

Forte – Criteria for approving administering organisation

Approving administering organisations for Forte's grants

The grants paid out by Forte must be administered by a Swedish university or institute of advanced studies or by some other Swedish public organisation that satisfies certain criteria. The criteria have been drawn up jointly with the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas) and the Swedish Research Council, and they accordingly constitute common grounds for the administering organisations that are approved as recipients of the research councils' grants.

Criteria for approving administering organisation

In addition to those organisations that are directly referred to in government documents¹, an approved administering organisation must:

1. Be a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number²
2. Conduct research³
3. Guarantee academic freedom within the framework of its task, by means of freedom in choosing research problems, developing research methods, and publishing research results.
4. Ensure that the results of the research conducted with the support of

¹ However, such an organisation may only be approved as an administering organisation, for the research council concerned, if all other criteria are satisfied.

² There is an exception if the councils are to pay out grants to a foreign organisation in accordance with governing documents or agreements.

³ Conducting research means having a documented research activity and being assessed as capable of taking on commitments in accordance with the general conditions for research grants that are common to all the councils. These conditions prescribe, among other things, that a project manager must be appointed by the administering organisation and that the administering organisation, as an employer, is responsible for ensuring that the resources necessary for the research project can be obtained. The criterion of conducting research relates to those organisations that are recipients of research grants.

The research councils are also able, in accordance with a spending authorisation, to issue grants for activities other than research, e.g. for information initiatives relating to research, and the councils accordingly are able to issue such grants to organisations that do not conduct research. However, support for activities other than research must satisfy other criteria.

the research councils are made freely available to other researchers as well as to public and corporate stakeholders.⁴

5. Must not be an organisational unit that conducts economic activity.

Routine for approving new administering organisations

Any additional administering organisation, other than those already approved, shall be subject to approval in accordance with the above criteria. A decision is then made by the head of the department for Research and evaluation.

An organisation can only be approved as an administering organisation for grants from the research council(s) whose criteria the organisation satisfies. In practice, this means that researchers associated with the administering organisation in question can only apply for grants from research councils whose criteria are satisfied and that have also approved the organisation as an administering organisation.

Applications for approval as an administering organisation are normally made by applying for an approved organisation account in the research councils' common application and case management system Prisma. Applications must be made by an authorised representative of the organisation's administration, who will also act as the organisation's account manager in further contacts with the research councils.

⁴ The requirements with respect to availability are described in greater detail in the research councils' respective general grant conditions.