Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare

Collaboration in practice for mental health 2026

Instructions for the Prisma application form
Project grant

General information

Prisma

All applications must be submitted through the Prisma application and review system. For most of the required steps, user manuals are available. We urge you to consult these when writing your application.

- Prisma user manual »
- Prisma support »

Before you apply

Before writing your application, make sure the following conditions are met:

- The main applicant and any participating researchers included in the application have created a personal account in the Prisma application system
- The main applicant and any participating researchers have stored their CV and details of their publications in their respective personal accounts
- The administrating organisation for the grant has an organisational account in Prisma and has been approved as an administrating organisation at Forte. Forte's criteria for administrating organisations »
- You meet the requirements and conditions for applying as described on the Collaboration in practice for mental health 2026 - Forte

Language

The application may be written in Swedish or English.

Character limits

Please observe that spaces are included in all character limits. If you intend to copy text into the application form, we recommend making sure that the number of characters, according to the word processing programme, matches the number of characters in the form in Prisma. Underlying formatting may be included which causes the number of characters to differ. One way to resolve this issue is to copy the text from the original source and paste it into Notepad first, then copy it into Prisma. You can also use the shortcut Ctrl + Shift + V to paste the text without formatting directly into Prisma.

Images

It is not possible to add images in the text fields, these are instead added in the field Image uploader (under Project description). Include a visible reference inside the images so that you may reference them in the text.

Overview

On this page of the application form you can see which parts of the application that are still lacking mandatory information, either from you or your participating researchers. It also shows whether character limits or other types of limits have been exceeded.

The application form includes both mandatory and non-mandatory information. The application cannot be submitted if mandatory information is missing. Ensure that the non-mandatory information you wish to include is also included in the application upon registration. Read the call text and instructions carefully before registering the application.

Basic information

Project title and abstract

Project title in Swedish (max. 200 characters)
Project title in English (max. 200 characters)

The title should be formulated so that the project's purpose is evident and so that non-specialists may also form an impression of the content of the project. The project title is often used on its own and should be formulated with care.

Abstract in Swedish (max. 2,500 characters)
Abstract in English (max. 2,500 characters)

The abstract should provide an informative description of the project as a whole. It should be able to stand on its own, which is why you should make no references to other parts of the application. It is also important that non-specialists can understand the abstract. If your application is granted, the abstracts in Swedish and English will be published in open project databases without a confidentiality assessment.

The abstract should be structured under the following subheadings:

- **Research problem and specific questions (Swe: Frågeställning)**
  Describe the overall research question and any sub-questions. Briefly describe how the research question is related to existing knowledge and research.
- **Data and methods (Swe: Data och metod)**
  Describe the data and methods to be used and explain why and in what way these are best suited for answering the research questions.
- **Societal relevance and utilisation (Swe: Samhällsrelevans och nyttiggörande)**
  Briefly describe the societal challenges that the project addresses and how the project results could contribute to the management of these challenges.

- **Plan for project realisation (Swe: Genomförande)**
  Describe in general terms how the project will be conducted.

Project time

Enter the time frame for your project.

Subject classification

Focus areas (max. 2,000 characters)

Please indicate which of the call's focus areas is relevant to your application. The call is seeking practical research in two prioritized areas. If your application fits into both, select both.

1. Research on promotion, prevention and early interventions for mental health
2. Practice-oriented research on effective interventions, methods and treatments for mental ill-health and illness

Requirements: The project must be carried out in collaboration with the public sector or civil society.

Keywords

Provide 1-5 keywords for your project.

Collaboration countries (optional)

State countries where any collaborative partners operate.
Forte's principles on international collaboration »

Forte's main areas and sub-areas

Choose a suitable main subject area and a sub-area for your application. Forte reserves the right to reclassify your application.

Alternative sub-area

You have the option of choosing an alternative sub-area for your application. This sub-area may belong to another main subject area. Forte reserves the right to reclassify your application.

Forte's areas of coordination

Forte is the national coordinator for research in five research areas. Choose one of the areas if they apply to your application. If none are applicable to your project, choose the option "no coordination area". Forte reserves the right to reclassify your application.

SCB codes

In order to facilitate future analysis of research funded by all Swedish research funding agencies, all applications are classified according to Statistics Sweden's standard for Swedish classification of research topics. Select research topic at three levels.

Sustainable development goals

Classify your application according to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. You may choose a maximum of three goals. The United Nations' sustainable development goals »

Collaboration with the wider community

State how collaboration with actors outside of the scientific community is planned within the project.

