Karolinska Institutets’ Junior Faculty

Mission of KI’s Junior Faculty
Karolinska Junior Faculty (JF) is an interest organization of researchers with a PhD but not yet a permanent academic position (as lecturer or professor) at Karolinska Institutet. Junior faculty refers to a stage in the research career and includes postdocs, assistant professors (foass) and researchers (without a permanent academic position).

Our aim is to promote development of a career system at all levels; through participation in KI boards and dialogue with KI leadership, funding agencies and government. Our aim is also to provide support to all junior faculty members through our website (ki.se/juniorfaculty), newsletters, seminars, workshops and hearings. The steering group works with career development issues but also with strategic research and research policy issues.

JF is represented on various boards and working groups at KI, for example in the Board of Research, Board of Research Education and the Research Strategic Committee at KI/SLL (Stockholm County Council). The Chair of KI Postdoctoral organization is also represented in the JFs steering group.

How to become member of KI’s Junior Faculty?
We want to reach all researchers with a PhD at KI! If you are not yet a member please JOIN TODAY! At our website (ki.se/juniorfaculty) there is a registration link, click on it and fill in the form. By joining the KI’s Junior Faculty you will be able to get information on career development and funding opportunities, and attend our workshops and seminars.

The steering group
The Karolinska JF steering group is composed of representatives from JF’s audience:

The steering group of 2014

Chair of Karolinska JF steering group
Gonçalo Castelo-Branco, Department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics, MBB, Solna

JF’s representative at the Board of Research and Research Strategic Committee

Vice chairs
Pernilla Stridh, Department of Clinical Neuroscience, CMM, Solna
Anton Forsberg, Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Psykiatricentrum, Solna

JF’s representative at the Board of Research Education

Secretaries
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Ananta Paine, Department of Medicine, CMM, Solna
Louise Sjöholm, Department of Clinical Neuroscience, CMM and Institute of Environmental Medicine, IMM, Solna

The organization of the Karolinska JF steering group
From 2014 there will be seven focus groups within the steering group. They are as follows:

1) Career system
2) External funding agencies, government, national JFs
3) Information and contact with members; web site, registry, web surveys
4) Equality
5) JF organics (representation, nomination of chairs, etc)
6) Clinical research
7) Careers outside academia

Want to join the Karolinska Junior Faculty steering group?
JF’s steering group is expanding. Interested in joining the steering group? Please send us a short paragraph including your background and if there are any specific areas or questions that you would like to work with within the JF. Or if you feel that you can specially contribute with or have expertise in an area of interest for JF. Send the email to our steering group chair Gonçalo Castelo-Branco (Goncalo.Castelo-Branco@ki.se) or to our secretaries Klas Udekwu (Klas.Udekwu@ki.se) or Åsa Winther (Asa.Winther@ki.se).

The steering group is aiming to have representatives from all departments at KI. At the moment we lack representatives from:

Department of Biosciences and Nutrition
Department of Clinical Science and Education, Södersjukhuset
Department of Clinical Science, Intervention and Technology
Department of Clinical Sciences, Danderyd Hospital
Department of Dental Medicine
Department of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics
Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery
Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society
Department of Oncology-Pathology

Welcome to JF!