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Start-up grants for young researchers

The Swedish Society for Medical Research (Svenska Sällskapet för Medicinsk Forskning, SSMF) announces 4-year start-up grants to support young researchers working full- or half-time. Half-time grants are intended for clinically active researchers; both grants include a sum to cover running expenses.

Start-up support is awarded for 2 years with a 2-year extension after approval of a scientific report.

The objective is to offer promising young scientists an opportunity to establish themselves as independent researchers. The support is aimed toward PhDs with post-doctoral qualifications. Full-time positions may be combined with a part-time sideline (maximum 20%), for instance clinical work.

The number of research positions is not predetermined, but after the most recent call, 4 full-time and 4 half-time positions were awarded.

Who?

Full-time: Qualifying candidates are those who have obtained a doctorate at least 2 and no more than 7 years before the end of the application period. This period may be extended by consecutive periods of at least 3 and maximum 24 months for military service, sick leave or parental leave, respectively and with time for AT/ST education (the last two causes may reach a maximum of 24 months each).

The person who holds or at the time of contract signing has been assigned a teaching service (assistant professor, associate professor, professor) or multi-annual research service funded by national or international funding providers is not authorized to apply.

Clinical half-time: Applicants are eligible by having obtained a doctorate no more than 10 years before the end of the application period. This period may be extended by consecutive periods of at least 3 and maximum 24 months for military service, sick leave or parental leave, respectively and with time for AT/ST education (the last two causes may reach a maximum of 24 months each). The person who holds or at the time of contract signing has been assigned a teaching service (assistant professor, associate professor, professor) or multi-annual research service funded by national or international funding providers is not authorized to apply.

In addition to the expert review of submitted applications, the most well-qualified applicants will be called for personal interviews with the SSMF Review Board. The purpose of the interviews is to improve the selection process in order to identify the most suitable candidates among the applicants. For each form of funding, seven applicants are called for interviews with their own presentation as a starting point for a subsequent discussion. Preliminary dates of interview is September 17-18 2019. Participation in the interview is mandatory for the grant and the costs of the interview are covered by the SSMF.

How much?

Start-up support totals 1.7 million SEK per year (full-time) and 1.3 million SEK per year (half-time).

A portion of the grant is intended to cover the applicant's own salary (800,000 SEK for full-time, 400,000 SEK for half-time); 900,000 SEK is to cover running costs. The grant includes a maximum of 20% to cover rental of facilities and project-related indirect costs. This is framework funding: applicants who are given a position as associate professor or professor at their institute during the funding period may use grant monies intended to cover their salary for other project-related costs. Such redistribution must first be approved, and is not permitted until after the first year of the grant.

The grant is paid out exclusively to Swedish universities and university colleges.

The position is to be taken up 1 January the year after application and no later than 1 July (i.e. 6 months after the first starting date). Allocated funding remains at the recipient's disposal until 12 months after the contract period.

The application period runs 15 April to 15 May.

NB! 15 May at 24:00, the system will be closed and it will no longer be possible to register applications, or print or make changes in existing applications.

To SSMF

Applications are submitted electronically.

Terms of agreement signed by the Head of the Department (or similar) and a copy of the thesis defence protocol or diploma shall be appended to the electronic application as pdf files.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The applications will first be ranked by the relevant medical faculty; then SSMF's examining committee will rank the most qualified applicants.

Grant awardees will be notified in writing in early December.