

Syntheses of working life research 2020

Information about the call

For this call, at least SEK 8 million is reserved for the period 2020–2021

The deadline for applications is 27 August at 14:00.

Focus area

Forte has been commissioned by the Government to conduct a national research programme for research on working life. The purpose of the programme is to increase the understanding for the formation of a well-functioning labour market and a sustainable working life.

Fortes working life programme has a strategic agenda that outlines focuses and challenges.

In the agenda three areas challenges have been prioritised:

1. Creating a sustainable and inclusive working life,
2. Promoting good working conditions,
3. Achieving a working life that promotes health.

Research within these challenges are in need of strengthening and the research that already exists needs to be synthesised in order to enable communication, implementation and the identification of areas that need further resources in the coming years. The current Covid-19 epidemic is affecting working life in a very tangible manner with consequences for individuals, companies, the public sector and society at large. The consequences need to be highlighted from various perspectives and Forte welcomes applications that relate different aspects of the pandemic on working life.

[Download the strategic agenda »](#)

Grant types

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

Only one application as main applicant in this call is allowed.

! *Note that the maximum amounts below include indirect costs. Applications exceeding the specified maximum amount will not be considered.*

Grant for research reviews

The purpose of the grant is to collect results from research with relevance for the extensive challenges in working life. Applications should relate to the strategic agenda for

working life. The science and implementation of research and development in the field touch upon several complex questions. The grant should therefore contribute to creating a picture of state-of-the-art research and research needs for a sustainable development of the area. The grants may also provide the national programme for working life with important input for the development of the strategic agenda and provide a basis for dissemination and utilisation of research.

Research reviews shall be built on a systematic review of relevant literature. It is important that the application details how the literature has been included and how it will be analysed. Applications shall clearly detail which method has been chosen, for example by describing:

- Strategy for searching key terms and sources
- Delimitation: which criteria will be used in order to include and exclude literature
- Quality assessment of the literature
- Development of results and conclusions
- Cooperation with end-users

Research reviews shall result in a report of a maximum of 50 pages that should include:

- Analyses of the state-of-the-art research surrounding a research question with relevance for working life
- Identification of research needs
- Analysis of why the research needs are important to address
- A thorough method description

A more extensive table of content is sent to project leaders that receive funding from the call. Conclusions shall clearly and transparently be discussed in terms of validity and reliability.

Forte may want to use the texts that are produced through this call for our continuing work with the national programme on working life research. If relevant, Forte will suggest an external reviewer to enable publishing and spreading of texts. This will be done in collaboration with the project leader/project group in question.

- **Grant limit for grants for research reviews:** The grant covers a maximum of SEK 750 000 during a maximum of 10 months.
- **Project time for grants for research reviews:** Start 1 November 2020. Maximum project time is 10 months. Three months of disposition time after the end of the project time is automatically granted.
- **Eligibility for grants for research reviews:** You are eligible to apply for a research review grant if you have completed your doctoral examination by the deadline of this call for applications.

Grant for research focus and development

The purpose of the grant for research focus and development is to open up space for individual researchers to complete and synthesise previous research and relate the research to the research frontier within and outside the researcher's discipline.

Grantees should apply a future-perspective on the research and summarise a concise report.

This grant type is directed towards associate professors and professors with a longer research career that can be summarised and developed. The grant can only be applied by individual researchers.

Applications shall clearly show how and to what extent work is needed to finish off research. Undertaken work shall be detailed as well as which efforts remain, and how the work relates to the research frontier within and outside the discipline of the researcher.

The application shall demonstrate:

- The research field
- What the research focus and development will contain
- Work plan
- Budget

The grant shall result in a report of a maximum of 50 pages containing:

- A summary of the research in relation to the research frontier within and outside the discipline of the researcher
- Future research needs in the area

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- **Grant limit for grants for research focus and development:** The grant covers a maximum of SEK 1 000 000 during a maximum period of 12 months.
- **Project time for grants for research focus and development:** Start 1 November 2020. The maximum project time is 12 months. 6 months of disposition time after the end of the project time is automatically granted.
- **Eligibility for grants for research focus and development:** You are eligible to apply for a research focus and development grant if you are an associate professor or professor by the deadline of this call for applications.

The application process

All applications are to be submitted via the [Prisma application and review system](#). Before writing your application, make sure the following conditions are met:

- You have created a personal account in Prisma
- All participating researchers have created personal accounts in Prisma

- Each participating researcher has stored personal data, CV and publications on their accounts
- Your administrating organisation has an organisational account in Prisma and has been approved as an administrating organisation at Forte

In order for your application to be considered, the final reporting for any 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 out the application, see instructions for each grant form on the call's website.

The review processes

Forte's assessment criteria

Scientific quality:

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

Relevance:

- Relevance in relation to societal needs, Forte's areas of responsibility and the focus area of the call
- Engagement with end users
- Utilisation and communication of research results

Feasibility:

- Work plan quality
- Research competence of project leader and research group
- Account of any previous own research in the area
- Staffing and budget, assessed on reasonableness

Call-specific assessment criteria

- Relevance for the prioritised challenges: 1) Creating a sustainable and inclusive working life, 2) Promoting good working conditions, 3) Achieving a working life that promotes health

Plan S and open access

Results from research funded by Forte shall be published with open access. [Read more about Plan S and 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	27 August 2020
Forte decides on which applications will be granted funding	Mid-September
Project start	1 November 2020