Annual open call for proposals 2021

Information about the call
Step 2

The application process for project and junior researcher grants is divided into two steps. Applicants who had their project outlines accepted by Forte in step 1 can now send in full applications.

The deadline for applications is 1 June at 14:00.

News for this year

Limitations on the number of applications

In this call there is a limitation of one application per main applicant and grant type. However, the same person may not be the main applicant for both a project grant and a junior researcher grant. You are also allowed to be a co-applicant in one additional application (project or junior).

If you are not the main applicant of any project grant or junior researcher grant, you are allowed to be co-applicant in up to two applications (project or junior).

Each application must be unique and cannot refer to the same project.

Forte aims to grant the projects' budgets as indicated in the application

Budget cuts are made only if there are special reasons, which will be justified in such cases. This means that the budget applied for will most likely be granted. Therefore, it is important that the applicant makes a reasonable estimate of the budget for the proposed project.

Review panels

The review panel "Epidemiology and population-based studies" changes its name to "Public health".

Focus area

The annual open call is open to applications within Forte's overall areas of responsibility: health, working life and welfare. The purpose of the call is to allow for analysis of advanced knowledge and to contribute to such knowledge in designated research areas or issues. The research that receives funding shall be of high academic quality and have good potential to benefit society in the short or long term. For more detailed descriptions of the research areas that we support, see the page Scientific panels for the annual open call.

The application process

The call is only open to researchers whose project outlines or junior researcher outlines have been approved in step 1 of the annual open call.

The information you have provided in the project outline has been automatically transferred to the form for the full application, where you can make changes. If a person has been added since the outline stage as a participating researcher, they must create a personal account in Prisma and approve their participation in the application.

For more information on how to fill out the application form, see instructions for each grant form on the call's website.

Difference between project outline and full application

In the outlines, emphasis should be on the research questions, and the knowledge that already exists in the field. The study design, methods for data collection and analysis should be described clearly to allow for an assessment of the feasibility of the project.

The project's relevance as well as gender and diversity perspectives are described both in the outline and full application but should be kept brief in the outline. In the full application, you should also describe the project's utilisation, dissemination and cooperative activities, as well as interdisciplinary and/or multidisciplinary approaches.

The full application should also include a more detailed description of the study design, its methods for data collection and analysis. The project's work plan and theoretical foundation shall also be described, along with a relevant literature review.

There may be no major deviations between outline and full application with regards to the design of the study and the amount applied for.

Separate process for postdoc applications

Postdoc grants are applied for in a one-step process, which means that no application should be submitted in step 2. Grant decisions regarding postdoc applications will be published in May 2021.

The review process

The applications are assessed by Forte's review panels, which are composed of Nordic researchers and Swedish society representatives. Funding decisions are made by Forte's board.

In step 1 you were asked to select a review panel. However, Forte reserved the right to allocate the outline to another panel if needed. The full application will be assessed by the same panel as the outline, meaning that no new panel may be selected.

Forte's assessment criteria for full applications

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 and Forte's areas of responsibility
- 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

Deadline for applications: 1 June, 2 PM (CEST)

Forte's board decides on funding: 1 October, 2021 (preliminary date)

Project start: 1 January, 2022

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