

Impact 2024

Information about the call for proposals

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About the call for proposals

Background and purpose

Forte's mission includes being a bridge between research, policy and practice. As part of this work, a new form of grant was developed in 2022, the impact grant.

Forte is now launching a call for impact grants. The purpose of the call is to contribute to the implementation of activities that increase the opportunities for Forte-funded research to be useful and contribute to solutions to societal challenges in Forte's areas.

Focus of the call

The call is open for applications within Forte's areas; health, working life and welfare. Eligible to apply are those who have an ongoing project or program grant from Forte. Grants are not given to activities that are part of project plans in already granted projects/programs but are given to expanded or new ideas to create increased added value.

Through the call, Forte wants to enable activities that strengthen the 'impact' of research results in the research area in question. Forte uses 'impact' as a collective term for activities that are carried out in order for knowledge and research results to be used.

Grants are not given to activities that only contribute to the dissemination of knowledge. The application must explain and justify how the activity can increase the opportunities for scientific knowledge to be useful. It includes a description of existing knowledge in the field and how the proposed activity adds to this. The application must also describe the societal needs that the project is intended to contribute to meet and how this will be done, in close collaboration with defined target groups and societal actors.

In this call, Forte's aim is that research results and knowledge lead to in-depth learning that can form the basis for evidence-based decision-making, changed behaviours or ways of working.

Grant type

Impact grant.

Budget

For this call a budget of about SEK 20 million is available.

Number of applications

No more than one application per main applicant is permitted within this call for proposals. As a participating researcher you may participate in more than one application.

Schedule

Call opens: 22 May 2024, 10.00 CEST

Call closes: 22 August 2024, 14.00 CEST

Decisions taken on funding: 28 November 2024

Decisions published: 29 November 2024

Project start: 10 December 2024

About the grant

One type of grant is available within this call for proposals: impact grant.

The impact grant aims to enable activities that enhance the impact of an existing research project or program. Forte uses 'impact' as a collective term for activities carried out to make knowledge and research results available to society and put them to use.

Project duration

Funding may be sought for 1 or 2 years.

Funding amounts

There is no maximum amount for this type of grant, but a benchmark is SEK 1,000,000 for a two-year project. The requested budget must be explained and justified in the application.

Staffing

For this grant type, you as main applicant may invite participating researchers and other significant collaborators to join the application.

Eligibility requirements*Doctoral degree*

To apply for a grant under this call for proposals, you must have obtained a doctoral degree no later than the closing date of the call for proposals.

Reporting for previous grants

The main applicant must have submitted the final report for any previously approved grants from Forte within the reporting deadline. 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.

Before you apply

Checklist

Before starting your application, please read this document and ensure that the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The main applicant and any participating researchers included in the application have created personal accounts in the [Prisma application system](#)
- The main applicant and any participating researchers included in the application have stored their CV and details of their publications in their respective personal accounts
- The administrating organisation for the grant has an organisational account in Prisma and has been approved as an administrating organisation at Forte. [Forte's criteria for administrating organisations »](#)

Principle of public access to official records

According to Swedish law, your application is considered a public document once it has been submitted to Forte. This means that anyone can request and read your application. Information may only be kept secret if it is covered by the secrecy provisions in the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400).

If your application is granted, abstracts in Swedish and English will be published in open project databases without a confidentiality assessment.

Translations of information in the call for proposals

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

Application

All applications are to be submitted via the [Prisma application and review system](#). Please bear in mind that it takes time to complete an application. Therefore, start the application process well in advance. You can start filling in your data, then save and continue at another time. Please note that the application cannot be submitted if any of the required data is missing.

What must be included in the application?

For information about the contents of your application, please see the document "Instructions for the application form" on the website for the call for proposals.

Language

Applications under this call for proposals may be written in Swedish or English.

Types of project participants

The person who creates the application in Prisma is the main applicant and is intended to be the project leader for the project. The project leader must be employed by the administrating organisation at the start of the project. The employment must at least cover the time set aside for the project (activity level).

