Research project/Outline 2018

The application process for research project 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. The grant should be administered by a Swedish university or equivalent. Two research project outlines are permitted per project leader.

Forte has a yearly call for research projects with submission of project outlines in January/February and full applications in May.

The deadline for submission of project outline in this call for proposals is the 1st of February 2018 at 2 PM CET.

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. The page Scientific panels for the annual open call provide a more detailed description of the research areas Forte support.

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 by the deadline for submission of project outlines.

Applicants must have submitted the final report of all previously awarded grants no later than the 1st of February 2018 at 14:00 CET 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 year’s 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, applicants can apply for a total of SEK 5 million for a three-year project. For a two-year project, applicants can apply for a total of SEK 3 million.

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. Originality, 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 research grants are granted for four years. Two research project outlines are permitted per project leader. Applicants who also apply for junior project 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 research outline is allowed per applicant. If you apply for a junior research 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 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 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 at 2 PM  Deadline for submitting a project outline.

By mid-April  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 at 2 PM  Deadline for submitting a full research application.

1 October  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 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.