentation?  
Taken part in funding reviews?

#### *Scientific quality of project*

**Innovativeness/originality.** Are there any particularly ambitious or unconventional aspects to the proposal (including multi- or interdisciplinary)? Will it open up fresh perspectives and opportunities for science?

**Goals.** Does the project have clear goals in relation to the latest scientific knowledge and techniques in the field?

**Relevance and potential.** In what ways is the proposed project important to the field? What impact will it have if successful?

**Viability.** Is the proposed project viable? Is the proper expertise, group members and established partnerships available and in place? If relevant, are proposed research methods, infrastructure, equipment and field work appropriate and available? Are the explanation and justification of the chosen method described in a relevant way and in relation to the scientific point of inquiry?

**Methodology.** Does the project include the use of new techniques/methods or the innovative application of existing methods/techniques in new fields?

### **For questions about the application please contact**

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