



Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS)
Strategic Research Programme in Care Sciences
(SFO-V)

Global Bridges to Advance Health Care Research Careers for Junior Researchers 2017

The Strategic Research Program in Health Care Sciences (SFO-V) at Karolinska Institutet (KI), *Bridging Research and Practice for Better Health* (<http://ki.se/en/research/strategic-research-area-in-care-sciences-sfo-v>) is based on governmental funding. The program now announces an initiative for the development of junior researchers' international careers.

Global Bridges

The initiative is designed to address the goals of the research program, which are to enhance the expertise, the number of funded post-docs and junior researchers, and to strengthen international collaboration in health care sciences. In launching *Global Bridges to Advance Health Care Research Careers for Junior Researchers* in 2013 the SFO-V hoped to support long lasting international collaborations for the future, which are essential for the developments and globalization of health care research at KI. Top international scholars in health care research from Australia, Canada, Denmark, South Korea, UK and USA have participated in the Global Bridges initiative in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Collaborations have since taken the form of joint research projects, exchange programs and visits. By providing financial support and inviting at least five (5) international scholars to visit KI in Stockholm, Sweden for one week during September or October 2017, this program will facilitate the building of networks and future collaboration between junior researchers and international scholars.

The application includes two steps. First, the idea for invitation of a specific international scholar should be presented in an application to the SFO-V and, in a second step after review, five to 10 scholars will be selected to be invited.

First Step: Application Procedure

Junior researchers in health care sciences at KI with a PhD, maximum 7 years after thesis defense, can apply. Those who have already previously participated in the Global Bridges program are no longer eligible as applicants or co applicants.

One junior researcher or a small group of two or three junior researchers affiliated with KI should suggest an established international scholar (i.e. outside Sweden), with whom they would like to initiate research collaboration, in an application to the SFO-V.

The application

The application should be written in English, submitted in one original and four copies, and include:

- 1) A maximum two-page CV for the junior researcher(s).
- 2) A copy of the doctoral thesis abstract(s).
- 3) A presentation of the international scholar (maximum two pages), and
- 4) A maximum one-page reflection on how to develop research ideas together with the suggested international scholar. The junior researcher(s) should outline ideas for the future, including how the international scholar could support the junior researchers' ideas.

Furthermore, a statement should be included, clarifying that there has been no prior working relationship between the international scholar and the research group to which the junior researcher belongs, i.e. no past, ongoing or planned studies or publications between any research group member and the international scholar.

Criteria for assessment

The criteria for assessment of applications are as follows:

- The potential for the new research ideas to exert a sustained, powerful influence on health care research at KI and internationally.
- The CVs of the junior researcher(s) and the international scholar, including evidence of the quality of research, productivity, and success in other prior collaborations.

Second Stage: The invitation of international scholars

After review of all applications, the leadership team of the SFO-V will select 5-10 international scholars, who will be invited by the SFO-V, to visit KI during September or October 2017. The international scholars will be financed for round trip travel costs (economy class) and up to one week's stay in Sweden by the SFO-V. The international scholar must be willing to travel to Sweden and participate in a 2-day retreat program in Stockholm together with the other invited scholars and junior researchers.

A program for the retreat will be developed and will include presentations, discussions, and debates on topics related to the development of health care research internationally. The junior researchers selected for participation will be invited to work on the program together with the SFO-V leadership team. The retreat is intended to serve as a meeting place and provide opportunities to work on research ideas in individual groups, consisting of the international scholar and the junior researcher(s), as well as shared larger group discussions and presentations of plans with the other international scholars and junior researchers.

In addition, the junior researcher will act as the host of the international scholar and will also, with the relevant senior health care researcher, be responsible for planning additional meetings and visits during the international scholar's stay in Sweden.

Further information


For further information please contact Christina Opava (christina.opava@ki.se), professor, Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS), Karolinska Institutet.

Last date for application and address

Last date for submitting the application is **November 10, 2016, at 15.00.**

Welcome with your application to the SFO-V Coordinator, Kathrin Dellblad, Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society (NVS), Karolinska Institutet, 23100, 141 83 Huddinge (visiting address Alfred Nobels Allé 23, Zanderska huset, flygel B, plan 3).

Sincerely


Christina H. Opava, professor,

Director Strategic Research Program in Health Care Sciences

The application must be annexed.
All documents must be submitted in original and four copies.
Incomplete and/or applications received after the last application date will not be handled.
Applications received by email will not be accepted.