



Call for projects to the Novo Nordisk Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme at Karolinska Institutet 2019

The Novo Nordisk fellowship program has completed four rounds of recruitments and we have to date appointed 17 postdoctoral fellows. This call is, thus, the first step in our fifth round of recruitment of 3 postdoctoral fellows for an expected start date in the autumn of 2019.

Principal investigators at Karolinska Institutet are hereby invited to submit a project for consideration to the Novo Nordisk Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme 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), endocrinology and metabolism**. The aim is to support the development of a new generation of exceptional young researchers, who will become future leaders, while further developing scientific excellence within these fields and ultimately improving the lives of patients.

The program is looking for the best fellows we can recruit nationally and internationally who have the potential to become future leaders in the field. We are targeting the fellowships to final year PhD students or to postdocs who are completing their first postdoc. Therefore, we are looking for very early career applicants, before they would be eligible for an externally funded intermediate fellowship.

The fellowship program has been well resourced by Novo Nordisk. Each fellow will receive a salary together with consumables and travel funding. In addition, we have funding available to run symposia, lectures, cover recruitment expenses, travel etc. The expectation is that fellows and PIs will actively participate in these events, some of which will be held at Novo Nordisk headquarters in Copenhagen. In addition, during the 3 year fellowship, the fellows will have the possibility to spend time at the Novo Nordisk laboratories in Copenhagen. Apart from training exceptional young scientists, we hope that this program will further help consolidate the community of diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism researchers at KI. Accordingly it is affiliated to, but not steered by, the Strategic Research Program in Diabetes at Karolinska Institutet (SRP Diabetes). Any eventual intellectual property rights arising from the project will be regulated by an agreement between the principal investigator, Karolinska Institutet and Novo Nordisk.

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), endocrinology and metabolism are eligible to submit a project for consideration.

How to submit a project for a postdoctoral fellow: Please complete the attached template and return it in Word-format labeled with your surname, by email, to Håkan Karlsson

(novonordiskfellowship@mmk.ki.se) by **Tuesday January 22, 2019**. The project application should clearly state the work the postdoctoral fellow should perform in the project. Collaborative projects, led by 2 principal investigators working at Karolinska Institutet, are also encouraged.

Successful projects: If your project is selected by the Steering Committee (a maximum of 2 projects can be submitted by each PI), it will be one of 8-10 projects which will be advertised and you could potentially secure a fully funded postdoctoral fellow in your laboratory for 3 years.

Process to recruit postdoctoral fellows:

- Supervisors are invited to propose an outline of a research project that a fellow could undertake.
- The Steering Committee will select 8 -10 proposed projects.
- Selected projects will be advertised internationally in high profile journals.
- Postdoctoral applicants will submit a CV and cover letter, indicating their top 3 choices of projects.
- Selection of postdoctoral applicants will be done by an independent Selection Committee with representation from both Karolinska Institutet and Novo Nordisk, and external experts in the field.
- Starting from autumn 2019, fellows begin their fellowships.

More information: If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact Håkan Karlsson (novonordiskfellowship@mmk.ki.se). Further information on the program can also be found at the SRP Diabetes website (<http://ki.se/en/srp-diabetes/novo-nordisk-fellowships>).

We are looking forward to your project proposals!

On behalf of the Steering Committee

Yours sincerely,

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