

## Visiting researcher grant 2023

### Information about the call

This call shall promote the exchange of knowledge from the international research community to Swedish research environments, thereby strengthening the quality and societal relevance of research. The call will also contribute to promoting contacts, learning and exchange of experience between researchers in Sweden and researchers abroad who are active within the areas health, working life and welfare.

In total, SEK 3 million is reserved for the period 2023.

*The deadline for applications is August 31st at 14:00.*

Call texts, application forms and instruction texts are translated into English, but in case of ambiguity in the translation, the Swedish versions take precedence.

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### Focus area of the call

The call is open to applications within Forte's main fields: health, working life and welfare.

[Read more about Fortes areas »](#)

## Grant types

Two types of grants are available within this call: incoming and outgoing visiting researcher grants. The terms and conditions, grant limits, and eligibility requirements for each type of grant can be found below.

### Visiting researcher grant

The purpose of Forte's visiting researcher grant is to stimulate international contacts in order to develop both the competence of individual researchers and the international anchoring and relevance of Swedish research. Special emphasis is placed on facilitating contacts and exchange of experience between researchers in Sweden and researchers working abroad, which leads to strengthening the quality and societal relevance of Swedish research in Forte's areas.

The grant is intended to fund shorter stays for research collaboration, exchange of experience as well learning. It needs to be evident in the application how the grant will strengthen the research or research environment in question.

The grant can cover costs for wages including social fees and remuneration, international and domestic travel and housing costs. However, the grant does not cover direct research costs. Grants are awarded in accordance to the level of costs in the host country.

#### Visiting researcher grant – Incoming

Incoming visiting researcher grant is open for researchers working at research institutions outside of Sweden that will visit a Swedish research institution. The Swedish host institution, and specifically the person responsible for the visiting researcher's stay in Sweden, applies for the grant from Forte. The applicant represents the visiting researcher in all contacts with Forte.

- **Eligibility:** You are eligible to apply in this call if you have completed a doctoral degree no later than the date of the call closing. The visiting researcher must also hold a PhD degree.
- **Grant length:** Stays for visiting researchers are funded for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months.
- **Grant amount:** A maximum of SEK 500 000 can be applied for.

#### Visiting researcher grant – Outgoing

Outgoing visiting researcher grant is open for researchers active at a Swedish research institution that will visit a research institution outside of Sweden. Outgoing researchers are the applicants and they represent themselves in all contacts with Forte.

- **Eligibility:** You are eligible to apply in this call if you have completed a doctoral degree no later than the date of the call closing. Visiting researchers must hold a PhD degree.
- **Grant length:** Stays for visiting researchers are funded for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months.
- **Grant amount:** A maximum of SEK 500 000 can be applied for.

## Restrictions

You may only submit one application on each grant as the main applicant in this call.

## Reasons for early refusal and rejection

Forte performs checks on submitted applications before they are made available to reviewers. Listed below are the reasons why applications are refused or rejected in advance:

- The main applicant does not have an approved doctoral degree
- The main applicant has not reported previously awarded grants from Forte within the set time
- The project falls outside the focus area of the call or Forte's areas of health, working life and welfare
- The application exceeds the specified grant limit
- The application has not been signed by the administrating organisation within 7 days after the closure of the call

## 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 »](#)

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

## Assessment criteria

- The relevance in relation to society's needs and Forte's areas of responsibility
- Scientific quality of the research relevant for the visit
- The merits and competence of the visiting researcher
- The expected value for the research area and for the partners involved
- Reasonableness in budgeted costs

For outgoing also

- Choice of host institution

## Open Access

By accepting grants from Forte, you as a project leader also accepts Forte's guidelines for publication with Open Access. [Read more about Forte's guidelines for publishing with open access »](#)

Forte does not cover costs for Open Access publishing within the framework of individual research grants. Therefore, costs for such publications should not be applied for. In the Swedish context there are several agreements for publication which mean that no direct costs for the project should arise, if the organisation to which the article author belongs to is covered by the agreement. Such publications are prepaid by the organisations through the agreements. The universities' libraries normally provide support regarding these issues. In cases where costs for Open Access publishing are included in the application, these will be deducted from the budget.

## 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 »](#)

## Schedule

**The call opens:** 15 June 2023, 10.00

**The call closes:** 31 August 2023, 14.00

**Forte's Director General decides on funding:** October 2023

**Decisions are published:** October 2023

**Project start:** 1 December 2023

## Support

Forte has compiled the most frequently asked questions and answers regarding the application process. [Questions and answers about applying for a grant »](#)

If you have any questions about the call or how to fill in the application form, please contact:

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