

Research project grant for research collaboration between China and Sweden

The aim of the grant is to support the development of long-term basic research collaboration between Swedish and Chinese researchers.

The Sino-Swedish Joint Research Programme was initiated in order to promote collaboration between researchers from Sweden and China as well as supporting research of the highest scientific quality. The programme has a long term perspective where calls for network grants in 2016 now are followed by calls for project grants. The grants are financed by the Swedish Research Council in Sweden and the National Natural Science foundation of China (NSFC) in China on the principal of reciprocity and parity.

The Swedish Research Council and NSFC will have joint administration of the call and make a joint decision by using a panel consisting of both Swedish and Chinese evaluators.

Summary

Type of grant	Research project funding
Subject area	Natural and Engineering Sciences
Focus and call objectives	Applications concern joint research collaborations between China and Sweden within any or both of the two sub focuses <i>Biotechnology</i> and <i>New energy</i> .
Applicant	Individual researcher active in Sweden in collaboration with a researcher active in China.
Grant period	3 years
Grant amount	1 000 000 SEK (Swedish part) per year and 1 000 000 CNY (Chinese part) per year and collaboration project.
Budgetary framework	A total of 10 collaboration projects may be funded within the call.
Call deadline	22 May 2018 (at 10:00/10 a.m. Swedish time, 16:00/4 p.m. Chinese time)
Publication of grant award	No later than the end of November 2018
Start of grant period	January 2019

[Read more about grants awarded in previous years.](#) ☞

About the call

The Sino-Swedish research collaboration is enabled by a bilateral agreement between the Swedish and Chinese governments. Under this agreement the Swedish Research Council and the National Natural Science foundation of China (NSFC) jointly funds grants for collaborative research. The evaluation and administration of the programme will be made jointly by the Swedish Research Council and NSFC.

The Swedish Research Council funds the Swedish part of granted applications while NSFC funds the Chinese part of the collaborations.

Eligibility criteria for applicants

The following criteria must be fulfilled in order for the Swedish researcher and the Chinese collaboration partner to be eligible to apply for the grant. The Swedish Research Council and NSFC will carry out checks to ensure ineligible applications are rejected from further processing.

The Chinese project leader and administrating organisation must submit a parallel application to NSFC for check of eligibility. Please [contact NSFC](#) ☞ for more information.

Please note that “Swedish” and “Chinese” in this call refer to the researcher’s country of affiliation and not nationality.

The Swedish and Chinese project leaders will receive funding from their respective national funding agencies and therefore also separately administer the funds.

Focus

The main objective of the grant is support new or existing Sino-Swedish research projects that in the longer perspective may develop into long-term collaborations. The collaboration shall be based on the principle of mutual benefit, equality and commonly set objectives. The call for project grants is open for applications concerning research within these two sub focuses:

Biotechnology


High quality basic biotechnological research that aims to develop new technologies or products for research, industry, agriculture and clinic.

Renewable energy

High quality basic research for efficient and environmentally adapted renewable production, efficient utilization of electricity or fuel.

Applicant

The research project grant is open to a joint application made in collaboration between one researcher in Sweden and one researcher based at a Chinese university or other research institution. The applicants are the project leaders and have scientific responsibility for the project, and the Swedish project leader's activity level in the project must be no less than 20 per cent of a full-time equivalent. He or she must hold a Swedish doctoral degree or a corresponding foreign degree, awarded no later than the deadline for this call. The degree award date we use is the date of fulfilling all the criteria for a doctoral degree, such as mandatory courses, oral defence and an approved doctoral thesis. For applicants with Swedish doctoral degrees, the award date listed in Ladok applies.

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](#) . To apply, the Swedish organisation must therefore be approved as an administrating organisation.

If awarded a grant, the Swedish applicant must be employed by the administrating organisation at the start of and throughout the grant period, unless the Swedish Research Council approves an exception. The employment must cover no less than 20 per cent of a full-time equivalent. He or she does not have to be employed by the administrating organisation at the time of applying.

For requirements for the Chinese project leader, please see the [NSFC website](#) .

Number of applications and previous grants

The conditions described in this section only apply for the Swedish applicant (project leader).