If the call for proposals permits this, participating researchers may also be invited to join the application. Participating researchers are other researchers who are crucial for the implementation of the project. Both the main applicant and the participating researchers must have a doctoral degree and a personal account in Prisma. It is also possible to include “other participants” in the project. These persons do not need to be researchers. This means they do not need to have a doctoral degree or their own accounts in Prisma.

[Requirements for different types of participants »](#)

Participating administrators

The main applicant may invite a participating administrator to help them complete the application form. The administrator is not part of the project but has access to the draft application. A participating administrator cannot register the final version of an application and does not have access to the application once the final version has been registered in Prisma.

Assessment

Verification of your application

Forte checks if your application fulfils the formal requirements laid down in the call for proposals. If the application does not fulfil the requirements, it will be refused or rejected. The following formal requirements will be checked in this call for applications:

- The main applicant has been awarded a doctoral degree
- The main applicant has submitted the final report for any previously approved grants from Forte within the reporting deadline
- That the main applicant participates in an ongoing research project or program funded by Forte
- The content of the application does not obviously fall outside the focus of the call (verified in consultation with the chair of the review panel)
- The application has been signed by the administrating organisation within 7 calendar days of the closing date of the call for proposals

Review

All applications that fulfil the formal requirements in the call for proposals are forwarded to Forte’s review panel for assessment. Based on their assessment, Forte’s Board makes the final decisions on which applications will be granted funding.

To be eligible for funding from Forte, applications must be relevant to society, and feasible. Applications are assessed against the assessment criteria and general

requirements described below. The assessment is an overall assessment that weighs all the criteria and requirements and relates them to the call for proposals and its objectives. Key to the assessment is how the applicant has explained and justified the various choices made in the application.

[Forte's processes for assessment and final decision »](#)

General requirements

All applications must meet the following requirements in order to receive funding. The extent to which these requirements are met forms part of the overall assessment by the review panel.

- The project must be relevant to Forte's areas and the focus of the call.
- The application must address and justify if a gender perspective is applicable or not to the project and how this is taken into account in the project.
- The project must be conducted ethically, and the application must address the ethical aspects of the project and how any ethical issues will be handled.

Assessment criteria

The various criteria are given equal weighting in the assessment. The extent to which these requirements are met forms part of the overall assessment by the review panel.

Societal relevance

The societal challenges to which the project relates, how the project intends to help address these challenges, and how well the need for the project is described and justified.

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In what way, and to what extent, the project is expected to lead to benefits in the short or long term. How well described the demand/need for the intended activity is and how well described and motivated the collaboration is with defined target groups.

Feasibility

- Quality of the work plan
The clarity and reasonableness of the work plan (including the schedule) in relation to the requirements for the implementation of the project.
- Competence of the project manager and project team
Competence and skills of the participants (based on previous experience and achievements) in relation to the requirements for the implementation of the project.
- Staffing and budgets
Reasonableness of budgeted costs and participants' planned activity levels for the implementation of the project.

After the decision

Decision and statement

When a decision has been made in respect of your application, it will be published in your Prisma account. You will receive an email when the decision is published. Applicants will also have access to the statement written by the review panel about their application. This can be found in Prisma on the “Applications” page under the “Details” button. You will also find the statement on the “Grants” page.

Terms and conditions for grants

In order to receive a grant from Forte, both the main applicant and the administrating organisation must sign the terms and conditions laid down in the call for proposals. The signing takes place in Prisma after a decision on the grant has been made. Forte’s general terms and conditions apply to this call for proposals.

[Forte’s general terms and conditions for grants »](#)

Open access

By accepting grants from Forte, the main applicant also accepts Forte’s guidelines for publication with open access. Forte does not cover the costs of open access publication within the research grants we award. In cases where publication costs are included in the application, such costs will be deleted from any grant awarded.

[Forte's guidelines for publication with open access »](#)

Support and help

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

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

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