



100 new life science jobs in Linköping launched at Biotech Forum

Linköping is expanding as a development environment for life sciences. New R&D-related ventures in the region will create at least 100 new job opportunities – most of them for highly educated, well qualified specialists at the university and other research institutes, in the county administration and in local industry. Current vacancies include five professorships at the Faculty of Health Sciences (in Clinical Genomics, Functional Genomics, Medical Molecular Biology, Pharmacological Genetics and Vascular Biology), a director of research together with DNA analysts and biologists at the Swedish National Laboratory of Forensic Science (SKL), medical system developers at Sectra Imtec AB, specialists in cytology and clinical pathology at Östergötland's Medical Laboratory Centre (LMC), biomedical engineers for PartnerTech AB and research nurses for Berzelius Clinical Research Center AB, among many others. The upturn in the demand for the services of many of the technological companies at Mjärdevi Science Park, where there is a need for a total of 130 new co-workers, is also helping to fuel further growth in the region.

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BCRC expands

The Berzelius Clinical Research Center is expanding its operations in Linköping with the addition of a new clinic and extra staff. Helen Nygren, with many years experience of clinical trials in Sweden and abroad, has been recruited from AstraZeneca in Lund.

For further information, see: www.bcrc.se

Forensic lab expands DNA analysis activities

Sweden's National Laboratory of Forensic Science (SKL) is expanding its DNA lab in Linköping. A steep rise in the number of DNA analyses in criminal investigations nationwide has severely overstretched the resources of the Biology Unit at SKL. As a result, the unit will be enlarged with a 1,000 square metre extension to its premises and the recruitment of an additional ten to fifteen forensic biologists.

New Campus US inaugurated

Linköping University Hospital and the Faculty of Health Sciences at Linköping University have inaugurated the new Campus US. Together with the renovation of existing premises the new buildings create a state-of-the-art research environment with new labs, lecture/conference halls, an expanded medical library, café and meeting forums.

For further information, see: www.liu.se

New Life Science faculty at Linköping University

Per Dannelun of the Vice Chancellor's staff at Linköping University will present the result of an enquiry he has led into a new Berzelius Institute on 26 September. The idea behind a revamped Berzelius Institute is to reorganise the Faculty of Health Sciences and other units at the university into a new Faculty of Life Science. It is proposed that the new structure will be phased in over a number of years.

"The process as a whole is like a multi-stage rocket," says Dannelun. "Right now we are at the first stage, cataloguing the strengths that Linköping can call on today and those that it could possess in the field of life science tomorrow. The proposal to be presented focuses on two alternatives. One involves the creation of a new faculty. In the other the current structure is preserved but completely overhauled to facilitate the establishment of a centre of excellence or research school for life sciences."

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World's top protein researchers in Linköping

The Swedish Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SFBM) will hold its annual conference in Linköping on 21–22 October. This year's theme is molecular aspects of misfolding diseases, such as Alzheimers, ALS and "mad cow disease". A number of the world's leading researchers will be presenting findings from the front line of current research into this area and proposing possible strategies for the development of therapeutic pharmaceuticals. The keynote speaker is Jeffery Kelly of the

BioMedley at the new Campus US

Here is your opportunity to meet three of the new recruits to the life science research team at Linköping University.

Professor Lennart Svensson of the Faculty of Health Sciences will be presenting his research in molecular virology, Research Fellow Per Hammarström will be showing the results of his studies investigating the link between misfolded proteins and disease, and Professor Stefan Thor will be talking about his research into how different types of organs and cells are formed during embryonal development. Per and Stefan both have post-doctoral research experience from San Diego: Per from the Scripps Research Institute and Stefan with the Salk Institute. Stefan has also led a research team at the Harvard Medical School in Boston for five years.

Time: Wednesday, 13 October, 6 pm.

Venue: Eken Auditorium, the new Campus US, Linköping University.

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Biomedical Engineering Days in Linköping

This year's Biomedical Engineering Conference will be taking place on 28–29 September at Mjärdevi Science Park in Linköping. The conference is an annual forum for biomedical engineers and representatives from the fields of healthcare, research and industry.

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New homepage for BioMedley

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Meet the Linköping region's companies at Biotech Forum

Meet some of the Linköping region's life science and biomedical engineering companies at Biotech Forum in Copenhagen (Bella Center) on 5–7 October. Among the companies represented on our joint stand are Berzelius Clinical Research Center AB, Cenova AB, InNetics AB, PartnerTech AB, Selectica Pharmaceuticals AB, Micromuscle AB and Damavand Wound AB, as well as Linköping University and a number of regional development agencies. Welcome to stand: C1-047.

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and Measurement Technology, Bengt-Harald Jonsson (Molecular Biotechnology), Uno Carlsson and Per Hammarström (both Chemistry), and two from the department of Biology and Chemistry, Gunilla Westermark and Lena Tibell (both working with Cell Biology).

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