What grants may I apply for simultaneously from the Swedish Research Council?

You may only submit one application for this grant under this call. On the other hand, you may apply for undirected project grants, or project grants with a different focus (3R and Development Research, for example), but for another project concept. Other restrictions on the grants you may apply for during the same year are shown in the table below.

[Table: Grants you may apply for simultaneously](#) 

What eligibility criteria apply if I already have a grant from the Swedish Research Council?

There are no restrictions for applying for this project grant if you are the project leader of a grant already awarded and ongoing (where the grant period/payment period from the Swedish Research Council overlaps the grant period of the grant this application covers), provided your application is for another project concept.

What applies for applications to or grants from other funding bodies?

If your application to the Swedish Research Council relates to the same project idea as a grant you have already been awarded by, or are applying for to another funding body, please describe this.

Participating researchers

The application must include a collaboration between a Swedish project leader and researchers and/or research groups active at a university or research institute in China. This part of the collaboration is represented by the Chinese project leader.

Besides the two project leaders, other researchers affiliated to the project may be included as participating researchers, that is, researchers with a doctoral degree or equivalent whose scientific competence will be crucial for the implementation of the proposed research activities. These do not have to be employed by a Swedish HEI or be affiliated to a Chinese research institute. All collaboration partners and their roles shall be presented in the research plan (see instructions under Research plan below). In addition, the CVs and publications lists from any participating researchers in China shall be included together with the same documents from the Chinese project leader. Other participating researchers shall provide the necessary information themselves in Prisma, and upload these to the application.

Costs and grant amounts

The grant covers the Swedish and Chinese budgets separately. The part of the grant covering the Swedish budget costs will be financed by the Swedish Research Council and the part of the grant covering the Chinese budget costs will be financed by NSFC.

Swedish applicant

Grants may be applied for to finance all types of project-related costs, such as salaries (including your own salary, however no more than corresponding to your activity level in the project), premises, running costs (such as consumables, travel including stays at research facilities, publication costs and minor equipment), and depreciation costs. Grants may not be used for scholarships. If a doctoral student participates, project funds may not be paid out as salary for the period when the doctoral student is teaching.

The grant is awarded in a standard amount of 1 000 000 SEK per year, including indirect costs.

Chinese applicant

The Chinese project leader may apply for maximum 1 000 000 CNY per year. For other rules and regulations regarding costs and grant funding for the Chinese project leader, please see the [NSFC website](#).

Grant period

The grant period is three years, starting from January 2019, at the earliest.

How do I apply?

The Swedish project leader creates the application in Prisma (the application system used by the Swedish Research Council) by filling in the text fields, uploading information from his/her personal account, and attaching the appendices requested. The Chinese project leader shall be involved in the planning of the collaboration and the elaboration of the application.

The organisation of the Swedish applicant must have been [approved as an administrating organisation](#) and have created an organisation account in Prisma.

For most items in Prisma, there is a [user manual](#) describing all the steps, as well as answers to [FAQ](#). Please refer to these when filling in the application.

Please note that the Swedish principle of public access to official records applies to all research applications submitted to the Swedish Research Council. Please avoid stating anybody's full personal identity number in the application except where specifically requested.

The Chinese project leader shall submit a parallel application to NSFC according to the instructions given at the [NSFC website](#).

Creating a personal account in Prisma (not required for Chinese researchers)

Before you apply, you must create a personal account in [Prisma](#), where you can save your personal and CV data. The information only needs to be entered once, and can thereafter be supplemented or changed as required. As most of the Swedish Research Council's calls employ foreign reviewers, please use English when entering any descriptive text in you CV data. You can also input your publications for future use. Please note that no publications can currently be uploaded from your account to the application form. This is because the publications function is under development and not yet used in the Swedish Research Council's calls. You should therefore submit your publications list as an attached PDF file instead (please see instructions under "Publications" below).

Please allow plenty of time to create your personal account. The applications you register in Prisma will be linked to your personal account.

All other persons who will be involved in the preparation of the application must also create a personal account in Prisma and confirm their participation. Thereafter they can add their data to the application via their personal accounts.

