University in Singapore receives millions to attract Swedish scientists

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Nanyang Technological University in Singapore has received S$9m to attract top young scientists from Swedish universities.

The donation comes from The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, a private financier of research in Sweden, and the money will be used to establish a new postdoctoral fellowship programme at Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore).

The new programme will give 40 young Swedish scientists the chance to spend two years at NTU Singapore to conduct postdoctoral research.

NTU President, Professor Subra Suresh, believes that the partnership will leverage the strengths of NTU Singapore and Swedish universities to nurture talent and build intellectual capacity in many disciplines critical to the economy and society.

This is not the first time The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation donates money to NTU Singapore.

In July this year, NTU Singapore received a S$7.6 million gift from the Foundation to set up a postdoctoral fellowship to nurture early-career scientists and an additional S$5 million over five years in support of the postdoctoral fellows.

“This new gift by the Foundation to NTU will benefit not just the two countries, but the rest of the world. It will allow some of Sweden’s most promising young scientists to carry out their research over a two-year period at NTU Singapore in many different disciplines across all our colleges and schools. It will support a cohort of young researchers working in many areas of importance and benefit to society,” says Professor Subra Suresh.