

Grants for research infrastructure of national importance

The purpose of the grant is to support infrastructure of national importance. Such infrastructure can be national or international. The grant can be used for coordination, development, construction, upgrading, investment in and operation of research infrastructures.

Summary

Type of grant	Infrastructure funding
Subject field	Research Infrastructures
Focus	Infrastructure of national importance
Applicant	Organisation
Grant period	1-8 years
Call deadline	7 March 2017 (at 2:00 PM)
Publication of grant award decisions	No later than beginning of October 2017
Grant period start date	January 2018 at the earliest

Grant application requirements

The organisation must fulfil the requirements set out below to be eligible to apply for the grant. We will carry out controls in order to ensure that applications that do not adhere to the eligibility criteria are rejected from further processing.

Frames for the Research infrastrucure grant

- It is only possible to apply for grants for research infrastructures/areas that are listed in this text. For applications for supplementary grants, see [area description](#) for conditions and instructions.
- An application for a grant for a national research infrastructure with or without an international part is done as a rule by a national consortium of, as a minimum, three Swedish universities, university colleges, or other Swedish authorities with research assignments (Higher Education Institutions, HEIs). One member of the consortium acts as administrating organization for the grant.
- In the case of a grant application for an international infrastructure only, a consortium is not a requirement but it is highly desirable that several HEIs are involved. One HEI acts as administrating organization for the grant.
- The administrating organization and other consortium members/co-applicant organizations confirming their commitment by a support letter attached to the application.
- The applied grant period is up to eight years.
- The application must contain a total budget expected to cover the entire period. For **national activities** the consortium is expected to co-finance at least 50 percent of the total budget. For **international activities** the participants are expected to make substantial contributions that entail Swedish added value from the international membership. This may take other forms than co-financing depending on the framework of the infrastructure activities.

In addition to the [general terms and conditions](#) (Swedish only), the Swedish Research Council also applies specific conditions for infrastructure funding. For information on the specific conditions, see [Special Conditions 2015](#) (Swedish only).

Focus

Central to the development of research and innovation is that the researchers have access to high-quality research infrastructure. In order to enable for Swedish researchers to use the research infrastructures that provide access to the most important methods, the best equipment and relevant expertise, the Swedish Research Council strives to fund and plan in the long-term for national research infrastructure and Sweden's participation in international infrastructures in all disciplines.

According to the Swedish Research Council's criteria, an infrastructure of national interest must:

- be of broad national interest
- provide conditions for outstanding research
- be exploited by several research teams or users within the framework of high quality research projects
- be of a size that makes it impossible to manage for individual research teams
- be subject to a long-term plan in regard to the scientific objectives, funding and use of the infrastructure.
- be open and easily accessible to researchers, the industry and other users, and be subject to an accessibility plan (concerning both the use of the infrastructure, the access to collected data and the presentation of results).

and, where applicable,

- introduce new cutting-edge technology.

Applicant

The applicant is a Swedish university or university college that fulfils the Swedish Research Council's requirements for administrating organisations. The organisation acts as the host organisation of the infrastructure and is responsible for the grant being used according to the Swedish Research Council's terms and conditions. As a rule, all applications must be supported by a consortium of at least three participating organisations.

All consortium members must confirm their commitment in the form of letters of support (see instructions below). To ensure accountability relationships between the members of the consortium, the Swedish Research Council require that a consortium agreement is signed by the vice chancellor/head of agency of all the constituent members of the consortium. The consortium agreement must be available at the administrating organization before firsts disbursement of the grant. If the application concerns a grant only for international activities, no consortium agreement is required.

Costs and grant funding

The grant is primarily intended to cover the developing, construction or up-grading of, investment into and operation of an infrastructure of national interest.

Operation includes in principle all costs that are not investments, such as salaries, facilities and user support.

