

Journal Grant 2024

Information about the call for proposals

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About the call for proposals

Background and purpose

The purpose of Forte's journal grants is twofold, namely 1) to support scientific discussion and publication in Swedish within Forte's areas of responsibility, and (2) to promote the dissemination of scientific information within Forte's areas of responsibility and coordination, and in particular the results from research funded by Forte.

Focus of the call

The open and transparent presentation of scientific reasoning and results is an important prerequisite for the ongoing scientific discussion to be able to continue. Presently a very significant part of the publicly funded research in Sweden is published in international journals in English. This shows that Swedish research is internationally viable, but at the same time there is essential value in that a scientific discussion can be conducted in Swedish. This relates in particular to research that addresses important societal challenges. Swedish-language scientific journals within Forte's areas of responsibility constitute an important infrastructure for this, and Forte as a governmental authority also has a special responsibility for ensuring that Swedish terminology in our various areas of expertise is available, is used and is further developed.

Therefore, Forte will support Swedish-language journals within our areas of responsibility (Health, Working Life and Welfare), which can apply for grants for editorial work and publishing. To further facilitate the utilisation of research, publications aimed at disseminating research results to decision-makers and practitioners can also apply for financial support.

[Read more about Forte's fields of research »](#)

Grant type

Only one type of grant is available within this call. The terms and conditions, grant limits, and eligibility requirements can be found below.

Budget

For this call a budget of about SEK 10 million is available.

Number of applications

There is no limit to the number of applications per main applicant in this call.

Schedule

Call opens: 28 August 2024, at 10.00

Call closes: 17 October 2024, at 14.00

Decisions taken on funding: 2 December 2024

Decisions published: 3 December 2024

Project start: 1 January 2025

About the grant

The purpose of Forte's journal grants is to support scientific discussion and publication and to promote the dissemination of scientific information within Forte's fields. Journal grants are awarded for a maximum of three years.

Project duration

Funding may be sought for three years.

Funding amounts

The amount granted amounts to a maximum of SEK 1,200,000 for three years. Examples of costs that can be covered by a journal grant include:

- editorial work
- development of digital publishing forms (incl. social media)
- distribution of the journal/periodical by other means
- printing costs (should be explained in detail separately)

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](#)
- CV details for the main applicant has been stored in the 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 »](#)

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.

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 project. The project leader must be employed by the administrating organisation at the start of the project.

[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 are prepared by an internal review panel at Forte. Based on the review panel's assessment, Forte's Director General decides which applications are to be approved

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 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 »](#)

Assessment criteria

All research must meet the requirements and criteria below in order to receive funding from Forte. The extent to which these criteria are met is part of the overall assessment of the review panel.

In the assessment, the three requirements have special weight, while the five criteria have the same weight.

Requirements

- Relevance to Forte
The research must be relevant in relation 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.

Scientific quality

The 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

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

For scientific journals: Quality review system

The suitability of the journal's system for quality review.

For information periodicals: Dissemination of knowledge

The importance of the grant for popular scientific communication and dissemination of knowledge in the area.

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. In addition, the following conditions apply:

[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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