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Dear Colleague,

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences invites you to nominate candidate(s) for

#### The Sjöberg Prize 2019

The Sjöberg Prize for cancer research is awarded to scientists who have made major contributions to our knowledge about disease mechanisms, risk factors, or the treatment or prevention of cancer.

This new prize is based on a donation from the late businessman Bengt Sjöberg and amounts to 1 million US dollars of which 1/10 is a personal award, with the remainder being used for research. It is therefore a requirement that the nominated scientist is still conducting high-quality cancer research and is, preferably, in an ascending phase of her/his scientific career. The prize should preferably be awarded to one recipient, but may be divided among up to three recipients.

Nominations will be treated confidentially and managed by a prize committee that reports to the Academy's Class for medical sciences. The final decision regarding the Sjöberg Laureate(s) 2019 will be made by the Academy in full session.

The inaugural Sjöberg Prize 2017 was awarded to Tony Hunter and James P. Allison "*for groundbreaking studies of cellular processes that have led to the development of new and effective cancer drugs*".

The Sjöberg Prize 2018 is awarded to Zhu Chen, Anne Dejean and Hugues de Thé "*for clarification of molecular mechanisms, and development of revolutionary treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia*".

(see [www.kva.se/sjobergprize](http://www.kva.se/sjobergprize)).

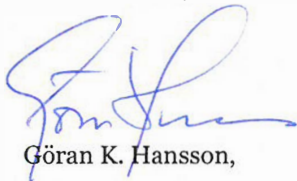
Nominations must be made by individuals and submitted electronically at:

<https://portal.sjobergprize.se>

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2018. Nominations should contain a succinct description of the achievements on which the nomination is based, along with a short description of the nominee's current research activities. Recognition of female excellence in science is encouraged. The name of the nominee should be kept confidential and nominees should not be informed privately about the proposal before or after the nomination period. The award ceremony will take place in Stockholm in March 2019, along with a Sjöberg Prize Lecture. Please feel free to share the call for nominations with your colleagues.

Further questions can be directed to the Sjöberg Prize secretary, Rune Toftgård at phone: +46 8 673 95 60, or e-mail: [rune.toftgard@kva.se](mailto:rune.toftgard@kva.se).

Yours sincerely,



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