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To the head's of the departments at the Faculty of Medicine, Umeå University

Knut och Alice Wallenberg Foundation announces **Wallenberg Academy Fellows (WAF) 2023**. The program addresses young researchers in medicine, natural sciences, engineering and technology, humanities and social sciences. The purpose of the WAF program is to give young researchers working conditions that enables them to focus on research and tackle difficult, long-term research questions.

Head's of the departments can nominate young researchers who have received a doctoral degree after 1 January 2014*

- The university should strive for 40 % of the nominations to be from the underrepresented sex.
- **Only one internal candidate can be nominated for each international nomination**
Any international candidate nominated within the category "Researcher working abroad at the time of the nomination have not been employed and not received salary of other financing from Sweden during the last four years

Please note

- *An exception may be made for nominees whose PhD date back to before 2014 and who on request can document a leave of absence due to parental leave, military service or extended sick leave that has taken place since the PhD exam.
- Researchers who received a recruitment package as part of the Foundation's molecular medicine initiative (WCMM centra) cannot be nominated for a Wallenberg Academy Fellows grant
- the Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems Program (WASP), Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems Program - Humanities and Society (WASP-HS), Data Driven Life Science (DDLs) or Wallenberg Initiative for Materials Science and Sustainability (WISE) cannot be nominated for a Wallenberg Academy Fellows grant.

Read more about WAF at KAW

<https://kaw.wallenberg.org/utlysningar/2023-nominering-till-wallenberg-academy-fellows>

Nomination procedure at the Faculty of Medicine:

Step 1 The head of the department nominate candidates **no later than September 26**. Nominations, written in English, is sent to the Faculty office at research.med@umu.se

Step 2 The review panel appointed by the faculty review the nominations, picks and rank up to eight nominations to be sent to Research Support Office, **no later than October 26**. The review panel also puts together written motivations for each of the selected nominations.

Step 3. The Vice-Chancellor decides, after considering the proposals made by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the faculties, which researchers will be nominated to WAF.

Research Support Office informs the faculties concerning which researchers have been chosen.

Step 4. Research Support Office invites the nominated researchers to a personal meeting and informs them concerning the instructions from KAW, internal deadlines and the support offered by Research Support Office. The review panel from the Faculty of Medicine also provides feedback concerning the applications that have been nominated.

Step 5. No later than **January 11, 2021**, the nominated researchers will send an updated version of the application, that is completely in accordance to the instructions from KAW regarding WAF to Research Support rso@umu.se. Any applications that is sent in after this date may be disregarded.

Step 6. Research Support offers feedback to each application as needed by each applicant. Research Support also coordinates the formulation the support letter together with the university administration, the faculty and the researchers. Observe that the following must be in place before a support letter can be put together and the before the application can be sent to KAW:

- The budget motivation has been approved by Research Support Office
- The application has been approved by the Pro-Vice –Chancellor

Step 7: The complete application is sent to KAW at their digital site <https://kawansokan.wallenberg.org/>

No later than **February 15, 2023**, by the nominated researcher him/herself

The following appendices must be included in each nomination from a Head of department.

1. **CV (max 2 A4 pages) covering positions held, awards won and postdoctoral research stays**, if any.
2. **Motivation** (1 A4 page) covering the strengths of the nominee, a brief summary of the researchers career so far and the most important points in the CV, the scientific background and scientific focus of the nominee and a description of how the nominee forms an important part of the faculty's scientific activities. Any nomination that is repeated from a previous round of nominations must be motivated by pointing to especially distinguishing scientific merits since then.
3. **A project proposal (no more than 6 A4 pages, preferably shorter)** (written in English)
4. **An attestation** from the head of department or dean of faculty that supports the nomination and guarantees 50 % of the salary and all other costs as in UGEM, FGEM, IGEM as well as rent if the grant from Wallenberg foundation does not cover those costs
5. **A list of publications**, font 12, with the ten most important publications are marked. Include H-index, from Web of Science. Also, include the Impact Factor for the year of that article.
The name of all co-authors should be included for each publication
Mark the name of the nominee in BOLD;
For example: Andersson A, Bertilsson B, Carlsson C, and **Davidsson D** (year)
Insights into medical research (titel). J Med Res (the abbreviated name of the journal name), (volym), 1001-1009 (pages) (alt *e20171005*) IF (year)=
6. **Name of a senior researcher** that can contribute with further feedback on the application



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7. **A brief popular scientific summary in Swedish (max 1 A4 page)**
8. **External candidates must also attach an assurance** that the nominee has been approached and has agreed to move to Umeå, as well as a motivation stating the reasons why he/she wants to establish his/her research at Umeå university. An external candidate can only be nominated by one university.

Do not forget the signatures of the head of department and the nominee!

All appendices should to be put together into one pdf: file and sent to the Faculty office research.med@umu.se , no later than **2022-09-26**.

Name the file WAF2023_name of the nominee

Any questions regarding this call can be directed to Anders Wennström, Research Support Office, anders.wennstrom@umu.se

Assessment criterias

The review panel for the medical faculty will apply the assessment criteria's that KAW applies for WAF:

<https://kaw.wallenberg.org/en/assessment-criteria-wallenberg-academy-fellows>

According to the directives of KAW the objective of this program is to support basic research at the highest level and scientific quality is to be regarded as the primary assessment criteria. Within all programs of the KAW foundation, including WAF, the underrepresented gender must always be prioritized.

Four overall assessment criterias and subsidiary criterias:

<https://kaw.wallenberg.org/bedomningskriterier-wallenberg-academy-fellows>

Assessment

The objective of this program is to support basic research at the highest level.

1) Scientific quality, originality and feasibility of the proposed research program

- The quality of the research program, its degree of innovativeness and its significance in terms of research development.
- Feasibility: can the research be carried out at the nominating university? Do the right infrastructure, resources and context exist?
- Documented academic quality of research carried out by the nominee to date.

2) Academic results attained previously

- Publications: quality from an international perspective and quantity.
- National and international awards.
- Documented academic breakthroughs.
- Positions held.
- A postdoctoral research stay (or equivalent) is expected for all nominees in medicine, engineering and technology, natural sciences, and social sciences.

3) *Assessment of the nominee's potential as an independent researcher* consists in appraising, as far as possible, the nominee's potential for development as a researcher, mainly based on the criteria and subsidiary criteria presented above and also on the personal interview

4) *The nominee's potential as a research leader is assessed*, for the areas where this is relevant, on the basis of the following subsidiary criteria (without internal ranking)

- Professional positions and positions of trust held.
- Leadership training courses attended and appraised leadership capacity.
- Communicative ability.