



Infrastructures granted support

The Swedish Research Council has decided to finance Swedish research infrastructures with in total SEK 4 billion in the coming years. Two of the infrastructures receiving support are associated with IGP.

Biobank Sweden, coordinated by Tobias Sjöblom, receives one of the grants. The aim of Biobank Sweden is to coordinate Swedish biobanks and associated data, to facilitate for researchers to gain access to samples and data.

In addition, the SciLifeLab platform National Genomics Infrastructure (NGI) also receives funding. One of the facilities at the NGI node in Uppsala is Uppsala Genome Center, hosted by IGP.

In the call for applications only the research infrastructures that had been previously been selected on the basis of a needs inventory, or had an ongoing grant that was due to end in 2017 or 2018, were able to apply for funding. In total, 28 applications were approved. The size of the grants will be decided in dialogs between the Swedish Research Council and representatives of the host universities, which will contribute with co-funding.

More information at the [Swedish Research Council](#).



From the Head of Department

October finds our department busy as ever. Students gather in the lecture halls and laboratories, interacting with IGP teachers and researchers. Many of our students come from abroad and that we can attract them to Uppsala is one measure of successful international exchange.

These days, internationalization is a buzzword, and the Government has appointed an inquiry "Internationalization of higher education institutions". Mobility is vital to both research and education and comes in many forms: Returning postdocs, researchers who move to Sweden, participation in conferences abroad and hosting such events in Uppsala, and IGP researchers participating in or leading EU projects. Other examples are the almost weekly interaction with top scientists lecturing in our seminar series and IGP researchers being invited to do the same at prominent institutions abroad, our three international Master's programs, establishing international "friendship departments", translating all relevant IGP documents to English, and the list goes on.

I'm proud that more than half of the scientific papers published from IGP have international co-authorship. In the public debate sometimes, there is a tendency to forego what is already in place, and the word itself, internationalization, implies a process in its infancy. We can always do more, but let's also use all the efforts made, since decades, as good examples of what international exchange means for medical research in Sweden, because ultimately, it will benefit patients worldwide.



NIH funding to Marcel den Hoed

Marcel den Hoed is co-applicant in a project that was recently awarded a grant from the American NIH. The project will address the link between obesity and cardiometabolic complications and is a collaboration between researchers from USA, UK and Sweden.

Mohamed Altai granted SSMF post doc fellowship

The Swedish Society for Medical Research (SSMF) annually awards young researchers post doc fellowships for medical research. Mohamed Altai will receive this funding for two years.

Stefan Enroth and Maria Ulvmar receive grants from Vleugel's foundation

The Vleugel grants are focused towards support for IGP researchers during the earlier stages of the research career.

Apply for the Vice-Chancellor's travel grant

Funding from the Knut and Alice Wallenberg foundation is available for application. Deadline is 15 October. See [Medarbetarportalen](#).