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Call for projects to the SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme at Karolinska Institutet 2027

The SRP Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme is an initiative that was launched in 2021 and this call is the first step in our seventh round of recruitment of 4 + 2 postdoctoral fellows for an expected start date in the fall 2026.

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 with a grant sum of 975 KSEK/year. Apart from training exceptional early career 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: Principal Investigators (PIs) 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. Only Group/Team Leaders are eligible to apply. 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. Before applying, all applicants are expected to have confirmed with their departments that they can hire a postdoctoral fellow in case they are awarded an SRP Diabetes postdoctoral fellowship.

How to submit a project for a postdoctoral fellow: The application consists of a single PDF document containing the following: 2-page project description, 1-2 pages with relevant references, and a short 2-page CV of the applicant(s). Please use the specified application template and CV template to be downloaded at https://ki.se/en/srp-diabetes/postdoctoral-fellowships. *Please note: the project description should clearly state the work the postdoctoral fellow should perform and which needs to be feasible in the given 2-year timeframe. A project that is deemed unfeasible will receive a low score*.

PLEASE NOTE: Category 1: If you apply together with a co-applicant you need to give name, email and include CV also for the co-applicant. Category 2: It is ***compulsory*** to give name, email and include CV for the co-applicant. You can apply using the following link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DhWq0W5rgc ***latest January 16, 2027.***

Successful projects Only one application can be submitted by each main supervisor regardless of category. If your project is selected by the external expert committee 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 16, 2027.

- The external expert committee will evaluate and select 4 + 2 proposed projects. Decision will be taken in April 2027.

- 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 2027 or beginning of May 2027.

- Postdoctoral applicants will be instructed to submit a CV and cover letter. Deadline for postdoc candidate applications in May-June 2027.

- 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 2027.

More information: If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact SRP-Diabetes@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!

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