

Network Grant 2024

Information about the call for proposals

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About the call for proposals

Background and purpose

Network grants aim to make it easier for a group of researchers from a number of research environments to exchange experiences and develop collaborations through repeated gatherings over a longer period.

Focus of the call

The purpose of network grants is to make it easier for researchers from different disciplines and different parts of the country to collaborate within Forte's fields of research or coordination areas.

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

The networks may include researchers in countries other than Sweden, however the coordinator must be linked to an administrating organisation in Sweden. On the other hand, Forte does not make grants to networks within a single organisation. The network must meet regularly and at least once a year. Forte prioritises networks that include junior researchers and where meetings are held in a variety of locations in the country.

Grants are made for three years and primarily to networks that promote interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary collaborations or networks with the aim of promoting the application/implementation and utilisation of research. The networks should have a broad composition in terms of subject expertise, career age and gender.

Network grants are to be applied for by the network coordinator/project manager.

Examples of costs that can be covered by a network grant include:

- Transportation expenses and per diem for network participants in connection with meetings
- Costs incurred for the production and distribution of newsletters
- Costs incurred for setting up electronic networks, websites and seminars

Forte does not grant funds within the framework of network grants for salaries, travel abroad nor guest researcher stays, however such grants may be applied for separately where appropriate.

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 7 million is available.

Number of applications

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

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

Project duration

Funding may be sought three years.

Funding amounts

You can apply for a maximum of SEK 450,000 for three years. Please note that the maximum amount includes so-called indirect costs (OH). Applications that exceed the specified limit will be rejected.

Staffing

For this grant type, you as main applicant may 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 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 research 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).

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
- 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 four 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.

Cooperation and exchanges

The importance of the grant for the exchange of ideas, experiences and results, and the development of research collaborations.

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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