Call for funding for education, outreach and networking support - SFO Stem cells and Regenerative medicine 2026

Areas of support

The aim of the SFO Stem cells and Regenerative medicine is to support research, infrastructure, and education within the field of stem cells and regenerative medicine. The SFO will by this call provide funding for education, outreach and networking activities at Karolinska Institutet (KI) based on scope, quality, and the potential to strengthen and develop the field.

2026 calls

The SFO Stem cells and Regenerative medicine announces up to 6 educational grants to support regular seminar series, symposia or well-defined educational and outreach activities within the area of stem cells, regenerative medicine and cellular therapies.

The applicant should have a PhD or MD and be affiliated to KI or Region Stockholm.

Eligible applications will be supported with a maximum of 200 TSEK for 2026. Grants can be used to cover meeting costs, travel costs (coach class) and administrative costs. Indirect costs must not exceed the INDI level at the receiving department. **The call will be open from the 4th of November 2025 to 19th of December 2025.**

Proposals should encompass a description of the program (max 2 pages), a preliminary schedule, budget, and a description of the persons in charge (including 2-pages CV for the main applicant, and degree and affiliations for the co-applicants). The proposals will undergo internal evaluation. Final decisions will be taken by the SFO Steering committee.

Evaluation criteria

1. **Relevance to Field**: Ensure the proposal aligns with the latest advancements and needs in stem cells, regenerative medicine, and cellular therapies.
2. **Educational/outreach Impact**: Assess the potential impact on the target audience. Will the seminars or activities significantly enhance knowledge and skills?
3. **Feasibility**: Evaluate the practicality of the proposed activities. Are the goals achievable within the given timeframe and budget?
4. **Collaboration and Networking**: The potential to foster networking opportunities (local, national or international)
5. **Expertise and Experience**: Consider the qualifications and experience of the organizers and presenters. Do they have a strong track record in the field?
6. **Sustainability**: Assess whether the activities have the potential for long-term impact or can be sustained beyond the initial funding period.
7. **Budget Justification**: Ensure the budget is reasonable and well-justified, with clear explanations for how funds will be used.

The application should be submitted in one pdf file to Daniel Holl, Karolinska Institutet (Daniel.holl@ki.se).

Application deadline: 19th of December 2025

Decisions will be announced in the beginning of January 2026.