For **new Swedish international infrastructure membership**, i.e., infrastructure in which Sweden does not have an active membership, the applied amount should include the membership fee. Regarding international infrastructure with ongoing Swedish membership, membership fees should not be included. The membership fee will continuously be paid from the Swedish Research Council directly to the relevant international infrastructure under a separate international agreement.

The grant may not be used for research. The grant can not be used for doctoral education grants or scholarships.

Grant period

The applied grant period is one to eight years. First disbursement of funds is in January 2018, at the earliest.

How do I apply?

Application is done electronically through [Prisma](#), which is the application system used by the Swedish Research Council. In order to be able to apply, the organisation must have become an [approved administrating organisation](#) and created an organisation account in Prisma.

The application is set up at the administrating organisation (by the person responsible for the organisation account or responsible for applications by the organisation). The person who has set up the application may then invite the person who has been authorised by the administrating organisation to be responsible for entering the contents of the application, if this is a different person.

Most of the required steps in Prisma are described in the [User Manual](#) and the [FAQ answers](#). We advise the applicant to have a look at these documents when writing the application.

Creating a personal account in Prisma

The person who sets up the application at the administrating organisation as well as the invited person responsible for entering the contents of the application (if applicable) must create a personal account in [Prisma](#). The latter must also agree to participation in the application.

Please remember to create the personal account well in advance. The applications that are registered in Prisma will be linked to the personal account.

Any participating administrators, who will be involved in the preparation of the application must also create an individual Prisma account, and agree to their participation before the deadline of the call.

Text

Some text fields can be formatted, which means that in those fields the font and size may be changed and certain tables, formulas and symbols may be inserted. If the text was written in advance using Microsoft Word, it may also be copy-pasted and the initial formatting kept. Pictures can however not be inserted into the text fields.

All text fields have limitations as to the number of characters and this will be illustrated by means of a character counter. If you use too many characters you will not be able to register the application.

Signing

Signing is completed when the person responsible for initiating the application at the administrating organisation registers the application. More information can be found under the tab Registering the application below. The Swedish Research Council assumes that the people who initiates, fills out, registers and signs the application has a mandate from the vice chancellor/equivalent of the administrating organisation to do so.

What must the application contain?

We ask you to familiarize yourself with the application form in Prisma at the same time as reading through the instructions below.

Language

Foreign peer reviewers participate in the scientific assessment of the applications. To guarantee a well-functioning procedure and a level playing field in the review process, we therefore ask you to submit your application in English.

The person who registers the application is responsible for the application being complete and correct in accordance with the instructions. Only submit the material the Swedish Research Council expressly requests. The Swedish Research Council does not accept supplements after the closing date of the call, apart from those that we explicitly ask for. If the administrating organisation or the consortium does not fulfill the conditions for the grant or does not follow the instructions, this may either be considered in the assessment or the application may be rejected and therefore not considered further.

Application subsections

The application form contains the following tabs:

- Descriptive data
- The infrastructure's objectives and activities
- Budget and research resources
- Key references
- Support letter
- Administrating organisation
- Participants

Below you will find an outline of the information required under each tab. Mandatory information is marked with an asterisk* in the Prisma system.

Descriptive data

Under this tab, you are requested to enter the infrastructure name in Swedish and English, the project period (number of years), and to select keywords and SCB classification codes. In this section, you are also requested to indicate if the infrastructure is national or international or both (i.e., a national infrastructure also participating as a Swedish node in an international infrastructure), as well as the area/name of the infrastructure as well as the participating organisations. Here, an abstract and a popular science description are also provided (cf. instructions below).

Participating organisations

List the organisations participating in the application. Participating organisations must fulfil the the Swedish Research Council's requirements for administrating organisations.

Abstract

The abstract should contain a short description of:

- The infrastructure concerned
- The activities and organisation of the infrastructure
- The scientific goals of the infrastructure
- The intended use of the grant.

The text should give a brief outline of the purpose, activity of the infrastructure as well as what research is supported.

