

## Postdoc grant 2017

**Forte announces postdoc grants once a year. The deadline for submitting a postdoc grant application with start in 2017 is the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017 at 17:00 CET.**

The purpose of the postdoc grants is to give recently graduated researchers the possibility to continue their research career after obtaining their PhD. The receiver of a postdoc grant is allowed to develop his or her research freely within the area determined in the research plan. As an applicant of a postdoc grant, you cannot invite any participating researchers.

**For Fortes postdoc grant the following conditions apply:**

- Postdoc grants are granted for two years
- The grant is supposed to cover a full-time salary
- The grant amounts to SEK 800, 000 per year including overhead
- The grant should be administered by a Swedish university or equivalent

### Focus area

The call intends to contribute to increased knowledge within Forte's areas of responsibility, [health, working life and welfare](#), and aims to finance research within these fields.

### Eligibility

News for this year is that the eligibility period has been extended to two years after doctoral examination. Scholars, who have obtained their PhD between the **1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017**, are eligible to apply for postdoc grant in this call. The subject of the applicant's PhD thesis as well as the planned research project should fall within Forte's areas of responsibility.

For deductible time, such as parental leave or military service, Forte requires a certificate. The certificate should be sent as an attachment to [forte@forte.se](mailto:forte@forte.se) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017. In the email, the reference number ('diarienummer') of your application should be clearly stated (the reference number is obtained in Prisma after the deadline of the call has passed, your application should therefore have a reference number on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February). Concerning parental leave, the certificate should be from Försäkringskassan, in exceptional cases where this is not possible please send a certificate from your employee. It is important that you, in your project description also state that you have deductible time and that a certificate is sent in separately.

Applicants must have submitted the final report of all previously awarded grants no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017 to qualify. Applicants who have outstanding final reports will not be taken into consideration. This applies only to earlier grants for which the deadline for the final report has passed. Consideration is given to extensions of disposal time and postponed deadlines for final reporting.

## Processing

Postdoc-grants are assessed by Forte's review panels, to which researchers and representatives of the public interest have been appointed. In the selection process the applicant's research merits as well as the planned research project are evaluated.

The evaluation criteria used in both steps of the assessment include the following:

- The scientific quality and feasibility of the planned research project
- The relevance for Forte's area of responsibility and societal needs
- The applicant's competence for carrying out the planned research
- The scientific quality of the PhD thesis and other scientific work
- The project's gender- and diversity perspective
- The project's plans for dissemination activities and collaboration

Forte incentivises mobility, therefore we encourage that the postdoc period is spent at a different Higher Education Institute (HEI) or department than where the PhD studies were carried out. Forte also welcomes time spent abroad during the postdoc period.

The application procedure for postdoc grants consists of two stages. During the first stage, Forte's review panels select a number of applications that proceed to further assessment.

You will be asked to select a [review panel](#) and research area in the application process. Forte reserves the right to change review panels and research area for your application if needed.

## Apply for grant in Prisma

All applications are submitted in the application and evaluation system Prisma.

Conditions to be able to submit your application:

- You need a personal account in Prisma
- All CV and publication details are stored in your personal account in Prisma.
- Your university or higher educational institution must have an organisational account in Prisma

Please ensure that the above conditions are in place in good time before the application deadline.

## Transfer of project information to SweCRIS

Information regarding research projects supported by Forte is transferred to the Swedish Research Council for publication in SweCRIS, a national database commissioned by the Swedish government containing information on grant-funded research. More information can be found on the [SweCRIS website](#).

## Time plan

- February 1<sup>st</sup> at 17.00** – Deadline for submitting a postdoc grant application
- By mid-April** – Results from step 1 will be communicated. Researchers that have been accepted to step 2 will be asked to supplement their application via e-mail (thesis and other publications in electronic versions)
- End of September** – Forte’s board decides which applications will receive funding

## Guidelines for applications to Forte where parts of the research will be undertaken abroad

1. Forte welcomes international research cooperation. Forte’s areas of responsibility include complex societal challenges and international research cooperation can contribute significantly to delivering solutions and opening up new perspectives.
2. Forte’s research grants may be used to fund projects where part of the research is carried out outside of Sweden. However, the research abroad has either to be initiated and led from Sweden or be a clearly distinguished part of a collaborative project.
3. Applications including international cooperation are assessed using the same criteria as other applications in our scientific panels.
4. When reviewing research applications which include research carried out abroad, the evaluators in Forte’s evaluation panels are asked to assess if the international part of the project brings added value to the project or constitutes a prerequisite in a global project or in a comparative study.
5. It is the responsibility of the main applicant to obtain information from her or his Administrative organisation regarding their policy on research funding abroad, and to find suitable forms for international collaboration in each specific case.
6. The Swedish administrative organisation, i.e. the home institution of the Swedish main applicant, is responsible for, and decides on, any employment of staff located abroad and/or payment for work carried out abroad.