

## LGBTQ+ People's Life Situation and Health 2021

### Information about the call

Forte has been commissioned to support research in prevention and public health. There is a need for knowledge about the effects of preventive measures and how they can be achieved in practice. The assignment is linked to issues of health inequalities and the possibility of achieving the overall national goal of public health policy, societal conditions for good quality and equal access to health and to close the avoidable health gaps within a generation.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons (LGBTQ+) are a social group who often face significant challenges and whose life situation appears to entail an increased risk of impaired mental health and risk behaviors compared to many other groups. However, knowledge about how these conditions have developed, the underlying drivers and the potential available measures need to be developed. Such knowledge also contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and in particular the principle of leaving no one behind.

The call will contribute to increased knowledge about the life situation and health of LGBTQ+ people. In total, around SEK 40 million is reserved for the period 2021–2023

*The deadline for application submission is 25 August at 14:00.*

### Focus

In collaboration with researchers, Forte has produced the report "Health and living conditions among young LGBT people", which identifies a large number of research needs, including:

- Knowledge of risk and protection factors through longitudinal studies
- Knowledge of specific subgroups, especially queer and transgender people
- Knowledge of exposure for violence and its causes
- Knowledge of interventions aimed at preventing and effectively treating mental ill-health
- Knowledge of the effects of preventive measures and how they can be put into practice

The initiative includes research concerning people of different age groups or all or part of the course of life, and preferably linking health to working life and welfare. Links to one or more of the public health policy objectives are welcomed.

## 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 per grant type and main applicant is allowed. However, applications for different grant types cannot refer to the same project.

*! Note that the maximum amounts below include indirect costs. Applications exceeding the specified maximum amount will be rejected.*

### Project grant

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

- **Grant limit for project grants:** Maximum SEK 5 million for three-year projects, and maximum SEK 3 million for two-year projects.
- **Eligibility requirements for project grants:** To apply for a project grant you must have completed a doctoral degree no later than the date of the call closing.

### 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 limit for postdoc grants:** SEK 2 million (SEK 1 million/year).
- **Eligibility requirements for postdoc grants:** To apply for a postdoc grant, you must have obtained a doctoral degree between 25 August 2019 and 25 August 2021. If you completed your doctoral degree before 25 August 2019, you can deduct time for e.g. parental leave or illness. 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](#). 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. [Read more about Forte's criteria for administrating organisations »](#)

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 process

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

Since applications are reviewed by international experts, your application should be written in English (except for fields where Swedish is specifically requested). If the application is written in Swedish, the quality of the assessment may be compromised. Forte is not responsible for the quality of any translations.

## 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
- Sex and gender 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

### **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 the same 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 main 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. the main 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 grant type 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](mailto:forte@forte.se) no later than 3th September. 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 26<sup>th</sup> August. For parental leave in Sweden, a certificate from Försäkringskassan must be submitted. In 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 in the application form, indicating that you are submitting certificates separately.

### **Open access**

Results from research funded by Forte shall be published immediately with open access. [Forte's guidelines for publication with 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 opens:** May 26, 2021 at 10:00

**Deadline for applications:** August 25, 2021 at 14:00

**Forte decides on funding:** November 8, 2021

**Project start:** December 1, 2021