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Call for projects to the SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme at Karolinska Institutet 2023

The SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme is an initiative that was launched in 2021 and this call is the first step in our third round of recruitment of 4 postdoctoral fellows for an expected start date in the autumn of 2023.

Principal investigators at Karolinska Institutet are hereby invited to submit a project for consideration to the SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at Karolinska Institutet within **basic, translational, clinical, and/or epidemiological research with an emphasis on diabetes and its comorbidities (e.g. cardiovascular and liver disease). Projects should have clear relevance for diabetic disease. Principal investigators should document their track record in diabetes related research.** With this postdoctoral program SRP Diabetes aims to support the next generation of exceptional young scientists within the diabetes area, including both experimental and clinical research.

The program is looking for the best fellows we can recruit nationally and internationally who have the potential to become future leaders in the field. We are targeting the fellowships to final year PhD students or early postdocs. Therefore, we are looking for very early career applicants, before they would be eligible for an externally funded intermediate fellowship.

Each fellow will receive a salary together with consumables and travel funding. The duration of the fellowships is for 2 years. Apart from training exceptional young scientists, we hope that this programme will further help consolidate the community of diabetes researchers at KI. The fellowship programme is part of the Strategic Research Programme in Diabetes at Karolinska Institutet (SRP Diabetes), and supported PIs and fellows will become part of this dynamic research environment.

Eligible applicants: Any principal investigator working at Karolinska Institutet within basic, translational, clinical, and/or epidemiological research with an emphasis on diabetes and its comorbidities (e.g. cardiovascular and liver disease) are eligible to submit a project for consideration. An eligible principal investigator must have a minimum 50% FTE at Karolinska Institutet, or 20% research affiliation to Karolinska Institutet for a clinical researcher employed by the health care. At any given time, a PI can only have one SRP Diabetes funded postdoctoral fellow as the main supervisor.

How to submit a project for a postdoctoral fellow: Please complete the attached template (maximally 2 pages project description, and maximally 2 pages CV) and return it in Word-format labeled with your surname, by email, to Stefan Nobel (stefan.nobel@ki.se) **by Tuesday January 10th, 2023.** The project application should clearly state the work the postdoctoral fellow should perform in the project. *Collaborative projects, led by 2 principal investigators working at Karolinska Institutet, are also encouraged. If 2 PIs will apply for a fellow, one PI should be defined as the main supervisor and CV need to be submitted for both PIs.*

Successful projects: If your project is selected by the external expert committee (a maximum of 2 projects can be submitted by each main supervisor PI), it will be one of 4 projects which will be advertised, and you can secure a fully funded postdoctoral fellow in your laboratory for 2 years.

Process to recruit postdoctoral fellows and preliminary timeline:

- Principal investigators at KI are invited to propose an outline of a research project that a fellow could undertake. Deadline for project proposals January 10, 2023.
- The external expert committee will evaluate and select 4 proposed projects. Decision will be taken in the beginning of March 2023.
- Selected projects will be advertised internationally in high profile recruitment sites. The advertisements will be hyperlinked to SRP Diabetes Postdoc Fellowships' website where project descriptions and instructions on how to apply will be available. The call for postdoc applicants will open in the middle of March 2023.
- Postdoctoral applicants will be instructed to submit a CV and cover letter. Deadline for postdoc candidate applications in the end of April, 2023.
- The principal investigator for each of the selected projects will be responsible for the shortlisting of the postdoctoral applicants, the interviews and collection of references, and finally selecting the candidate for the fellowship. The SRP Diabetes Fellowship Program will request a list of shortlisted candidates and PIs should offer the fellowship position to a selected candidate.
- The aim is to have the fellows start from autumn 2023 (or earlier).

More information: If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact Stefan Nobel (stefan.nobel@ki.se). Further information on the program can also be found at the SRP Diabetes website (<http://ki.se/en/srp-diabetes/postdoctoral-fellowships>).

We are looking forward to your project proposals!

On behalf of the SRP Diabetes Management Group.

Yours sincerely,

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