



**Karolinska Institutet
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MENTOR4RESEARCH

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR NEUROSCIENTISTS AT KI.

Program Period: Feb 2019 - Nov 2019
Place: KI Innovations, Campus Solna
Application period: 1 Sept – 15 Oct 2018



Are you curious about commercialization and would like to learn more about the possibilities of how your research could be explored to benefit the patients? If so, this **Mentor4 Research** program can be for you!

KI Innovations AB (KIAB) will start a mentorship program for Neuroscience researchers at KI in collaboration with StratNeuro, one of the Strategic research programs (SRPs) at KI.

What is Mentor4Research?

Mentor4Research (M4R) is aimed at researchers who are interested in learning more about the commercialization of research and collaborating with the business community. It is a popular and exclusive program for scientists who want to widen their thinking and see what possibilities exist for their own research. It is based on a successful 10-year track record from the M4R program at the Swedish *Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA -Ingenjörsvetenskapsakademien)* who developed the concept, and with further learnings from the current program at Uppsala University.



M4R requires no prior knowledge of commercialization, but the program is especially tailored to those with little or no experience of commercializing research and who want to know more.

The M4R program is free of charge and includes lectures and workshops in addition to mentoring. It offers rich networking opportunities, both within and outside academia.

Mentor4Research gives researchers the opportunity to work with a business-mentor to:

- gain a deeper insight into and understanding of the commercialization process
- increase their links with the business community
- carry out a preliminary evaluation of the commercial potential of their research

The mentors have many years of business experience and are hand-picked based on each researcher's individual situation and needs.

Who can apply?

We are looking for researchers from the Neuroscience community at KI, who are interested in exploring the potential for commercialization of their own research and are eager to learn more.

Note: StratNeuro especially like to encourage applications from the junior faculty group of neuroscientists.

Other criteria are:

- Researchers ranging from third-year PhD students to experienced professors
- Researchers who have a genuine interest in working closely and openly with a mentor
- Researchers who will devote time and commitment to the program and participate in all program activities (in total at least 40-80 hours).

How do I apply?

To apply for Mentor4Research is simple. You only need to provide short answers to a few questions about why you want to participate in the program, your research and your thoughts on the potential for commercialization.

The application period is open 1 Sept – 15 October.

The web-based application form can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4jERtaZIXKkITdOCRyqun9f7LMAqQdBD04fl-7xeR9MbfvA/viewform?usp=sf_link

After the deadline **15 October**, KI Innovation will then manage the interviews with all eligible applicants + matchmaking with mentors. The final selection of participants will be done by KI Innovations and we will inform you no later than 1 January 2019 if you are accepted into the program.



Short Facts

- Open for researchers within the Neuroscience community at KI
- The program is free of charge
- In addition to the individual meetings between mentor and researcher the program includes seminars and workshops meetings with all participants (see next page for more details).
- The program runs over almost one year, starting in February 2019 and end in November 2019.
- Application open 1 September - 15 October.
- Interviews and mentor matchmaking Oct - Dec.
- Final notification by January 1st, 2019.

Contact

For further information or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!



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Program activities for Mentor4Research 2019 (draft plans)

- **Kickoff**
Feb 2019, 17:30-20:00

- **Workshop 1 – Protect your idea**
March, 16:00-19:00

- **Workshop 2 – Communicate your idea**
April 16:00-19:00

- **May – Submission of "Commercialization journey" part 1**

- **Workshop 3 – How to use your network**
September 16:00-19:00

- **Workshop 4 – Fireside chat: stories from fail & success (Joint with Uppsala program; In Stockholm/Solna)**
October 16:00-19:00

- **October – Submission of "Commercialization journey" part 2**

- **Final event**
November 2019

Location: KI Innovations, Solna Campus.

- **Networking lunch for mentors**
March, 11:30-13:00
September, 11:30-13:00



Thumbs up from other researchers!

9.3 on a 10-point scale was the rating when the scientists who participated in the 2015 Mentor4Research program responded to the question of whether they would recommend the program to other researchers.



Even the mentors gave an average rating of 9.3 when asked whether they would recommend others to accept an invitation to become a mentor.

Click **HERE** for comments by previous participants from KI in the M4R program at IVA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urhNY0wG67k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD4HRAqY-1o>

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