The outline may contain a maximum of 1,500 characters, including blank spaces (approximately half an A4 page in Times New Roman, size 12, single spacing).

Popular scientific description

Describe the infrastructure in a way that makes it possible to understand for a person not familiar with the subject. Start from the following paragraphs:

- Describe the use of the infrastructure.
- Highlight the (new) opportunities it offers for Swedish research, innovation and societal benefit.
- Explain in what way the (new) knowledge can be important.

The popular scientific description is an important tool for us when we provide information about research financed by the Swedish Research Council. If the application is approved, we therefore reserve the right to use the description for information purposes.

N.B.: Unlike the rest of the application, the popular scientific description must be written in Swedish.

The description may contain a maximum of 4,500 characters, including blank spaces (approximately one A4 page in Times New Roman, size 12, single spacing).

The infrastructure's objectives and activities

Under this tab, you are requested to enclose the scientific plan, description of the infrastructure and its activities (in PDF format) and describe any ethical considerations (if applicable).

Ethical considerations

Present the ethical issues raised by the infrastructure, and explain how they will be addressed in the activities. We also ask you to indicate whether animal experiments, experiments involving human subjects, or the handling of personal data are included in the infrastructure activities. If the application does not raise any ethical issues, this should also be stated.

Scientific plan

The scientific plan should be attached in PDF format. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 10 MB.

The maximum length is eight A4 pages in Times New Roman, font size 12, single spacing. The scientific plan must be based on the specific area/infrastructure concerned and address the following headings. Note that the key references requested should be attached to the application as a separate annex under the tab Key references.

1. Scientific justification of the infrastructure/outline of the scientific field

- Describe the scientifically prominent Swedish, and, where appropriate, international research that is enabled by the infrastructure (linked to the modules in Description of the infrastructure and its activities). References should be listed in the appendix Key references.
- Describe how the infrastructure addresses specific scientific and, where appropriate, societal challenges and the expected effects/added value (linked to the description of the area/infrastructure)
- Describe the infrastructure's long-term significance for the scientific field, in relation to other existing national and/or international infrastructure.
- Describe the infrastructure user groups and specify the following (optional for infrastructures previously not supported by the Council):
 - statistics on the number of academic users (including the extent of the use broken down by research field, men/women, and institution/organisation)
 - statistics on users from industry, the public sector and other non-academic users (present extent of the use, who the users are and for what purpose the infrastructure is used)
- Describe the expected new user groups and research areas.
- Describe how the infrastructure contributes to national capacity building.
- Describe the infrastructure's policy on making data generated by the infrastructure accessible.

- In the case of Swedish researchers contributing to the construction, up-grading and/or operation of the infrastructure, e.g., in-kind or equivalent, indicate references that support the scientific merits of the researchers (CV with a small selection, no more than 20, scientific publications). These should be provided in the appendix Key references.

2. Significance for societal benefit and innovation

- Describe how the infrastructure will help to promote Swedish and international innovation and societal benefit, today and in the future. Where applicable, exemplify with key references and patents (listed in the appendix Key references).
- When applying for a grant for Swedish participation in international infrastructure, describe the way in which this could be an advantage for the Swedish companies that can contribute to the construction or operation of the infrastructure.

Description of the infrastructure and its activities

Attach the description in PDF format. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 10 MB.

The maximum length of the annex Description of the infrastructure and its activities is 15 A4 pages in Times New Roman, font size 12, single spacing. Please note that the key references are attached to the application under the tab Key references.

The activities shall be described using modules, where each module describes a separate section/function of the infrastructure activities. The consortium decides what constitutes a suitable division into modules based on the inherent prerequisites of the infrastructure. If both national and international activities are included, these shall be divided up into different modules. Please note that the module Organisation and management shall always be included.

