

Research on disability 2021

Information about the call

This call is intended to contribute to wider and deeper knowledge of factors that prevent or promote participation by people with disabilities. In total, SEK 45 million is reserved for the period 2021–2023.

The deadline for applications is 22 June at 14:00.

Focus area

Over the past year, the pandemic has taken a strong hold on the world's population, creating a general concern for what the future holds – both for oneself and others. It is common for vulnerable groups to suffer more severe consequences during a societal crisis, at the same time as support measures may fail. That said, new opportunities may also be presented. One such group, and one for whom knowledge of the consequences of the pandemic remains limited, is people with disabilities and their families. Proposed research projects submitted in response to this call shall relate to the effects and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The research shall be of a high quality and highly relevant to the field in question and preferably interdisciplinary in nature. The project description should give due consideration to an intersectional perspective, as well as factors such as gender and ethnicity and children's perspectives. Relevance is determined by how the results of the research can be applied in policy and/or practice. Relevance to policy can advantageously be achieved through clear links to relevant national goals. For example, Sweden's implementation of the 2030 Agenda SDGs and the principle of leaving no one behind, public health policy objectives or disability policy objectives. Practice-based research may include research into methods and measures and should be planned in cooperation with relevant target groups such as professionals and user organisations.

Research may examine various conditions and support measures for people with disabilities and be linked to the effects and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Such links may, for example, deal with:

- how well measures to support people with disabilities/chronic illness have worked;
- the impact of the pandemic on the education of pupils with disabilities;
- how the digitisation of working life, with home offices and remote working, has affected people with disabilities; or
- equitable health, the impact of the pandemic on health and welfare measures for people with disabilities/chronic illness.

Grant types

There is one type of grant available within this call-project grants. The terms and conditions, grant limits, and eligibility requirements can be found below.

Only one application per main applicant is allowed.

Please note that all grant limits are including indirect costs (OH). Applications exceeding the specified grant limit 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 grant:** Maximum SEK 4,5 million for three-year projects and SEK 3 million for two-year projects.
- **Eligibility requirements for project grant:** To apply for a project grant you must have completed a doctoral degree no later than the date of the call closing.

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 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's board.

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

Call-specific assessment criteria

- Collaboration with affected professions, users and families.

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.

Open access

Results from research funded by Forte shall be published with open access. [Read more about 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: 18 May 2021 at 10.00

Deadline for applications: 22 June 2021 at 14.00

Forte's board decides on funding: 30 September 2021

Project start: 1 November 2021