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Call for projects to the SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme at Karolinska Institutet 2025

The SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme is an initiative that was launched in 2021 and this call is the first step in our fifth round of recruitment of 4 + 2 postdoctoral fellows for an expected start date in the fall 2025.

Principal investigators at Karolinska Institutet are hereby invited to submit a project 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.**

This call has two different application categories:

1. Project applied by a PI/supervisor(s) within the areas given above. Up to four postdoctoral grants will be awarded in this category.

2. Collaborative project of translational nature within the areas given above by two PIs/supervisors. The expertise of one of the applicants should be clinical research and the applicant should combine this with a position in health care working actively in the clinic. The co-PI should have a clear complementary expertise, e.g. in basic, laboratory science. Translational research is here broadly defined as translating basic scientific knowledge and discoveries to improve human health and within the areas given above. Up to two postdoctoral grants will be awarded in this category.

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) is 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. A PI already having a program funded fellow, can apply for a new fellow as long as the start of the new fellow does not overlap with the earlier fellow.

How to submit a project for a postdoctoral fellow: The application consists of a 2-page project description and a short 2-page CV. *Please note:* the project description should clearly state the work the postdoctoral fellow should perform and which need to be feasible in the

given 2-year timeframe. A project that is viewed unfeasible will receive a low score. You apply at PRISMA (<https://prisma.research.se/>).

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 regardless of category), it will be one of 4 + 2 projects which will be advertised, and you can secure one 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 30, 2025.
- The external expert committee will evaluate and select 4 + 2 proposed projects. Decision will be taken in March-April 2025.
- 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-end of April 2025.
- Postdoctoral applicants will be instructed to submit a CV and cover letter. Deadline for postdoc candidate applications by the end of May, 2025.
- 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 in the fall 2025.

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 (<https://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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