

Junior researcher/Outline 2018

Forte has a yearly call for junior researcher grants with submission of project outlines in January/February and full applications in May. Deadline for project outline submissions in 2018 is 1 February at 2 PM CET.

The application process for junior researcher grants is divided into two stages. In stage 1, the applicant submits a project outline to Forte. Applicants with approved outlines are subsequently invited to submit a full application in stage 2.

For Forte's junior research grants the following conditions apply:

- Junior research grants are granted for four years
- The grant is intended to cover at least 40 % of the applicant's salary
- A copy of the certificate of your completed doctoral examination should be sent in with your application, as well as an attested certificate of the date of PhD defence, if not evident in the certificate of the doctoral examination

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.

Forte promotes innovative research addressing key societal challenges. Forte also wants to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research. The terms are used in various ways, but we use a definition proposed by the Swedish National Agency for Higher Education:

"Multidisciplinary science or multidisciplinary activities is a collaboration between different areas of knowledge around a common problem area. Interdisciplinary science is the activity where researchers move in the boundary areas between the different subject areas, and jointly create a new area".

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must have defended their doctoral thesis between 1 January 2012 and 1 February 2018.

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 by 3 February 2018. 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 2 February). Concerning parental leave, the certificate should be from Försäkringskassan, in exceptional cases where this is not possible please send a certificate from your employer. 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 February 2018 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

The outlines are assessed by Forte's review panels, to which researchers and representatives of the public interest have been appointed.

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.

New assessment panel for 2018

Applications within the annual annual open call for proposals are assessed by 10 different panels with different focus areas. For this years call for proposals, Forte has appointed a new assessment panel with the focus area "work and work-related health". The new panel will replace one of the previously two panels within the area "work organisation".

Some changes have also been made regarding the subareas of the remaining assessment panels. Information about each panel is available on the page "[Scientific panels](#)" on Forte's website.

Assessment criteria

Scientific quality of the research project:

- The purpose, background, research questions, theories, relation to previous research in the area, identified research needs and the originality of the project
- Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach of the project
- The project's study design, methods and data material
- The project's gender and diversity perspective in the content of the research

Societal relevance and utilisation

- The project's relevance for Forte's area of responsibility and societal needs

Feasibility of the planned research project

- The project leader and research group's competence for carrying out the planned research
- Gender balance in the project group
- Account of any previous own research in the area
- Staff and budget are assessed based on reasonableness

Grant amount

In this call, you can apply for a maximum of SEK 5 million for the first three years in total. For the fourth year, a fixed amount of 800 000 SEK is granted for career development support.

The career development support may, in addition to salary for the junior researcher, be used for competence development and networking.

Open access

The results from research funded by Forte must be freely accessible (open access). Forte provides 30 000 SEK in extra funding for granted research projects for open access publishing. The link [Open access](#) provides more information.

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](#).

The difference between project outline and full application

The emphasis of the project outline should be on the research question and what it adds to existing knowledge in the research field. Study design, material and methods need to be clearly described to the extent that the feasibility of the project can be assessed.

The full application should contain a more detailed description of the project's design, work plan, material and methods, as well as theoretical aspects and a review of the literature with relevance for the project.

The relevance of the project for the society and in relation to Forte's areas of responsibility should be described in both the outline and the full application, but with less detail in the outline. In the full application, you should also describe knowledge dissemination activities and collaboration activities.

Major divergences between the outline and the full application with regards to design and budget are not permitted.

The difference between research projects and junior research grants

Research projects are funded for a maximum of three years. Junior researcher grants are granted for four years. Two research project outlines are permitted per project leader. Applicants who also apply for junior researcher grants can in the capacity of project leader only submit one research project outline. The outlines for the research project and the junior research grant cannot concern the same project. Only one junior researcher outline is allowed per applicant. If you apply for a junior researcher grant but do not obtain this, your application will be considered for a three-year research project instead, without you having to take any further action.

Apply through 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 participating researchers in an application must have a personal account in Prisma
- All CV and publication details for applicants and participating researchers are stored on the respective researcher's personal account
- 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.

Time plan

1 February 2018, 2 PM CET	Deadline for submitting an outline.
By mid-April 2018	Decisions on which outlines that will proceed to step 2 will be available in Prisma. Stage 2 of the call for proposals opens.
15 May 2018, 2 PM CET	Deadline for submitting a full junior researcher grant application.
1 October 2018	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.