Describe the modules in text and link each module to a table or a table line in the budget. Please use the budget template supplied by the Research Council for budgeting the infrastructure activities (see Budget). In some cases, modules may be entirely dependent upon each other (for example pieces of equipment that constitute parts of a sequential chain of analyses), while in other cases they may be complementary (for example different pieces of equipment that provide opportunities to analyse a sample using several complementary techniques). Please state how the modules are linked, whether they are dependent on each other and how the dependency works.

The description of the infrastructure and its activities should address the following headings and issues.

1, Infrastructure organisation and management (organisation plan)

Describe the infrastructure organisation and management in terms of the following issues, preferably with the help of a diagram. This module is mandatory.

- Participating organisations and their roles in the consortium behind the infrastructure (shall be included in the module Organisation and management). If the application only contains an international part, the organisations do not have to be part of a consortium.
- Describe the infrastructure's strategic, scientific and operational management (shall be included in the module Organisation and management).
- If the application contains both national and international activities, it shall be clear how the various parts relate to each other in terms of activities, budget, organisation and management.
- If a national infrastructure is also hosting a Swedish node in an international infrastructure, it shall be clear how the two parts relate to each other in terms of operation, budget, organisation and management.

2. Infrastructure activities

2.1 Graphic overview

Describe graphically the organisation of the infrastructure with the various component functions (modules) for different activities. State the functional modules included in the activities.

2.2 Time plan

State a time plan for the infrastructure activities including preparation, construction, installation, development, operation and dismantling. The time plan shall include interim goals and results (deliverables) for the modules. The time plan should be attached as a Gantt schedule.

2.3 Users

The Research Council follows up the use of infrastructure based on the key ratios that will be requested in the special terms and conditions for the grants.

- Describe how the infrastructure is made accessible for researchers nationally, and as applicable also internationally. According to the Research Council's special terms and conditions for infrastructure grants, the accessibility shall be based on scientific quality.
- Describe how the infrastructure informs and communicates with current, and possible new, users.
- Describe how the infrastructure works with advanced user support and training for existing, and possible new, users. User support/training may include how to plan experiments, handle instruments, choose experimental analysis methods and data analysis. Describe the current type of support/training and its scope. Describe the future needs for user support.
- Describe the infrastructure accessibility based on waiting times, usage percentage and operational hours.
- State whether the infrastructure charges user fees. If so, describe how these are calculated and what users are covered by fees. Commercial users or assignment research using the infrastructure shall cover the actual cost of use.

2.4 Cooperation with other infrastructures

- As applicable, describe what other national infrastructures exist within the area.
 - What type of cooperation exists between these and the infrastructure in this application?
 - Clarify the delimitation between neighbouring and/or potentially overlapping infrastructures.
- As applicable, describe what similar international infrastructures exist.
 - What type of cooperation exists between these and the infrastructure in this application?
 - What opportunities exist for Swedish researchers to use the other international infrastructures?

2.5 Construction, development and operation of the infrastructure

Describe the following items for *each module*:

- The module's function and link to the scientific goal of the infrastructure.
- List both equipment that exists and equipment that is planned to construct/purchase. Include a technical description of the equipment and an estimate of its economic life. State in both text and budget what equipment costs have already been financed by the Research Council or another source of research funds, and also what costs are covered in this application. This shall correspond to one or several items in the budget.
- The module's need for other resources, such as personnel, premises, etc. State in both text and budget whether parts of the activities have been awarded a grant from the Research Council or another source of funds, and what parts of the operational costs are covered by this application. This shall correspond to one or several items in the budget. If activities to provide access to research data resulting from research using the infrastructure requires investment or otherwise creates costs for the infrastructure, this should be stated here.

State how the modules are linked, whether they are dependent on each other and what the dependency consists of. State how the the modules work together to achieve the scientific goals.

2.6 Risk analysis

Describe the uncertainty factors that related to the development/goals of the infrastructure, for example in terms of time plan, recruitment, budget, etc. Describe also the measures that may be taken to reduce the risks.

