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Donations made 'super recruitment' possible

Attracting Kristian Pietras to Lund is a feather in the cap of both Lund University, where he will be employed, and Medicon Village, where he will be based. The investment has been made possible by an 'impact investment' of SEK 10 million from Professor Göran Grosskopf and his wife Birgitta.

"This appointment is one of the many important building blocks of the investment in life science research in Lund", says Göran Grosskopf. "The recruitment of Kristian Pietras, who specialises in research on the boundary between basic research and clinical research, is perfectly suited to Medicon Village and its excellent clinical research facilities. We now hope to be able to attract more researchers in the field so that the successful research that forms the cornerstone for Medicon Village can rapidly be expanded further."

Lund University is also very pleased with the recruitment of Kristian Pietras. "Lund University has had targeted funding for strategic research focusing on cancer, in a project called BioCARE, for just over two years. The aim is to develop new targeted methods for the treatment of cancer. The research conducted by Kristian Pietras and his research team fills many of the gaps in knowledge and skill that we have in tumour research at Lund University", says Sven Pålman, Professor of Molecular Medicine at Lund University.

About Lund University

Lund University is ranked as one of the top 100 universities in the world and one of the foremost research universities in the Nordic countries. The University has 47 000 students, almost 3 000 researchers and 650 professors at eight faculties and conducts world-class research in fields including medicine, materials science, human relations, democracy and sustainable development.

About Medicon Village

On 14 January 2011 the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca signed an agreement to sell its research site in Lund to a foundation. The foundation was started by Mats Paulsson, who made an initial private donation of SEK 100 million to Medicon Village.



The aim is to establish a new centre for research, innovation and enterprise, primarily in the field of medicine. In conjunction with Mats Paulsson's donation, Göran Grosskopf, the chair of the foundation, and his wife Birgitta announced that they would donate SEK 10 million to institute a new chair in medicine.

A unique feature of Medicon Village is that all the profits from the property management will be used to support research and innovation, primarily within medical and life science research in Lund and Malmö.

Medicon Village opened just over four months ago. Today around 350 people work there. When it is fully developed, it is expected to have a staff of over 1 000. Together with the Biomedical Centre

(BMC) in Lund, the Clinical Research Centre (CRC) in Malmö and ESS and MAX IV, which are currently under construction, Medicon Village will form part of a group of research facilities and infrastructure of absolute world class.

See how the facilities will alter the way we view the world (film, three minutes long):
www.youtube.com/watch?v=04mDfRA9N2E

About Development Office

The Development Office works to attract donations and philanthropic funding from private individuals, companies, foundations and charitable organisations for research and education at Lund University and Medicon Village.

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