

**Decision call for project funding 2018 SFO-V**

The Strategic Research Area Health Care Science (SFO-V), a collaboration between Karolinska Institutet (KI) and Umeå University (UmU), launched a call for project funding in June 2018. Up to 10 projects could be awarded SEK 250 K with a possible extension with another 250 K the following year. A total of 49 complete applications were each reviewed by three health care scientists outside KI and independent from any of the projects applied for. The reviewers' scores were also normalized to reduce systematic higher/lower scoring by any of them.

The SFO-V steering group originally decided, based on independent scientific reviews and normalization of scores, the relevance for SFO-V and new collaborations with UmU, to award eleven (11) researchers SEK 250 K (incl. INDI).

However, after one of the researchers, Maria Flink, informed that she no longer was an employee at KI the steering group decided (per capsulam 2018-10-25) to withdraw her grant and award it to the next in rank. As two researchers had the same score the steering group decided to extend the budget and grant both. The list of grants is as follows:

**Original ten (10) grants**

- Alexandra Halvarsson
- Anna-Karin Welmer
- Cecilia Ekéus
- Erika Schalling
- Ida Goliath
- John Ovretveit
- Karin Modig
- Lars E Eriksson
- Nina Brodin
- Zarina Kabir

**Two (2) additional grants**

- Mia von Knorring
- Pernilla Pergert

Reports on project progress and use of the grant are to be provided no later than June 30, 2019. Those submitting satisfactory reports will each be awarded another 250 K. The total grant should be used by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Researchers receiving SFO-V grants are expected to contribute to this research environment by project presentations at its web page and scientific conferences organized by the SFO-V. It is also expected that you acknowledge the SFO-V funding in future scientific work based on the project funded.

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