3. Data management and need for supporting e-infrastructure

At least one page of the appendix "Description of the infrastructure and its activities" shall be used to describe data management (the type of data generated and how it is managed) within the infrastructure and the infrastructure's need for supporting e-infrastructure. Supporting e-infrastructure refers to access to network connections, computer resources for large-scale calculation and storage, software, databases and similar required for the operation of the infrastructure (i.e. to carry out experiments and to collect, manage and process data from the infrastructure). As applicable, describe also how data are made openly accessible. State specifically whether, and if so how, the infrastructure manages personal data and other sensitive data.

The application shall include a description of all e-infrastructure required, including a time plan for when it is needed and a cost estimate. The description and budget for supporting e-infrastructure shall be included in the application in the same way as all other activities, i.e. it shall be included in one or several modules. State whether calculation and storage relates to sensitive personal data.

Tables E1 and E2 shall be used to plan and budget the e-infrastructure needs. The tables shall be attached to the appendix "Description of the infrastructure and its activities". The costs in Table E2 shall also be included in the budget. The tables are not included in the maximum number of pages. In the event data management only requires normal office equipment or existing computer networks, this should be stated.

Table E1. Infrastructure's needs for supporting e-infrastructure

**YEAR
1 ... YEAR
 N**

Calculation (state applicable unit)

Example: need for calculation capacity. For calculation capacity, state number of CPU hours and any need for special technical solutions.

Storage (state applicable unit)

Example: For storage needs, state how much data need to be stored, what type of storage is needed (hard disk, tape, etc.), how long data will be stored and the approximate yearly increase in the storage capacity.

Advanced user support, linked to calculation and storage (stated as full-time equivalents)

Network (state applicable unit)

Example: Network capacity, including type of capacity requested and geographic location. State specifically if foreign connections are needed.

Table E2. Cost estimate of the needs stated in Table E1

**YEAR
1 ... YEAR N**

Calculation (SEK)

Storage (SEK)

	YEAR 1	...	YEAR N
Advanced user support, linked to calculation and storage (SEK)			
Network (SEK)			
Software, databases, etc. (SEK) (however not costs relating to office IT)			

In planning and budgeting, please observe the following:

- The e-infrastructures SNIC and SUNET do not provide services free of charge to other research infrastructures
- The e-infrastructure needs of researchers analysing data produced by the infrastructure shall not be included in this application
- The Swedish Research Council does not finance long-term data storage deemed to fall within the archiving responsibility of the HEI

The Swedish Research Council recommends that services relating to networks and large-scale computer resources for calculation and storage be provided by one of the national infrastructures SUNET and/or SNIC. The applicant is responsible for producing a plan for the needs. Consultation with SUNET and/or SNIC should then take place in order to produce a reasonable cost estimate for the needs described. Consultation with SUNET's operational manager Börje Josefsson (bj@sunet.se) and/or the manager of SNIC Hans Karlsson (hans.karlsson@kemi.uu.se) should take place no later than Friday 10 February. If the applicant wishes to use another service provider than the above, this should be justified in the application. The applicant is then responsible for producing a reasonable cost estimate.

Budget and research resources

Under this tab, you are requested to include total cost for the infrastructure, as well as a detailed budget and explanation of the budget in PDF format.

Total applied amount from the Swedish Research Council

State the applied amount from the Swedish Research Council (must correspond to the amount provided in the budget annex below). Quote the rounded amounts in SEK. The application system will automatically add up the applied amount in a table displaying the total project cost. **Please note that the box "2018" in the form corresponds to "Year 1" in the attached budget template.**

Budget

Attach the infrastructure budget in PDF format. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 10 MB. Use the [budget template](#) provided by the Swedish Research Council and indicate the cost in thousands of SEK. Please note that we require a total budget for infrastructure. This means that all revenues must be stated in the application, as well as applied amount from the Swedish Research Council, grants from the consortium, grants from other funding sources and user fees. Likewise, the entire cost of building, operating, and so on must be evident from the budget, including indirect costs.

