



SFO epidemiology Junior Scholar Grants in Epidemiology or Biostatistics – Three year grant

The Strategic Research Program in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (SFOepi) at Karolinska Institutet hereby announces funding for up to four strategic Junior Scholar Grants within epidemiology or biostatistics to support new leading junior researchers with particularly outstanding scientific merits and future potential within epidemiology or biostatistics.

The grant includes three (3) years of funding (provided continued funding from the Faculty Board) for junior scholars.

Eligibility:

- Have a research plan for the next three years within epidemiology or biostatistics at KI.
- Have successfully defended their doctoral thesis at the latest on September 2, 2023, and no earlier than September 2, 2018.
- Applicants who have received a PhD degree earlier than September 2, 2018, 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). Reasons, dates and extent must be clearly specified in the application and verified with relevant documentation.
- Employed at KI or Region Stockholm or at an entity, based in Region Stockholm providing care under agreement with Region Stockholm, and affiliated to KI.
- 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 a junior scholar award or assistant professor position through previous calls by the Board of Research, SFOepi or another strategic research area at KI.
- Applicants who receive one of KI's centrally announced grants issued 2026 will not be eligible to receive support also from this SFOepi junior scholar grant.

What does the funding entail?

The junior scholar grant should be applied for by individual researchers. Up to 1.0 million SEK per year may be awarded for three (3) years (2026 – 2028).

The funding for year 1 must be used up before end of December 31, 2027, the year 2 funding must be used up before end of 2028 and the year 3 funding must be used up before end of 2029. The grant may be used for salary (own or others) or research-related costs including social costs (LPK) and INDI. Researchers who receive a junior scholar grant are expected to conduct research in epidemiology and/or biostatistics. Payment of the junior scholar grant will be made to the applicant's KI department. The grant will end in case the employment at or affiliation to KI ends.

Applications will be assessed in four stages:

1. Assessment of eligibility
2. Prioritization of the SFOepi steering 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
4. A final decision by the SFOepi steering group

Application procedure

The application shall comprise the following documents written in English: a personal letter (0.5 page, Calibri size 12, single spaced), a completed application form including the research plan, a certificate from head of current KI department of employment or affiliation which shows that the applicant may conduct research at the department, and relevant certificates in case deductible time is stated in the application.

Please send your application, as a single PDF file with the subject "Junior Scholar Grant application", to janina.mahmoodi@ki.se no later than **October 30, 2025**.