



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

## **Global Bridges to Advance Health Care Science Careers for Junior Researchers 2019**

The Strategic Research Program in Health Care Science (SFO-V) at Karolinska Institutet (KI), *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. The program now announces an initiative for the development of junior researchers' international careers.

### **Global Bridges**

The initiative is designed to address selected goals of the research program, i.e. to enhance the expertise, the number of funded post-docs and junior researchers, and to strengthen international collaboration in health care science. In launching *Global Bridges to Advance Health Care Science Careers for Junior Researchers* in 2013 the SFO-V hoped to support long lasting international collaborations for the future, which are essential for the developments and globalization of health care science at KI. Top international scholars in health care science from Australia, Canada, Denmark, South Korea, UK and USA have participated in the Global Bridges initiative in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. Collaborations have since taken the form of joint research projects, exchange programs and visits. By providing financial support and inviting at least five (5) international scholars to visit KI in Stockholm, Sweden for one week during September or October 2019, this program will facilitate the building of networks and future collaboration between junior researchers and international scholars.

The application procedure includes two steps. First, the idea for invitation of a specific international scholar should be presented in an application to the SFO-V and, in a second step after review, five to 10 scholars will be selected to be invited.

### **Eligible to apply**

Junior researchers in health care science at KI with a PhD, maximum 7 years after thesis defense, can apply. Those who have already previously participated in the Global Bridges program are no longer eligible as applicants or co applicants.

**First step: Application Procedure** One junior researcher or a small group of two or three junior researchers affiliated with KI should suggest an established international scholar (i.e. outside Sweden), with whom they would like to initiate research collaboration, in an application to the SFO-V.

### **The application**

The application form should be written in English and also submit:

- 1) A maximum two-page CV for the junior researcher(s).
- 2) A copy of the doctoral thesis abstract(s).
- 3) A presentation of the international scholar (maximum two pages), and
- 4) A maximum one-page reflection on how to develop research ideas together with the suggested international scholar. The junior researcher(s) should outline ideas for the future, including how the international scholar could support the junior researchers' ideas.

Furthermore, a statement should be included, clarifying that there has been no prior working

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relationship between the international scholar and the research group to which the junior researcher belongs, i.e. no past, ongoing or planned studies or publications between any research group member and the international scholar.

### **Criteria for assessment**

The criteria for assessment of applications are as follows:

- The potential for the new research ideas to exert a sustained, powerful influence on health care science at KI and internationally.
- The CV(s) of the junior researcher(s) and the international scholar, including evidence of the quality of research, productivity, and success in other prior collaborations.

### **Second step: The invitation of international scholars**

After reviewing of all applications, the steering group of SFO-V will select 5-10 international scholars, who will be invited by the SFO-V, to visit KI during September or October 2019. The international scholars will be financed for round trip travel costs (economy class) and up to one week's stay in Sweden by the SFO-V. The international scholar must be willing to travel to Sweden and participate in a 2-day retreat program in Stockholm together with the other invited scholars and junior researchers.

A program for the retreat will be developed and will include presentations, discussions, and debates on topics related to the development of health care research internationally. The junior researchers selected for participation are expected to work on the program together with the SFO-V leadership team, which includes meetings, preparing of the joint and individual programs etc. The retreat is intended to serve as a meeting place and provide opportunities to work on research ideas in individual groups, consisting of the international scholar and the junior researcher(s), as well as shared larger group discussions and presentations of plans with the other international scholars and junior researchers.

In addition, the junior researcher will act as the host of the international scholar and will also be responsible for planning additional meetings and visits during the international scholar's stay in Sweden.

### **Further information**

For further information please contact Christina Opava ([christina.opava@ki.se](mailto:christina.opava@ki.se)).

### **Last date for application**

Applications should be submitted to SFO-V Coordinator [anna-maria.loimi@ki.se](mailto:anna-maria.loimi@ki.se) no later than **November 19, 2018, at 14.00 AND** a hard-copy of the entire application should be delivered or mailed by post and delivered **by November 21, 2018** to Anna-Maria Loimi, Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society, Karolinska Institutet, 23100, 141 83 Huddinge (visiting address Alfred Nobels Allé 23, Zanderska huset, B wing, level 3).

Sincerely

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**The entire application, including all supplements, should be submitted as one pdf document.**

**The hard copy should be signed (blue pen) by each applicant.**

**Both pdf document and hard copy should be delivered before respective deadline.**

**If incomplete and/or received after deadline applications will not be handled.**