

Research on ageing and health 2019

In order to strengthen research in areas with significant societal challenges and research needs we are now announcing project and postdoc funding in the research area Ageing and health.

This call for proposals shall contribute to increasing the knowledge in Forte's areas of responsibility: [health, working life and welfare](#). In total, around SEK 38 million is reserved for the period 2019–2021.

Only one research application is permitted per project leader. It is possible to apply for funding within this call even if you have applied with the same or similar application in this year's open call for proposals for project grants.

The deadline for applications is 7 February 2019 at 14:00.

Focus

The proportion of older people in Sweden is increasing. This development is leading to significant challenges for both health care and aged services, as more people live longer with illness and disability. Therefore, research on initiatives that support active and healthy ageing is important.

Forte has a special government commission to contribute to research on ageing and health, and according to the commission research should have a prevention, health promotion and interdisciplinary perspective. Research should be planned in collaboration with the relevant target groups, such as representatives of older people, their families, professionals and policy makers.

In this call for proposals, Forte invites applications for projects in the following areas:

- Research that can contribute to the promotion of active and healthy ageing in older people. This area can include both healthy ageing and older people's active participation in society, as well as their health care needs and functional ability.
- Research on the prevention of mental health problems among older adults.
- Research on care for older people with complex needs, such as in cognitive impairment or dementia.

Grant types

Two types of grants are available within this call. The terms and conditions, amount limits, and entry requirements for each type of grant can be found under the respective headings below.

Only one application per main applicant is allowed. Thus, you can apply for either a project grant or a postdoc grant.

! Note that the maximum amounts below include indirect costs.

Project grant

Project grants are grants for individual research projects. The grants are approved for two or three years.

- **Grant amount:** Maximum SEK 5 million for three-year projects and SEK 3 million for two-year projects.
- **Eligibility:** To apply for a project grant you must have obtained a doctoral degree no later than the date of the call closing (7 February 2019).

Postdoc grant

The purpose of the postdoc grant is to give newly graduated researchers an opportunity to continue their research career soon after completing their doctoral degree. You apply for postdoc grants alone, without other participating researchers. The grant form covers two years and is intended to cover a full-time salary.

Forte wishes to promote mobility and we are therefore keen to see the postdoctoral period being based somewhere other than where the doctoral degree was obtained.

- **Grant amount:** SEK 2 million (SEK 1 million/year).
- **Eligibility:** To apply for a postdoc grant, you must have obtained a doctoral degree between 7 February 2017 and 7 February 2019. Your thesis and planned research project must fall within Forte's areas of responsibility. If you completed your doctoral degree before 7 February 2017, you can deduct time for e.g. parental leave or military service. Instructions regarding this can be found below in this document.

The application process

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
- CVs and details of publications by applicants and participating researchers must be saved in each applicant's/researcher's personal account

- Your university or university college must have an organisation account in Prisma

In order for your application to be considered, the final reporting for your previously approved projects must have been submitted. This only applies to grants where the deadline for final reporting has passed. Any previously granted extensions of project duration, and consequently of reporting deadlines, will be taken into account.

For more information on how to fill in the applications form, see instructions for each respective grant form on the call's website.

The review process

The applications are assessed by a review panel composed of international researchers and Swedish community representatives. Funding decisions are made by Forte's board.

Since applications are reviewed by international experts, your application should be written in English (with the exception of fields where Swedish is specifically requested). If the application is written in Swedish, the quality of the assessment may be compromised.

Forte's assessment criteria

Scientific quality:

- Purpose, research questions, theoretical framework, background and originality
- Study design, methods for data collection and analysis
- Interdisciplinarity and/or multidisciplinary
- Gender and diversity perspectives in the content of the research

Relevance:

- Relevance in relation to society's needs and Forte's areas of responsibility
- Engagement with users of research results during the research process
- Utilisation and communication of research results

Feasibility:

- Work plan quality
- Project leader's and research group's research competence
- Account of any previous own research in the area
- Staffing and budget, assessed on reasonability

Guidelines on how Forte handles applications where part of the research is to be carried out abroad

- Forte is positive towards international research collaborations. Forte's area of responsibility covers complex societal challenges in which international research collaborations can provide important contributions.
- Forte's grants can be used to finance research where certain parts are carried out in other countries. However, the research shall be initiated and led from Sweden or be a clear part of the collaborative research.
- Applications involving international collaborations are assessed against the same criteria as other research applications and by our review panels.
- In assessing research applications, the reviewers in Forte's review panels shall assess if any foreign section of a project brings added value to a project or is a prerequisite for a project with, for example, a global or comparative approach.
- It is the principal applicant's responsibility to: find out how his or her administrating organisation stands on financing research where certain parts are carried out in other countries; and, find suitable collaboration procedures in each specific case.
- It is the grant's administrating organisation, i.e. principal applicant's home institution in Sweden, that determines and is responsible for, if necessary, appointing foreign personnel or paying for activities or services carried out in other countries.

Deductible time

If you are applying for a type of grant with special career length requirements, you may apply for an exemption due to deductible time. The deductible time should have occurred after the doctoral degree was completed. Acceptable reasons for deductible time are parental leave, work as labour union or student union representative, military service or illness (personal illness or care for an ill relative). Note that we do not accept other employment, unemployment, or vacation as deductible time.

Confirm your deductible time by sending a certificate to forte@forte.se no later than 14 February 2019. Your e-mail should specify the reference number of your application (available in Prisma after the application deadline, meaning that your application should have a reference number on the morning of 8 February). For parental leave, a certificate from Försäkringskassan must be submitted. In special cases where this is not possible, a certificate from the employer can be submitted instead. It is important that you check the box for deductible time, indicating that you are submitting certificates separately.

Open access

Results from research funded by Forte shall be published with open access. [Read more about Open Access.](#)

SweCRIS

Forte 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.](#)

Time plan

The call closes	7 February 2019, 2 PM (CET)
Forte's board decides on financing	May 2019
Project start	1 July 2019