



## **Nominations to the Sigvard Olofsson Award**

The board welcomes nominations of candidates to the Sigvard Olofsson Award, which will be given by Virus- och pandemifonden – Svenska Sällskapet för Virologi (The Swedish Society for Virology), to a junior, talented virologist working at a Swedish university or hospital, for the purpose of promoting virus research. For 2021, the award is 100 000 SEK.

Sigvard Olofsson is the founding father of the society's annual Smögen Summer Symposium in Virology. The first meeting attracted some 50 dedicated virologists, and over the years the symposium has developed to host more than 140 participants. Two Nobel Prize Laureates have attended the meeting: Charles Rice (2008), and Stanley Prusiner (2018). "Sigge" is a skilled virologist and very much appreciated as a lecturer and thesis opponent. Sigge has mentored researchers early in their career and hence the award is aimed to support junior Swedish virologists.

Eligibility criteria are based on the Swedish Research Council's criteria for Starting Grants:

<https://www.vr.se/english/applying-for-funding/calls/2020-11-10-starting-grant-within-medicine-and-health.html>.

These include: The candidate must hold a Swedish doctoral degree or an equivalent foreign degree, awarded more than 2 years and no more than 7 years before the deadline for this nomination: 2021-12-05. An exception applies if there are grounds for deductible time after your doctoral degree award that have affected your ability to gain merit as a researcher (see link above for details).

Send in:

- A one page motivation letter to why the candidate deserves the award.
- A two page CV for the nominated candidate, which must include information about education, employments, merits/awards, and intellectual property rights (see link above for details).
- List of publications of the candidate, including 1) the ten most important publications, and 2) publications accepted for publication from Jan 1, 2014 until deadline of this nomination: 2021-12-05.

The award is not personal but is supposed to be used for a virus research project free of choice by the researcher, and is administrated by university or corresponding employer.

Send the nomination to [info@pandemifonden.se](mailto:info@pandemifonden.se), latest by 2021-12-05.