



FAQ for the call: Project grant for cross-disciplinary collaboration between China and Sweden on corona and virus research

1. Can I send in more than one application to the call?

Answer: No.

2. Can I send in one application to the VR Call on covid-19 and to this call with China?


Answer: Yes you can send in applications to both of the calls but with different project concept.

3. Does cross-disciplinary mean that the applicants have to be active in different scientific fields?

Answer: On the Swedish side, the interdisciplinarity is evaluated under relevance, which reflects how well the application follows the objectives of the call. The scale is score 1-3, where 3 is fully following the objectives. A partly interdisciplinary application will thus have a lower score.

It is up to the applicant to show/argue for the interdisciplinarity of the application. The review panel will analyse and set the scores according to the whole application (Swedish and Chinese efforts). In many cases, the interdisciplinarity may not be obvious if all applicants are from the same field, so the applicant will in this case need to put some time on clarifying these aspects, however these applications will not be automatically excluded.

4. Can one of the applicants be within a cooperation or an industry?

Answer: The Swedish applicant must be an individual researcher that if awarded a grant, must be employed by their administrating organisation at the start of and throughout the grant period and any additional availability period. Grants from the Swedish Research Council shall be administered by a Swedish university or HEI or another Swedish public organisation that fulfils our criteria for administrating organisations .



The application shall include a minimum of one Swedish participating researcher, that is to say one researcher with a doctoral degree or corresponding competence, whose scientific competence will be cross-disciplinary to the Swedish project leader and therefore crucial for the implementation of the proposed research.

The Swedish research council cannot fund cooperation's or industries so if they want to be part of the application they will have to receive funding elsewhere. The main applicant and at least one participating researcher must be affiliated to a Swedish university or HEI.

5. How is the grant divided among the applicants in case of funding?

Answer: Grants from the Swedish Research Council shall be administered by a Swedish university or HEI or another Swedish public organisation that fulfils our criteria for administrating organisations. The Swedish applicants organisation must therefore be approved as an administrating organisation for you to apply.

The Swedish applicant then has the possibility to divide the funding to the participating researchers as long as they are not cooperations or industries. NB. The main applicant's university or HEI is responsible for the funding during the whole research period no matter how the funding is divided.

6. Can one of the applicants be a non-Swedish or non-Chinese applicant?

Answer: On the Swedish side there can only be applicants who are affiliated to a Swedish HEI. Non-Chinese researchers can apply for NSFC funds under certain conditions. First, they must have a host institution registered in NSFC; second, they have to meet other eligibility requirements for VR-NSFC program. Researchers are welcome to contact NSFC concerning eligibility issues.

7. Can the Swedish team be within medicine and the Chinese team be within humanities?

Answer: Yes

8. Can we be 4 Swedish applicants and only 2 Chinese applicants?

Answer: Yes



9. On the Swedish side we are both within medicine but one is within clinical practice and one is within statistics, does that count as cross-disciplinary?

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10. On the Swedish side we have one applicant within agriculture and one within humanities and the medicine part on the Chinese side, is this possible?

Answer: No