All costs in the application budget must be clearly linked to the modules described under the heading 2.5 Construction, development and operation of the infrastructure" under "Description of the infrastructure and its activities" above.

The headings below (Table 1, Table 2, etc.) refer to tables found in the budget template.

Table 1. Summary: Costs

This table shall show the costs summarised per module. Each line in the table shall correspond to the summary line for the corresponding module's budget across all cost centres.

Table 2. Summary: Income – grants

Line 2.1 of this table shall show the amount applied for from the Swedish Research Council.

The other budget lines of Table 2 shall show how much the funds manager and other consortium members intend to contribute to the infrastructure. Each consortium member's contribution shall be summarised here across all cost centres.

State also other expected grants towards the infrastructure over and above the direct grants from the Swedish Research Council and the consortium members. These may be grants from other public and private sources of funds, the EU and/or other public authorities.

Table 3. Summary: Income – user fees

Please state any user fees divided up per module.

The total expected income from the infrastructure (Tables 2+3) shall correspond to the total expected costs (summary lines for Table 1 Sum total costs:).

Tables for individual modules

- Please state here the overall costs for each module. Existing resources made available to the infrastructure by the consortium shall not be included. Examples of such existing resources may be existing equipment, databases or other long-term activities made nationally accessible through the infrastructure (the estimated value of these may be stated in Table 4 Existing resources which the consortium makes available to the infrastructure).
- The costs shall be reported according to the SUHF model, but may be calculated differently for different consortium members. For example, the way the consortium members show premises costs and/or type of premises may vary. The costs should be stated in the way best adapted to each consortium member's accounting principles. The Research Council does not need to know the details of how the costs are calculated.
- Costs attributable to purchases, development, construction, installation and as applicable destruction of equipment shall always be shown as depreciation. All forms of equipment are usually depreciated over five years, apart from computers, which are depreciated over four years.

Costs for training and supporting e-infrastructure shall always be shown, but the consortium may choose whether the costs shall be included in existing modules or shown in separate modules. All costs for supporting e-infrastructure shall be shown. It shall be possible to link each budget line to the module in question in the appendix "Description of the infrastructure and its activities".

The total for each module is then transferred to Table 1.

Table 4 Summary: Existing resources which the consortium makes available to the infrastructure

- Existing resources refer primarily to existing equipment and databases within the consortium that is made nationally accessible by being placed at the disposal of the infrastructure. They may also refer to other activities that the consortium wishes to make accessible nationally.
- Please note that existing personnel and indirect costs that are part of the core activities of the infrastructure shall not be included here. Instead, they are part of the consortium's co-financing and shall be budgeted for within the modules in question.

- The consortium members shall themselves choose whether they wish to state a value of the existing resources and, if so, how the value is calculated. It is not necessary for the resources to have been financed originally by the consortium members.
- Please state, under the description of each module in the appendix "Description of the infrastructure and its activities" what the existing resources consist of, how they are made available to the infrastructure and how they contribute to the infrastructure.

Please note that existing resources do not count as co-financing.

Explanation of the proposed budget

Please attach the justification statement for the budget in PDF format.. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 5 MB.

The document may contain a maximum of two A4 pages in Times New Roman, font size 12, single line spacing.

Key references

Under this tab, please attach key references in a PDF format. Please observe that the appendix may only contain a single file, with a maximum size of 10 MB.

The document should include a maximum of 20 key references (publications and patents) to the application. Use headings to indicate which key references corresponds to a specific question in the call text. Start each heading with an asterisk (*) according to the example: "*Example of key references describing prominent research made possible by the infrastructure".

Support letter

Attach letters of support from the administrating organization as well as from other consortium members/participating organisations confirming their commitments. Template for the [letters of support can be found here](#) (Swedish only). Please observe that the appendix may only contain a single file, with a maximum size of 5 MB. If the attachment is made up of several documents they must be merged into one file.

