

Postdoc grants 2022

Information about the call

This call for proposals shall contribute to increasing the knowledge in Forte's areas of responsibility. In total, around SEK 50 million is reserved for the period 2023-2024.

The deadline for applications is 24 February 2022 at 14:00 CET.

Focus area

The annual open call is open to applications within Forte's overall areas of responsibility: [health, working life and welfare](#). The postdoc program is an opportunity for competence and career development for junior researchers. The purpose of the call is to enable analysis of and contribute to an in-depth knowledge within defined research areas or issues. The call will also give junior researchers the opportunity for international research mobility and cross-border research collaboration. 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 a more detailed description of the research areas we support, see the page [Fields of research](#).

The grants in this call aim to give researchers in Sweden the opportunity to continue their academic career at a Swedish research institution or to place their postdoctoral period at a foreign research institution, and to give researchers in other countries the opportunity to complete their postdoctoral period at a Swedish research institution.

! Please consider the environment! Minimise planned travels, consider attending meetings via digital options and, if possible, use means of transportation other than flying.

Grant types

Three types of grants are available within this call. The terms and conditions, grant limits, and eligibility requirements for each type of grant can be found below.

Only one (1) application per applicant is allowed. You can thus not apply for more than one of the grant types.

! Please note that all grant limits are including indirect costs (OH). Applications exceeding the specified grant limit will be rejected.

National postdoc grant

National postdoc grants are intended for researchers in Sweden who want to carry out their postdoc in Sweden. You apply for postdoc grants alone, without other participating researchers. The grant covers 2 years and is intended to cover own salary costs.

Forte wishes to promote mobility and we are therefore keen to see the postdoctoral period being based somewhere other than where the doctoral qualification was gained.

- **Grant limit for national postdoc grant:** SEK 2 million (SEK 1 million/year).
- **Eligibility requirements for national postdoc grant:** To apply for a national postdoc grant, you must have obtained a doctoral degree between 24 February 2020 and 24 February 2022. Deductible time that has occurred after you obtained your doctoral degree may constitute grounds for exemption from the above time interval. Instructions regarding this can be found below in this document.

International postdoc – Incoming

Incoming postdoc grants are intended for researchers abroad who wants to spend their postdoc period in Sweden. For this grant, you apply alone and cannot invite participating researchers. The grant covers 2 years and is intended to cover own salary costs. At least two thirds of the project time must be spent in Sweden.

- **Grant limit for international postdoc – Incoming:** The grant has a fixed amount of SEK 2 300 000 (1 150 000/year). In addition, you may apply for a grant for any accompanying family members of SEK 50 000 per person and year. Eligible accompanying family members are partners and minor children.
- **Eligibility requirements for international postdoc – Incoming:** To apply for an incoming postdoc grant, you must have obtained a doctoral degree between 24 February 2020 and 24 February 2022. Deductible time that has occurred after you obtained your doctoral degree may constitute grounds for exemption from the above time interval. Instructions regarding this can be found below in this document.

You are not eligible for this grant if you have carried out a majority of your main occupation (work, studies, etc) in Sweden for more than a total of 12 months during the last three-year period. Shorter periods, such as holidays, do not count.

! Please note that applications that exceed the specified limit will be rejected.

International postdoc – Outgoing

Outgoing postdoc grants are meant for researchers in Sweden who wish to spend their postdoc period abroad. The grant is administered by a Swedish administrating organisation. For this grant, you apply alone and cannot invite participating researchers. The grant covers 2 years and is intended to cover own salary costs. At least two thirds of the project time must be spent in the country chosen for the postdoc period.

- **Grant limit for international postdoc – Outgoing:** The grant has a fixed amount of SEK 2 300 000 (1 150 000/year). In addition, you may apply for a grant for any accompanying family members of SEK 50 000 per person and year. Eligible accompanying family members are partners and minor children.
- **Eligibility requirements for international postdoc – Outgoing:** To apply for an outgoing postdoc grant, you must have obtained a doctoral degree between 24 February 2020 and 24 February 2022. Deductible time that has occurred after you

obtained your doctoral degree may constitute grounds for exemption from the above time interval. Instructions regarding this can be found below in this document.

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
- 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 for each grant form on the [call's website](#).

The review process

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

! Since applications are reviewed by Nordic 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

Feasibility:

- Work plan quality
- Research competence of project leader
- Account of any previous own research in the area

Relevance:

- Relevance in relation to societal needs and Forte's areas of responsibility

- Engagement with end users
- Utilisation and communication of research results

Postdoc grants are related to career building financing schemes. Hence the following criteria are applied:

- Choice of host department: Is the host department renowned within the applicant's research area? For example, areas of expertise, strong environments, access to infrastructure, valuable collaboration partners etc.
- The potential of the postdoc period to contribute to the applicant's competence development regarding research or other activities within Forte's areas of responsibility
- Expected benefits of the postdoc period for the development of the research area and/or the host department

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. [Read more about how Forte assesses applications where parts of the research are to be conducted abroad »](#)

Deductible time

If you are applying for a grant type with special career length requirements, you may apply for an exemption due to deductible time. The deductible time should have occurred after the doctoral degree was completed.

Acceptable reasons for deductible time are parental leave, work as labour union or student union representative, military service or sick leave (own or care of a close relative). Examples of unapproved reasons are other employment, unemployment, or vacation.

Confirm your deductible time by sending a certificate to forte@forte.se no later than 3 March 2022. Your e-mail should specify the reference number of your application (available in Prisma after the application deadline, meaning that your application should have a reference number on the morning of 25 February. For parental leave in Sweden, a certificate from Försäkringskassan (the Swedish Social Insurance Agency) must be submitted. In cases where this is not possible, a certificate from the employer can be submitted instead.

! It is important that you check the box for deductible time in the application form, indicating that you are submitting certificates separately.

Guidelines for publication with Open Access

By accepting grants from Forte, you as a project leader also accepts Forte's guidelines for publication with Open Access, which requires that all publication are made with open access. [Read more about Forte's guidelines for publishing 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: **9 December 2021 at 10:00**

The call closes: **24 February 2022 at 14:00**

Forte's board decides on funding: **May 2022**

Decisions are published: **May 2022**

Project start: **1 January 2023**

Contact information

If you have any questions about the call or how to fill in the application form, please contact postdokutlysning@forte.se.