

Use, risk use and abuse within ANDTG – The importance of prevention for public health 2021

The Swedish research council for health, working life and welfare (Forte) has been tasked with contributing to research into public health and prevention. The assignment highlights the need for in-depth knowledge of preventive measures, their effectiveness and how they can be implemented in practice. The task is connected to questions concerning inequality in health and the national goal of public health policy.

One area where these different factors meet in a clear way is in addiction research. Forte is tasked with funding research in the ANDTS area, where different forms of legislation and public intervention set the framework for access to different products, where the individual's social context contributes to norms and values around different types of use, and where the individual's own actions play a major role. At the same time as they are also affected by physiological processes in the body.

In this first call within the new task for public health and prevention, Forte is welcoming project applications within the whole field ANDTS, focusing on prevention and the interaction between individuals, group processes and the institutional and commercial environment, and the extent to which the efforts made contribute to better public health. In total, around SEK 45 000 000 is reserved for the period 2021-2023.

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

Focus area

The research should focus on prevention and the interplay between individuals, group processes and the institutional and commercial environment, as well as to what extent existing initiatives contribute to better public health. In addition, the focus is limited to research on use, risk use and abuse **within the field** of "Alcohol, **narcotics**, doping, tobacco and gambling".

Grant types

One grant type is available within this call – project grants. Project grants are grants for individual research projects. The grants are approved for two or three years.

Only one application per main applicant is allowed.

Grant limit

There is no maximum grant amount within this call, but the budget must be explained in the application. Forte grants an average of about SEK 1.3 million annually in project funding.

Eligibility requirements

To apply for a project grant within this call 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

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
- 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

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. [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: 21 April, 2021 at 10.00

The call closes: 27 May, 2021 at 14.00

Forte's board decides on funding: 30 September, 2021

Decisions are published: By 8 October, 2021

Project start: 1 November, 2021

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