

Postdoc grant 2018

Forte announces postdoc grants once a year. The deadline for submitting a postdoc grant application in this call for proposals is 1 February 2018 at 2 PM 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.

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

Scholars, who have obtained their PhD between the **1 January 2016 and the 1 February 2018**, 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 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 the 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

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 application procedure for 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.

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
- 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
- The project's engagement with users of research results during the research process
- Impact and communication of results

Feasibility of the planned research project

- The quality of the work plan
- The applicant's competence for carrying out the planned research
- Account of any previous own research in the area

In addition, the applicant's thesis and other scientific work connected to the new project will be considered.

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.

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 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

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| 1 February, 2 PM CET | Deadline for submitting a postdoc grant application |
| Beginning of April 2018 | Results from step 1 will be communicated |
| 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.