

## Health Care Science 2018

**Last day to submit an application is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2018 at 14.00 CET.**

Forte and the Swedish Research Council jointly announces a call for proposals in the field of Health Care Science, amounting to SEK 180 million in total. This joint call for proposals concerns programme grants, amounting to SEK 3–5 million per year for three plus three years (2018–2023). The purpose of the initiative is to strengthen the long-term development of the field and to support and expand research environments with sufficient critical mass and breadth of subjects to promote national and international collaboration between research groups and disciplines. The initiative should enable research groups to tackle new research questions and work with them during longer periods of time.

There is a need to improve the interdisciplinary base of Health care Science, and to strengthen its connection to the needs of the healthcare and social care sectors. This also includes the utilization of research, innovative applied research collaboration, as well as collaboration between users, academia and professionals within health and social care.

### Focus

The primary aim of this call for proposals is to generate knowledge which directly can contribute to the improvement of the care for patients and users.

Areas of particular interest are:

- Development of innovative treatment methods and/or processes related to healthcare (prevention, care, rehabilitation)
- E-health (new technology to enable and promote self-management of health-related conditions)
- Co-creation of knowledge between researchers, users/relatives and professionals in health and social care.

### What is a programme grant?

The purpose of programme grants is to support and expand research environments in a longer perspective. It is a basic financial support that should enable research groups to tackle new research questions and work with them during longer periods of time.

Programme grants will only be given to established research groups. Single researchers are therefore discouraged from applying, but junior research groups with a well-developed research programme are encouraged. Since one purpose of the programme grants is to strengthen the long-term development of the area, the inclusion of junior researchers in the group is considered positive.

The applicants must have a solid programme idea and show affinity with literature and theories in the field as well as good methodological competence. Close contacts with excellent researchers, in Sweden and abroad, is valuable.

## Eligibility

As the programme leader you must have defended your doctoral thesis by the deadline for submission of the application.

Applicants must have submitted the final report of all previously awarded grants no later than the **23<sup>rd</sup> of May 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.

You may only submit one application for programme grants as the main applicant.

## Processing

The applications are to be assessed by a specially appointed review panel comprising international researchers and representatives of the public with knowledge of Swedish conditions.

Since applications are reviewed by international experts, your application should be written and submitted in English. If the application is submitted in Swedish, the quality of the assessment may be compromised.

### Assesment criteria

#### *Scientific quality of the research programme:*

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

#### *Societal relevance and utilisation:*

- The programme's relevance for societal needs
- Utilisation

#### *Feasibility of the planned research programme:*

- The programme leader and research group's competence for carrying out the planned research
- Account of any previous own research in the area

- Staff and budget, assessed based on reasonableness

In addition to the assessment criteria accounted for above, applications within this call for proposals will be prioritised according to the following conditions:

- Applications should involve interdisciplinary collaboration between at least two research groups with complementary specialisations within medicine and health, social sciences, humanities or technology.
- The application should describe how the interdisciplinary collaboration of the programme creates added value.
- Estimated potential improvements of health care and/or social care services as a result of carrying through the programme.
- The application should describe the way in which collaboration takes place between researchers, users/relatives, professionals and other stakeholders.
- The programme plan should include a clear description of how the research results will be utilised in the health care or care sector.
- Since one purpose of the programme grants is to strengthen the long-term development of the area, the inclusion of junior researchers in the group is considered positive.

## Grant amount

Within this call for proposals you may apply SEK 3-5 million per year, for a maximum period of six years in total. Grants are granted for three years with the possibility of a three-year extension.

## Gender mainstreaming

Forte and the Swedish Research Council are commissioned by the Swedish Government to implement gender mainstreaming in all activities and processes. Among other things, we are to promote sex and gender perspectives in the research we fund (the Government's research policy bill 2016, p 79–80). We therefore request applicants to describe how gender or diversity perspectives are relevant for their research programmes. Diversity is included to promote a broader equality perspective as well.

With our funding, Forte and the Swedish Research Council should also promote gender equality in the research community. Through a systematic assessment process, we will ensure that applicants are not favoured based on their sex or other factors. Forte and the Swedish Research Council also asks applicants to provide a description of the gender distribution in the research group.

## Open access

In accordance with Forte's and the Swedish Research Councils guidelines requires open access publication of research results. [Read more about Open Access.](#)

## Transfer of project information to SweCRIS

Forte and the Swedish Research Council transfers information of issued grants to SweCRIS, a national database on grant-funded research set up at the request of the government. [Read more about SweCRIS.](#)

## Apply via Prisma

All applications are to be submitted via the [Prisma application and review system](#).

Conditions for you to be able to submit your application:

- You must create a personal account in Prisma.
- Each person included in the application as a participating researcher must also create a personal account in Prisma.
- All CVs and details of publications by applicants and participating researchers are to be saved in each applicant's/researcher's personal account.
- Your university, university college or municipality must, as your administrating organisation, have an organisation account in Prisma.

Please ensure that all these conditions are satisfied in good time before the application deadline.

Create a Prisma account: <https://prisma.research.se/>

User manual for researchers: <https://prismasupport.research.se/user-manual/researcher.html>

## Time plan

<b>23 May, 2018 at 14.00</b>	Deadline for submitting an application
<b>1 October, 2018</b>	Forte's board decides which applications will receive funding
<b>December, 2018</b>	Programme start