

Visiting Researcher Grants 2024

Information about the call for proposals

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About the call for proposals

Background and purpose

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.

The deadline for applications is August 28th 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.

Focus 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 type

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 – 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.

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.

Budget

For this call a budget of about SEK 5 million is available.

Number of applications

No more than one application per main applicant is permitted within this call for proposals.

Schedule

Call opens: 12 June 2024, 10.00 CET/CEST

Call closes: 28 August 2024, 14.00 CET/CEST

Decisions taken on funding: 22 October 2024

Decisions published: 23 October 2024

Project start: 1 December 2024

About the grants

Two types of grants are available within this call: incoming and outgoing visiting researcher grants.

The purpose of the grant is to facilitate international contact networks and an exchange of experience between Swedish and overseas researchers, transfer knowledge from the international research community to Swedish research environments, as well as contributing to the dissemination of Swedish research abroad. The grant is intended to fund shorter stays for research collaboration, exchange of experience as well as consultations.

Project duration

Stays for visiting researchers are funded for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months.

Funding amounts

A maximum of SEK 500 000 can be applied for.

Please note that the maximum amount includes so-called indirect costs (OH). Applications that exceed the specified limit will be rejected. Costs that may be covered include salary/fees including social security contributions, international and domestic travel and housing costs.

However, it is not possible to apply for grants for direct research costs. The amounts granted vary according to the cost situation in the host country.

The costs applied for must be specified in the budget. If the application does not clearly justify the costs, certain costs may be cancelled or the application may be rejected in its entirety.

Staffing

You are sole applicant for this grant type. You may not invite participating researchers 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 has created a personal account in the [Prisma application system](#)
- The main applicant has stored their CV and details of their publications in their personal account
- 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](#) »

International research

Projects in this call for proposals may be carried out fully or partially abroad. Please note, however, that you must be employed by a Swedish organisation that will serve as the administrating organisation.

[Guidelines for international research](#) »

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

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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 research. 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).

[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
- 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 budget in the application is within the maximum grant amount specified in the call for proposals

- 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 panels 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 of high scientific quality, be relevant to society, and feasible. Applications are assessed against the assessment criteria and 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 »](#)

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.

Relevance to Forte

The research must be relevant to Forte's areas and the focus of the call.

Sex and gender perspective

A sex and gender perspective must be taken into account, if applicable.

Ethical considerations

The research must be conducted in an ethical manner, and any ethical issues must be addressed in an appropriate way.

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.

Scientific quality

Clarity and coherence in the description and justification of the research in all relevant parts.

Societal relevance and utilisation

The societal relevance of the research and the potential for utilisation and dissemination of the research.

Feasibility

Reasonableness of the work plan, budgeted costs and the participants' competence for conducting the research.

Internationalisation

The importance of the visiting researcher's stay in bringing knowledge from the international research community to Swedish research and in disseminating Swedish research abroad.

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 »](#)

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