Forte's perspective on collaboration in research »

Extent of collaboration

Specify to what extent collaboration is part of the project.

Part/s of the research process with collaboration activities

Specify in which part/s of the research process collaboration activities are included. You may choose more than one alternative.

Does the project budget include costs for collaboration?

State yes or no. Enter these costs in the designated table on the page Budget. Describe and justify the costs in the text field "Explanation and justification of total budget".

Project description

Project description

Purpose, research questions, theoretical framework, background and the originality of the project (max. 15,000 characters)

Provide a description of the project's purpose, specific research questions and background. Write a brief literature review and describe the project's originality and added value in relation to previous research. Describe and justify how the research questions and outcomes are relevant and prioritised for the target groups and stakeholders affected by the project and explain how this has been ensured. Also describe the theoretical starting points for the project. If the project is based on a previously completed or still ongoing project, describe how the projects relate to each other, the results of the previous research and the contribution of the new project. The research referred to does not need to be funded by Forte.

Previous Forte grant reference number

If Forte has funded all or parts of your research described above, please state the reference number.

Study design, empirical material and methods for data collection and analysis (max. 15,000 characters)

Describe the study design, what data will be used, how the data collection will be carried out and the principles and methods for data processing and analysis.

Work plan (max. 10,000 characters)

Clearly describe what is going to be done and how the work will be organised. The work plan should contain information about the staffing of the project, including details of each individual's tasks. Cooperation with researchers outside of the project group is also described here. Describe the methods for collaboration with actors outside the scientific community, including planned activities, which actors you intend to engage and why, as well as in which phases of the research process - such as study design, data collection, data interpretation, dissemination of results and implementation. The work plan should be detailed enough for reviewers to be able to assess the feasibility of the project.

Image uploader (max. 4 MB/image)

Here you can upload images that illustrate parts of your project description. Include a visible reference in the image so that you can refer to it in the text. Permitted file extensions: JPG, PNG and GIF format.

Societal relevance and utilisation

Relevance to the wider community (max. 2,500 characters)

Explain the relevance of the project to identified societal needs by describing the societal challenges to which the research relates and how the research intends to help address these challenges. Also explain and justify the relevance of the research to intended stakeholders.

Benefit for the wider community (max. 2,500 characters)

Describe how the research is expected to lead to short-term or long-term benefits for the research stakeholders. Discuss possible target groups and describe the actors to be involved, the methods to be used in the work and expected effects. The benefits may for instance concern effects on policy, practice or working methods.

Collaboration with the wider community (max. 2,500 characters)

If collaboration with actors outside of the scientific community is planned, explain and justify why and in what ways it will contribute to the project's quality, relevance, and impact. Describe the expected effects as well as any potential challenges and obstacles to collaboration and explain how these can be addressed. Also describe any previous experience of collaboration or co-production.

Communication of research results (max. 2,500 characters)

Describe how information about the project and its results are to be disseminated within and outside the scientific community (such as in academic and/or popular science

articles, books, seminars, workshops, training materials). Describe which target groups will be included in the research dissemination.

Additional project information

Multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity

Multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary approach (max. 2,500 characters)
Describe the disciplines involved in the project and how the project is multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary, if such an approach is applicable. If so, also describe in what way these perspectives contribute to the project.

Sex and gender perspectives in the content of the research

Is a sex or gender perspective applicable to your project?
State yes or no.

Explain and justify your answer (max. 2,500 characters)
Explain and justify your answer and describe how any sex and gender perspectives are considered in the application. Please note that we are not asking for information on the research group's composition in terms of sex.

Ethics

Ethical reflections (max. 2,500 characters)
Address the ethical aspects of the research and how any ethical issues will be handled. Also state if the project will be submitted to the Swedish Ethical Review Authority or has received ethical approval. The Ethical Review Authority »

References

Reference list for the application (max. 9,000 characters)
State the references used in the application.

Supporting documentation (optional)

Documents that confirm the collaboration
Upload documents (e.g., Letters of Intent) that demonstrate external actors' engagement in the research process. This is not required for participating researchers in the project. Please note that only one file can be uploaded and that this must be in PDF format. If you want to submit several documents, you must combine them into a single file.

Budget

Give an account of how you plan to use the funds that you are applying for. Total budget must not exceed SEK **5 000 000** (including indirect costs). Costs that fall outside of the project's time frame are not eligible and should not be included in the application. Costs for collaboration should be included.

