

Practice-oriented research into mental illness 2019

Information about the call

This call welcomes applications for one to three years of project funding for practice-oriented research into mental illness. SEK 10 million is available for 2019, and we plan for an equivalent amount to be available for 2020–2021.

The deadline for applications is 12 September 2019 at 14:00 CEST.

Focus

The Swedish government has tasked Forte with allocating grants to stimulate practice-oriented research into mental illness. This task focuses on two areas:

- Preventive and early interventions regarding mental illness.
- Coordinated interventions for people with severe psychiatric problems.

There is a need for greater knowledge on practical methods of early and preventive intervention for people with mental illness and coordinated interventions for people with severe psychiatric problems. Forte is therefore making funding available for practice-oriented research, by which it means research that is a collaboration between academia and actors within, for example, primary care, psychiatry, social services, dependency care and civil society.

Forte also wishes to see the collaboration with representatives of relevant professions within the health service and social services, plus users and relatives, extend to both planning and implementation of the research.

Early interventions to combat mental illness

In this context, mental illness means anxiety and depression, as well as certain other mental issues of a less serious nature. The research is to focus on developing and evaluating methods for preventive and early intervention, or on examining how evidence-based methods can be implemented in practice.

Preventive and early intervention may relate to interventions at group and population level, for example at workplaces, in schools or targeting defined target groups such as newly arrived refugees. The focus may also be on interventions aimed at individuals, such as early interventions in primary care, social services or schools, perhaps relating to people in early stages of sick leave or young people who contact the school health service.

Coordinated interventions for people with severe psychiatric problems

Severe psychiatric problems include chronic psychoses or serious and persistent depression. Coordinated interventions mean interventions conducted jointly by different principles, for example in social services, psychiatry or dependency care.

The research is to focus on identifying ways to achieve better and more coordinated interventions for this group, or on examining how evidence-based methods can be implemented in practice. The emphasis is on collaboration across different services, with the engagement of users (patients, relatives, professionals) as an essential factor.

Grant type

Within this call for proposals, we offer project grants for one to three years. A maximum of one application per project leader is allowed. As mentioned above, funds are currently allocated for 2019 only. Therefore, Forte can only grant funding for one year. However, we assume continued allocation of funds, which is why the project can also be planned for a two- or three-year period. You will not have to submit a new application for 2020–2021.

! Note that the maximum amounts below include indirect costs.

- **Grant amount:** Up to SEK 5 million for a three-year project. Up to SEK 3 million for a two-year project. Up to SEK 1 million for a one-year project.
- **Eligibility:** As a project leader you must have obtained a PhD no later than 12 September 2019.

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 web page.

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 set 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, Forte's areas of responsibility and the focus of the call for proposals
- 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

Call-specific assessment criteria

- Collaboration with representatives from psychiatry, users, professionals and other actors in the research process

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.

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	12 September 2019
Forte's board decides on financing	November 2019
Project start	1 December 2019