

Applied welfare research Planning grant 2022

Information about the call

In this call for proposals, you can apply for planning grants. Planning grants can be used for various activities with the purpose to enable a future application for a project or programme grant. It may be used to try out an idea in a pilot study or to develop collaboration/co-production with relevant target groups. Therefore, activities can be funded that are not research, in a strict sense. However, the planned research project/programme must comply to the general requirements of the Applied welfare research programme. This means that the research must be in line with the focus area of the programme and adhere to the requirements on collaboration/co-production.

In total, SEK 6 million is reserved for the year 2023. Grants will be given for the period 1 January 2023 – 31 August 2023.

The deadline for applications is 27 September 2022 at 14:00.

Correction: In a previous version of this text, it appeared as if collaboration/co-production was not allowed within the planning project. It has now been clarified that it is optional in the planning project, but that the future project must include collaboration/co-production.

Focus area

Forte is commissioned by the Government to run a national research programme for applied welfare research. The research programme aims to promote client and practice-oriented research in the field of applied social services. Client and practice-oriented research is based on issues that are relevant in regard to the needs of social services and clients and which can lead to benefits and usability for clients, social services activities and the society as a whole. The initiative aims at strengthening collaboration between research and practice and increasing the participation of users and those close to users. The research that is funded shall fulfil the requirements of high quality and preferably encompass several different disciplines and scientific competencies. The research should be planned in collaboration with relevant partners outside academia. We welcome studies that apply both a quantitative and qualitative scientific approach as well as studies that utilise mixed methods.

The current call is for planning grants that are used to prepare for subsequent research projects or programmes. The activities funded by the planning grant do not necessarily have to be research in a strict sense, but the planned research project/programme need to focus on one or more of the eight priority areas of the national research programme, listed below. The priority areas are presented in more detail in [the programme's strategic agenda](#).

1. Effects of interventions.

2. Methods for needs assessment for individuals.
3. Early/preventive measures of the social services.
4. Implementation and change management.
5. Coherent service provision initiatives.
6. User participation.
7. Digitalisation and welfare technology.
8. Non-profit and entrepreneurial providers of social services.

Collaboration/co-production between research and practice

Research that has been financed by the programme is to be planned and conducted in collaboration with relevant partners outside academia for example:

- users, clients and relatives and/or user and interest organisations.
- municipalities and other organisations and agencies within Swedish social services sector,
- professionals/practitioners,
- policy- and decision makers,
- other relevant partners, such as non-profit organisations, healthcare, schools and police.

Note that the list above is not exhaustive. Collaboration and co-production in research usually require a more explorative approach, as the research is developed in collaboration/co-production with several stakeholders. Within the programme there is a general requirement that applications for funding must contain a description of this process. A description is also required of how collaboration/co-production will be carried out in the various parts of the research process.

The planning grant can be used to develop and strengthen the collaboration/co-production of the planned research, but it may also be used for other activities. This means that collaboration/co-production does not have to occur within the activities funded by the planning grant. However, it is important that the research that is being prepared with the planning grant is conducted in collaboration/co-production with relevant target groups. [Read more in the NIHR guidance on co-producing a research project.](#)

Grant types

One grant type is available within this call: planning grants.

Only one application per main applicant is allowed. There are no restrictions for applicants with ongoing projects funded by Forte.

Planning grant

The planning grants are intended to support researchers that want to prepare for a future application for a project or programme grant within the applied welfare research programme ([see Forte's web for more information on future calls within the programme](#)). The planning grant provides opportunities to establish and develop collaboration/co-production with relevant partners outside academia. Therefore, the grant may be used to

develop an application for a research project or programme together with intended partners. Other examples of the potential use of the planning grant include testing the feasibility of an idea in a pilot study or developing relevant research questions in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Other kinds of preparatory activities can also be funded by the planning grant, provided that the applicant can demonstrate that the activities are necessary and creates preconditions for the planned research project/programme. Thus, the idea is that the planning grants will enable applications for project or programme grants that otherwise would have been difficult to develop.

- **Grant limit:** SEK 500 000 over eight months, with start 1 January 2023. Please note that the grant limit is including indirect costs (OH). Applications exceeding the specified grant limit will be rejected.
- **Eligibility requirements:** To apply for a planning grant 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. [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 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.

Call-specific assessment criteria

In the assessment of the applications, emphasis will be placed on the expected added value of the planning grant for the development of an application for a project or programme grant from the national programme of applied welfare research.

The assessment will also consider the feasibility of the planning activities, as well as the quality and relevance of the future research project/programme.

Assessment criteria for the planning project:

Added value

- The need for and value of the planning activities to create necessary preconditions for a future research project or programme.

Feasibility

- Work plan quality.
- Research competence of the project leader and project group.
- Staffing and budget, assessed on reasonableness.

The assessment also considers the scientific quality and relevance of the future research project/programme on the following counts:

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, Forte's areas of responsibility and the focus area of the call.
- Engagement with end users.
- Utilisation and communication of research results.

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.

Plan S and open access

Results from research funded by Forte shall be published with open access. [Read more about 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: 25 August 2022 at 10 am

The call closes: 27 September 2022, at 2 pm

Forte's board decides on funding: November 2022

Decisions are published: November 2022

Project start: 1 January 2023

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