



## Wallenberg Academy Fellows 2023 – Nomination Process, Umeå universitet

Wallenberg Academy Fellows is a long-term program for young researchers funded by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (KAW). The program is aimed at researchers in medicine, science, technology, humanities and social sciences and is open to applicants from all over the world. The goal of the Wallenberg Academy Fellows program is to give young researchers a work situation that allows for a focus on research and the opportunity to tackle difficult and long-term research issues. During autumn, KAW will announce funding for a new round of Wallenberg Academy Fellows with deadline 15 February 2023, which is why Umeå University already now wants to inform about the nomination process. The foundation's guidelines will not be published until after the summer, but to allow for enough time for the internal nomination process at the university, the process described below already applies.

### Who can be nominated?

Researchers nominated for the 2023 call must have received a doctoral degree after 1 January 2014. Exceptions are allowed for parental leave or longer sick leave that has taken place after the doctoral degree. Researchers who have received recruitment packages within the Foundation's investments in molecular medicine (WCMM center), 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.

### Nomination process at Umeå University

Universities shall strive for at least 40% of the university's nominations to be of the gender underrepresented for the nomination. Since the university can only nominate one internal candidate for each international nomination, the faculties shall strive in their proposals for an equal gender distribution and equal distribution between internal and external candidates. The maximum number of nomination proposals is: Faculty of Medicine 8, Faculty of Science and Technology 8, Faculty of Humanities 4, and Faculty of Social Sciences 4. In total, Umeå University can nominate 12 candidates.

The nomination process is as follows:

**Step 1.** Departments and units nominate candidates to the faculties, according to rules formulated by the faculties.

**Step 2.** Each faculty ranks submitted proposals and then sends the ranking and nomination proposals, including documentation, to the Research Support Office, [rso@umu.se](mailto:rso@umu.se), no later than 2022-10-23. Nominations from the faculties must be written in English and contain the following, for each candidate:

- Name and CV
- A short motivation (approx. 1 A4) in English that includes the candidate's strengths, a summary and highlights of the candidate's CV, the candidate's scientific background and research focus, and a description of why the candidate's activities form an important part of the faculty and university research profile.



- The nomination of a researcher already nominated by the university in a previous round must be motivated by particularly distinctive scientific successes in recent years.
- Description of the planned project in English (max 6 A4).
- Certificate that the head of department / dean supports the application, i.e. that they account for at least 50% of the applicant's salary costs, as well as all other expenses such as UGEM, FGEM, IGEM and local costs, unless they are covered by the Wallenberg Foundation's contribution.
- Name of a senior researcher who can contribute with feedback on the application.

For external candidates, the nomination documentation must also include:

- A declaration that the candidate has been asked and is in favor of moving to Umeå and a justification of why the candidate wants to establish his research at Umeå University.
- An indication from the faculty about the additional amount they intend to co-finance (SEK 1.5 million, SEK 3 million, or SEK 4.5 million). This applies to researchers who are active abroad at the time of nomination, i.e. who have not during the last four years held employment or scholarship financing in Sweden. However, they may hold salary funds from Sweden that are administered from a Swedish university, but the researcher must always be abroad.

**Step 3.** The Vice-Chancellor decides on the proposal of the Vice-Rector in consultation with the faculties which researchers are to be nominated for KAW. Research support informs the faculties which researchers are nominated for KAW.

**Step 4.** Research support invites the nominated researchers to a personal meeting and informs about KAW's instructions, internal deadlines and the support offered.

**Step 5.** The nominated researchers send an application that follows KAW's instructions (including budget) no later than 11 January 2023 to the Research Support Office, [rso@umu.se](mailto:rso@umu.se). Applications received *after* this date may be excluded from the process.

**Step 6.** Research support offers feedback on each application based on the respective researchers' wishes. Research support also helps to prepare the Vice-Chancellors support letter in collaboration with the university management, the faculty and the researchers. Please note that before a letter of support can be drawn up and the application sent to KAW, the following needs to be in place:

- The budget has been approved by Research Support
- The application has been approved by the Vice-Chancellor

**Step 7.** The nominated researchers are responsible for submitting the completed application to the foundation.

**Contact:**

For questions regarding the call, please contact: Research support ([rso@umu.se](mailto:rso@umu.se))

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Katrine Riklund  
Pro-Vice Chancellor