Activity level and cost categories

Activity level in the project

Enter the estimated activity level for all members of the project as a percentage of full-time employment. The time allocated for each person must be adapted to the persons' project tasks. As the main applicant, you have scientific responsibility for the project as well as being the project leader and are therefore expected to be active in the project throughout the entire grant period. The activity level should also be specified for individuals who will not be paid from the project. If some individuals are to be recruited at a later stage and therefore cannot be named in the application, it is possible to enter "to be recruited" in the name field.

Salaries including social fees

Enter salary costs/estimated salary costs including social security contributions for all personnel who will be paid from the project. Salary costs should also be entered for not yet appointed personnel.

Running costs

Specify what is applied for in terms of operational costs. It is important that costs are specified and estimated with as much detail as possible and that they are explained and justified in the text field "Explanation and justification of total budget". Create and name items in the table so that it is clear what the grant will be used for.

It is not permitted to include publication costs for open access publication of research articles in the application. Forte's guidelines for publication with open access »

Premises costs and the cost of equipment specific to the project, additional to what is included in the indirect costs (OH), must be separately explained and justified in the text field "Explanation and justification of total budget". If the equipment is also to be used outside of the project, only costs related to the use during the project should be included. If the equipment is regarded as capital expenditure, you may only apply for depreciation costs.

Government organisations report their costs exclusive of VAT. For non-governmental organisations, Forte only reimburses VAT when it constitutes a real cost for the project. The same applies to foreign organisations.

Total budget

Everything entered in the tables "Salaries including social fees" and "Running costs" is automatically summarised in the table "Total budget".

In this table, indirect costs (OH) are entered separately. Report indirect costs as a separate item specifying amount per year. Each project participant calculates indirect costs based on the model that the respective organisation uses. These costs are added up and entered into the table.

Explanation and justification of total budget (max. 3,000 characters)
Write a short explanation and justification of the costs you are applying for.

Other funding

Other funding for this project
If you have applied for or received funding for similar costs and purposes from Forte or another research funder, provide information about it here. Report the name of the funder, the applicant/project leader, type of grant, whether the funding has been granted or not, reference number or equivalent and granted/applied for amount per year.

Administrating organisation

In order for you to apply, your Swedish higher education institution (HEI) or research organisation must have been approved by Forte as an administrating organisation and created an organisational account in Prisma. Approved administrating organisations are listed as choices in Prisma. From there, you can select your HEI as administrating organisation and the relevant unit as the project site for your application. When the call for proposals closes, your application will automatically be sent to your administrating organisation who must then sign the application in Prisma within 7 days. If your HEI/research organisation is missing as a choice in Prisma, it means that they have not been approved as an administrating organisation and must apply to become one. Forte's criteria for administrating organisations »

Participants

Participating researchers

The main applicant may invite participating researchers to the application. Participating researchers are researchers with a doctoral degree whose participation is essential for the realisation of the planned research. They do not need to be employed by a Swedish organisation. To be invited the participating researcher must have created a personal account in Prisma. Information about CV and publications that they want to use in the application must first be added to their personal account. Participating researchers must agree to participate in the application before the last day of the call for proposals. If an invited participating researcher has not responded to the invitation in Prisma, the application cannot be submitted. Encourage your colleagues to open an account in Prisma well ahead of the closing date.

Participating administrators

The main applicant may invite a participating administrator to help them complete the application form. The administrator is not part of the project but has access to the draft application. A participating administrator cannot register the final version of an application and does not have access to the application once the final version has been registered in Prisma.

CV

All CV and publication details for applicants and participating researchers are stored on the respective researcher's personal account. Under this heading, all applicants import their CV-data from their personal account. The following limits apply (maximum number):

Educational history

- 1 doctoral degree (mandatory)
- 2 research educations
- 2 basic educations

Professional history

- 3 employments
- 3 post-doctoral assignments
- 3 research exchange assignments
- 3 interruptions in research

Merits and awards

- 3 associate professorships
- 10 supervised persons
- 5 research grants awarded in competition
- 3 awards and distinctions
- 3 other merits

Intellectual property

- 3 intellectual properties

Publications

Under this heading, the main applicant and any participating researchers import their publications from their personal accounts. The purpose of these publications is to validate the research competence of the participants. Note that the chosen publications should be relevant to the proposed project. Applications are limited to ten publications per main applicant and five per participating researcher.

Register

Register your application here. The application cannot be submitted unless all compulsory fields have been completed and no limits exceeded.

Contact information

If you have any questions about the call for proposals or how to fill in the application form, please contact**:**

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