

# LiU – Junior Faculty

The target group are researchers in their early-stage career that hold a doctoral degree and aim for docentship or docents without permanent tenure; this includes clinical doctors active in research. LiU-Junior Faculty aims at representing and supporting junior postdoctoral researchers in their career, to assist the university in strengthening the competence of junior researchers and to reinforce the expansion of research. The university-wide network at LiU started in January 2007. A national network between Junior Faculties at other universities has been established in February 2015 to promote the interest of junior researchers on a national level.

## Our members

Our definition of a Junior Faculty member: a junior researcher, who holds a PhD degree and carries on active research at LiU, but is not yet established as an independent researcher with their own research group. This definition encompasses PostDocs, research fellows, lecturers, assistant professors and clinical doctors active in research. Ph.D. students are also welcome to join as a member in the last year before the dissertation.

## Regular activities

LiU-Junior Faculty Club: regular seminars organized once a month during the term to assist junior researchers in career-development and provide an interdisciplinary and university-wide network contributing to strengthening their independent identity as researchers.

Lunch meetings: every last Wednesday of the month during the term at Campus Valla and Norrköping. This is an informal meeting offering the opportunity to increase your network by meeting junior researchers at LiU

Career Day: once a year, we are organizing a Career Day providing information on pursuing an academic career or alternative career paths.

## Get actively involved

In LiU-Junior Faculty, it is possible to get actively involved in working towards the aims outlined above. There are three instances in which one can get involved:

- Faculty-specific work groups - Here we work with questions and activities that are specific to the junior researchers of the faculties of LiU.
- Reference group - Here we work with university wide questions and interdisciplinary activities.
- Junior Faculty Board - This is where our strategic and administrative work is performed. The board members are responsible for the coordination of the network, dissemination of information and organization of activities.

## Aims for LiU-Junior Faculty

- to provide a platform for career support and intellectual exchange via workshops, seminars, mentorship
- to promote a transparent tenure track system for researchers at LiU
- to create a network for interdisciplinary co-operation between researchers
- to promote the future faculty and research within LiU
- to strengthen the position of research at LiU - both nationally and internationally
- to observe the position of LiU in national and international co-operation between Junior Faculties at other universities

## Contact

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