

## Instructions for descriptions of supervisors' competence and doctoral education environment

A presumptive principal supervisor must apply for a so called “Green light” from the department as an attachment when recruiting a doctoral student at LIME (an application for establishment of a doctoral position). Mandatory attachments to this application are descriptions of the doctoral educational environment in which the presumptive doctoral student will work and study, and also descriptions of the competence of each supervisor in relation to the doctoral project. The questions below should therefore be answered as extensive as possible in the description - maximum 2 pages.

- Are there opportunities for contacts with other doctoral students and researchers, e.g. through networking activities, seminars, etc.?
- Is there support available for the doctoral student's studies, e.g. in the form of postdocs, statisticians, biomedical analysts and other researchers?
- Are there opportunities for international exchange/contacts?
- Are there opportunities for teaching and teaching activities?
- Are there alternative ways to achieve the objectives, should those outlined not lead to success?
- What previous experience of supervision does the supervisory group have, i.e. the principal and co-supervisors?
- How many doctoral students have completed their doctoral education under the supervision by the presumptive principal supervisor and co-supervisors?
- How many doctoral students are currently being supervised?
- How will the supervision of the proposed doctoral project be organised?
- Presence of the supervisors in the group - full or part-time, the same physical workplace, etc.?
- In which way will the various competencies of each supervisor be utilised in the doctoral project?

It is important that the description of the educational environment makes it reasonable to believe that the future doctoral student will study and work in an environment “that promotes doctoral education of the highest quality”, e.g. that “the proposed principal supervisor has the means to assist with good, professional supervision”; and that “the proposed co-supervisor(s) will be able to contribute the relevant complementary expertise” to the doctoral project. (See *Rules for doctoral education at Karolinska Institutet* at KI's webpage.)