Administrating organisation

Under this tab, the site of the infrastructure is indicated. The administrating organisation is the university or HEI hosting the infrastructure and is automatically filled in when the application is created. As project site please choose the department or corresponding organisational unit with the main responsibility for the infrastructure.

Participants

In this section, participating administrators may be invited to join the application. A participating administrator is a person who can help registering and editing information in the application. Please note that participating researchers cannot be included in this application.

Participating administrators, who do not yet hold a Prisma account, may be invited. Each one of them must however open a personal Prisma account to be able to participate in the application.

All participants must accept the invitation before finalising the application registration. Remember to make sure that the right email address is used when sending an invitation to a participant, and that each address is linked to invited person's Prisma account.

Registering the application

Under the Registering the application tab, the system will perform a check to verify if any mandatory information is missing and inform of any need for supplements. The application will not be registered unless clicking the Register button.

Remember to use the preview function in order to double-check the application before submitting it!

N.B.: Please note that all invited participants must accept the invitation before proceeding to register the application. Invitations that have not been accepted have to be removed.

The registered application can then be viewed in the Prisma account, under Applications and then Applications and grants in the menu. If necessary, a registered application may be de-registered, edited and re-registered up to the call deadline.

The person responsible for organisation applications at the administration organisation is responsible for ensuring that the application is complete, that is to say that the application form is filled out correctly, the required appendices are submitted, and that the requested information is provided in accordance with the instructions. Only submit specifically requested information. After the closing date, application addenda will only be accepted in cases where we have asked for supplements.

Signing the application

Applications with an organisation as applicant is automatically signed when the application is registered.

- The information contained in the application is correct and in line with the instructions from the Swedish Research Council.
- Any side-line occupation and/or commercial ties have been reported to the administrating organisation, and that no conflict with the principles of good research practice has been established. The necessary permits and approvals are in place at the start of the project, e.g. concerning the ethical review.
- The organisation will accommodate the research and the equipment, and employ the applicant during the time period and to the extent presented in the application.
- The organisation approves the cost estimate presented in the application.
- The project will be conducted in accordance with Swedish law.

What happens next?

When the call closes (at 2:00 PM on the final day for submission of applications), the registered application will automatically become final and given a registration number.

Information about the status of the application, the registration number and the application signature is found under the tab Applications and grants in the account of the person responsible for filling out the application.

Scientific evaluation

The application is evaluated and prioritised in competition with the other applications on the basis of the assessment criteria for research infrastructures established by the Swedish Research Council.

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of international and national experts with both scientific breadth and competence in the research infrastructure field. The Scientific Councils will also be given the opportunity to comment on the application in relation to the research supported by them and their strategies for future investments. If the application is not designed according to the instructions, it will be considered in the evaluation.

[How your application is evaluated](#) 

[The Swedish Research Council's conflict of interest policy](#) 

[The Swedish Research Council's gender equality strategy](#) 

Decisions

In September 2017 the Swedish Research Council will take a preliminary decision on which infrastructures the Council intend to support. During the last quarter of 2017 the Research Council will be in dialogue with the respective administrating organisation regarding e.g., the modules' content and monitoring of the infrastructure activities. No later than December 2017 the grant decision of the Council will determine the funding levels and specific conditions for the granted infrastructures.

No later than December 2017, information on the awarded grants will be published on the web page of the Swedish Research Council. Under the tab Applications and grants, a notification of decisions will then be published in the personal Prisma account belonging to the person responsible for the contents.

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Questions relating to the application content

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Technical questions

We kindly ask you to first consult the help menu in Prisma, where you will find instructions and [FAQs](#)  as well as a detailed [user manual](#) , which describe most of the required steps in Prisma.

If you cannot find the answer to your technical question in the above-mentioned information material, please contact [our technical support team](#) . Please note that depending on the workload, it may take up to 1-2 working days before you get a reply.