

The Strategic Research Programme in Diabetes (SRP Diabetes)

BRIDGING GRANT

SRP Diabetes announces Bridging Grant in diabetes and metabolism research.

***Aims:** to support competitive junior/mid-stage Principal Investigators (PIs) who, after application to a competitive international or national grant in the diabetes and metabolism field, scored among the best but in the end was not awarded the grant. The bridging grant should help them continue their research and encourage them to apply again for the same or similar competitive grants hopefully succeeding next time.*

GRANT SIZE: sum up to 50% of a one-year budget of the applied grant and maximally 1.5 MSEK

Eligible to apply: Principal Investigator affiliated to KI (minimum 50% at KI) with internationally competitive research in the field of diabetes and/or metabolism. The PI should have applied to a highly competitive funding programme such as ERC Starting Grant or ERC Consolidator Grant, KAW Fellows, SSF Framtidens Forskningsledare or another highly competitive established national or international funding agency with a multistep international evaluation process including an interview with grades. The PI must have been invited to an interview where they received a high grade but, in the end, did not get funded. The PI should not have been granted funding elsewhere for the same project and not received any other competitive starting grants of similar nature.

The applicant should have received the negative decision from the funding agency in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Application instructions

The applicant needs to submit the following parts:

1. Cover letter (max 1 page) explaining why the applicant should be funded a bridging grant from SRP Diabetes.
2. Enclose the application submitted to the other funding agency which should include a CV for the applicant.
3. Enclose a proof or verification that the applicant was invited to the step of interview for the grant.
4. Enclose the outcome and the received score from the interview.
5. Enclose a complete list of current grants the applicant has.

Application including all parts described above should be submitted to SRP-Diabetes@ki.se and cc alfredo.gimenezcassina@ki.se latest **January 31, 2026**

Evaluation: SRP Diabetes relies on the peer review process of the above-mentioned well-renowned funding agencies and no further scientific evaluation review will be done. The Management Group only evaluates if the eligibility criteria for the call are fulfilled and that the application falls within the research area of diabetes and metabolism.

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