Postdoc / Assistant Researcher Call 2018

The strategic research area for cancer at Lund University (LU) hereby announces a call for career support funding as salary costs for Postdoc or Assistant Researcher for 24 months with focus on cancer research at LU. Up to 2 grants can be awarded.

Purpose
The strategic aims of this call are to:
(1) Support excellent research projects in the cancer field
(2) Promote the recruitment of excellent postdoctoral scientists graduated from other universities to LU’s cancer research environment
(3) Ensure that excellent early postdoctoral researchers are retained for an additional 2 years

Important dates
6 March – Call opens
9 April – Deadline to submit application ca 1 month grant writing
2 May – External review finished ca 3 weeks
9 May – Decision by board (BioCARE Board meeting 9 May)
16 May – Decisions announced - in case no decision power at board meeting - email voting needs to take place.

Project period (24 months): July 2018 – June 2020

Budget: Total 4,000,000 SEK and 1,000,000 SEK per position per year; max 2 full time positions. *The funding is governmental and need to be administrated at an LU activity due to the terms of the funding for strategic research areas. No stipends are allowed.*

Eligibility criteria
The postdoctoral or assistant researcher must have obtained the PhD degree at the submission deadline and the PhD exam should not be had been obtained more than 4 years ago. The applicant should not have more than 4 years of postdoctoral experience at the submission deadline. Parental leave/sickness/military service/commission of trust are grounds for deductible time.
Evaluation
Evaluation among eligible applicants will be done by external reviewers based on:

(1) The project plan: projects with an excellent project plan with demonstrated progress and preliminary data are prioritized. Feasibility and selection of host laboratory should be considered. Grading 7-1.

(2) The applicant’s merit and background: Grading 7-1. Applicant with previous postdoctoral experience dedicated to cancer research at LU are prioritized, as well as applicant with a PhD degree from other university than LU. Grading 7-1.

Ranking and Decision Process
The reviewers will rank the project applications individually as a complement to the grading as the last step. The reviewer ranks all evaluated projects from 1-N, with the best application as 1 and N = the total number of reviewed applications. The ranking should be based on scientific quality and relevance, and the prioritization of all applications. Under-represented gender of main applicant should be prioritized at final ranking of candidates with equal scores.

The final decision is made by the BioCARE board based on the overall recommendation by the reviewers.

Follow-up
A final report – both economic and scientific - have to be submitted at the end of the project period. The mid-term reporting will be in form of an open seminar.
Application format
The application should contain the following documents, all with the name of the main applicant in the header of each page.

(1) A single cover page with general information as follows:
   a. Project Title
   b. Name of the applicant, current position and affiliation
      i. PhD obtained from and date
      ii. Postdoctoral experience (start – end dates per position – include any deductible time)

(2) Project plan including the headings
   a. Aims
   b. Background Summary
   c. Work Plan
   d. Preliminary Data
   e. Significance for the research field
   The plan should be at most 5 pages, with 12 pt type.

(3) Curriculum vitae of applicant; 2 pages

(4) Publication list

(5) Letter of invitation from host researcher including budget motivation.

Submission
Submit your proposal as a single pdf document (max 2 MB) ordered as above to Pia.Berntsson@med.lu.se. Deadline is April 9th, 2018.

For more information or questions, please contact
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