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Open call for PhD projects

Uppsala Diabetes Centre (UDC) hereby opens a call for 8 cross-disciplinary PhD projects within areas of importance for the better understanding, diagnosis or treatment of diabetes. For main applicants from SLU, the projects must relate to and be beneficial for animal health in domestic animals (dog, cat, horse, cattle, sheep, goat, swine). UDC was established at Uppsala University in December 2020, and aims at being a unique, strategically relevant, interdisciplinary research centre, with a focus on all aspects of diabetes disease in man and animals. Uppsala has strong research expertise in a variety of disciplines that address essential aspects of diabetes.

Proposed projects are required to have supervisors from at least two different disciplinary domains at Uppsala University or have a combination of supervisors from Uppsala University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). Each project will receive a standard amount of 400 KSEK per year for a maximum of 4 years (48 months), covering a PhD student's salary. The remaining salary/cost has to be covered by the applicant or the department where the PhD student will be registered. Successful applicants and financed PhD students will be a central part of UDC's research environment. Participation in research school activities and seminars/workshops by both PhD students and applicants is therefore a prerequisite for funding. Applications will be evaluated on scientific quality and novelty, feasibility, societal impact of the research question posed and cross-disciplinarity.

Process

The deadline for submitting the proposals is March 31st. Proposals are evaluated and ranked by external/international expert reviewers during April. The UDC board will make the final funding decision at the board meeting on May 20. Successful applicants will be asked to write a formal call text for the respective PhD student position.

Eligibility to apply

The main applicant should be employed or affiliated for at least one year at Uppsala University or SLU at the time of the application. At least one co-applicant should be employed at another disciplinary domain at Uppsala University or there should be a combination of applicants from Uppsala University and SLU. Other co-applicants can come from other parts of Sweden or abroad. The project should be an obvious interdisciplinary collaboration. The PhD student shall be registered at the same department as the supervisor at either Uppsala University or SLU. The head of the department at which the main applicant is located must sign the application and in doing so guarantee that the PhD student will be hosted within the department and that co-financing exists for the remaining part of the salary. Early to mid-stage Uppsala admitted doctoral students in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences are also permitted to apply for UDC funding, however those with less than two years before completion are not eligible.

The submission should be written in English and follow the format outlined in the application form. Submit application to ulrika.backman@uu.se and write "UDC PhD project application" as the subject of the email.