

Mental ill-health and suicide prevention 2025

Information about the call for proposals

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About the call for proposals

Grant type

- Project grant

Budget

For this call a budget of about SEK 80 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: 19 November 2024, 10.00 CET

Call closes: 13 February 2025, 14.00 CET

Decisions published: To be announced

Project start: 1 July 2025

Background and purpose

This call for proposals is being conducted within the framework of Forte's ten-year national research programme on mental health and is based on the programme's four priority areas: 1) the causes, mechanisms and development of mental ill-health, 2) promotion, prevention and early intervention for mental health, 3) the organisation and structure of the welfare system related to mental health, and 4) practice-oriented research on effective interventions, methods and treatments for mental ill-health and psychiatric conditions. Within these areas, knowledge needs related to mental ill-health, psychiatric conditions and suicide prevention are the focus of this call.

Mental health is an umbrella term that encompasses all aspects and levels of severity of mental well-being and mental ill-health. Psychiatric conditions are a more serious form of mental ill-health and encompass a variety of mental illnesses and syndromes that each fulfil the requirements for a psychiatric diagnosis. Examples include psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, self-harm, depression, anxiety disorders, personality disorders and suicidal disorders. This call aims to increase knowledge in the research field, close knowledge gaps and strengthen research on issues concerning people who suffers the most.

Focus of the call

Applications under this call should address one or more of the following areas:

- **Causes and mechanisms of development of psychiatric conditions and suicide**
This includes research on the causes and mechanisms of the development of psychiatric conditions, as well as knowledge of the factors influencing the risk of suicide and how suicide can be prevented. Research may also address the grey area between mental disorders and psychiatric conditions.
- **Methods and interventions for people with mental ill-health and illness**
This area includes practice-orientated research focusing on interventions, treatments and development of methods for mental ill-health and illness. How evidence-based methods can be put into practice and how interventions can be coordinated for people with severe psychiatric problems, for example in the form of comorbidity, is of particular interest. A holistic perspective and knowledge of how inequalities in health and care can be reduced, how individuals' participation in the entire care chain can be enhanced, and how implementation and utilisation can be promoted are also relevant.
- **Organisation and conditions of the health and social care system**
This includes research on what is needed to improve the organisation and conditions for services such as child and adolescent psychiatry. How the care chain and its organisation can be made more appropriate in terms of, for example, tiered care and first-line collaboration with specialised care, and what conditions are needed for an appropriate supply of qualified staff in mental health services are also of interest.

The research can cover all age groups, and the research project applicant can focus on one or more of the areas and should include a sex and gender perspective when applicable. A user, patient, family member, and child/youth perspective is also important. We would like to see an interdisciplinary and/or multidisciplinary approach in the applications, and we see both a great need and good opportunities for collaboration in the research to increase relevance and opportunities for utilisation. Collaboration in the research process can take different forms, but we encourage close collaboration with stakeholders who are affected by the research and who can contribute important experiences and perspectives. Forte favours cross-sectoral collaboration and links with local or regional operators, where relevant. Forte also encourages international links, but the research needs to be relevant in a Swedish context.

About the grant

Project grants facilitate the implementation of a defined research project designed to contribute to increased knowledge about an identified issue. Project grants may be applied for by individual researchers as well as research groups.

Project duration

Funding may be sought for 3 or 4 years.

Funding amounts

You may apply for a maximum of SEK 5 million for three-year projects and SEK 6 million for four-year projects. Please note that the maximum amount includes so called indirect costs/overheads (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](#) »

International research

Applications with an international element must follow Forte's guidelines for international research. Forte views international research collaborations positively. Forte's areas of research cover complex societal challenges where international research collaboration and researcher mobility can provide important contributions. Defence and security policy aspects must always be taken into account in international research collaboration.

Forte's grants may be used to finance research where certain parts are carried out in other countries. However, the research must be initiated, led from and mainly carried out in Sweden or be a part of international collaborative research. The research must also be relevant to Sweden and Swedish conditions, and this must be explained and justified in the application.

[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

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.

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.

The application form includes both mandatory and non-mandatory information. The application cannot be submitted if mandatory information is missing. Ensure that the non-mandatory information you wish to include is also included in the application upon registration.

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).

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 conditions laid down in the call for proposals. If the application does not fulfil the conditions, it will be refused or rejected. The following conditions 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 conditions 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 meet the requirements, be of high scientific quality, be relevant to society, and feasible. Applications are assessed against the assessment criteria described below. The assessment is an overall assessment that weighs all the criteria 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

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

- Purpose, research questions, theoretical framework and background
The clarity and coherence in the description and justification of the purpose of the research, research questions, theoretical framework and background, including how well grounded it is in previous research.
- Study design, material and methods
The clarity and coherence in the description and justification of the research's design, empirical material and methods for data collection and analysis, as well as the appropriateness of these in relation to the purpose of the research and research questions.
- Originality
The potential of the research to contribute to the research front, for example by developing new knowledge, new methods, theories and/or data.
- Multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary approach
The relevance of a multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary approach to the scientific quality, if applicable.

Societal relevance and utilisation

- Relevance to the wider community
The importance of the research to current societal challenges and how the research will help address these.
- Benefit to the wider community
The short and/or long-term benefit of the research to the wider community, and how this is intended to be promoted.
- Collaboration with the wider community
The clarity and coherence in the description and justification of the plan for collaboration with the actors affected by the research, if applicable.
- Communication of research results
The reasonableness and appropriateness of planned communications for all relevant audiences.

Feasibility

- Work plan
The clarity and reasonableness of the work plan for conducting the research.

- Competence
The competence and skills of the participants in relation to the needs for conducting the research.
- Budgets and staffing
The reasonableness of budgeted costs and participants' planned activities for conducting the research.

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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