Text

Some text fields can be formatted, which means that the font, alignment and font size can be changed, and that tables and symbols can be inserted. If inserting a text written using a word processing program (such as Microsoft Word), adjustment of the formatting may be needed after insertion, using the tools in Prisma. Images cannot be included in the text fields, however. We recommend using the fonts Arial, Calibri or Verdana.

All text fields have a limit on the number of characters, and this is illustrated by a character counter. If using too many characters, the application cannot be registered.

Attached documents and appendices

Attaching an appendix to some fields as instructed may be needed. The appendix must consist of one file in PDF format only. All appendices are limited as to file size and number of pages. Registering the application with an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum size will not be possible.

Signing

Both the Swedish project leader, and an authorised representative of the Swedish administrating organisation shall sign the application electronically in Prisma. Please see further information under “Registering the application” below.

What must the application contain?

Please refer to the application form in Prisma in parallel with reading the instructions below.

Language

Since the application is made in parallel in Sweden and in China, and will be evaluated by a Swedish/Chinese evaluation panel, please submit the application in English.

Sections of the application

The application form includes the following tabs:

- Descriptive data

- Research description
- Budget and research resources
- CV (Chinese researchers)
- Publications
- Administrating organisation
- Participants
- CV (other researchers)

Descriptions of the information requested under each tab follow below. Mandatory information is marked with an asterisk (*) in Prisma.

Descriptive data

Under this tab, please fill in the project title in Swedish and English, the name and affiliation of the Chinese project leader and select SCB codes and key words. Please also fill in the abstract and popular science description as instructed below.

Abstract

The abstract shall include a brief description of:

- what is to be done: purpose and aim
- how the research will be carried out: project organisation, time plan and the scientific methods to be used
- what is important about the planned research: the impact and added value of the collaborative research

The abstract shall provide a summary guide to the purpose and implementation of the research activities within the collaboration. Please use wording to ensure persons with another subject specialisation can understand the information.

The description may cover a maximum of 1 500 characters including blank spaces (approximately one third of an A4 page in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing).

Popular science description

Describe the project in such a way that a person who is not familiar with the subject can understand it. Describe what is to be done and why, and explain in what way the new knowledge may be important.

The popular science description is an important tool when we inform about the research funded by the Swedish Research Council. If we grant your application, we reserve the right to use the description for information purposes.

Note: The popular science description must be written in Swedish, unlike the rest of the application.

The description may cover a maximum of 4 500 characters including blank spaces (approximately one A4 page in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing).

Research description

Under this tab, please attach your research plan and describe any ethical considerations. Please also describe the project's relevance for the call and account for any previous network grant financed within the programme.

Ethical considerations

The national ethical regulations/legislation which are the strictest, shall apply for the research collaboration as a whole. Describe the ethical issues raised by the research and how they are handled in the research work. Explain also why the research questions and expected results justify the conduct of the research, in view of the ethical issues raised. Please also state whether the research involves any handling of personal data, or experiments on animals or human subjects. If no ethical issues are raised, please state this.

Research and collaboration plan

Please attach your research plan in PDF format. The research plan shall consist of a brief but complete description of the research task. The focus of the research plan shall be forward-looking, and it shall cover a maximum of ten page-numbered A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing, including references and any images. **You will not be able to register your application with an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum number of pages or is larger than 10 MB.**


The research plan must include the following headings and information, listed in the following order:

- **Purpose and aims:** State the overall purpose and specific goals of the research collaboration.
- **State-of-the-art:** Summarise briefly the current research frontier within the field/area covered by the project. State key references.
- **Significance and scientific novelty:** Describe briefly how the project relates to previous research within the area, and its importance in the short and long term. Describe also how the collaborative research project moves forward or innovates the current research frontier.
- **Preliminary and previous results:** Describe briefly your own previous research and pilot studies within the research area that make it probable that the project will be feasible. State also if no preliminary results exist. State whether the project contributes further to research

and results from a network grant awarded previously within the Sino-Swedish research collaboration programme.

- **Project description and mode of cooperation:** Describe the collaborative research project design, including the following items:
 - *Theory and method:* Describe the underlying theory and the methods to be applied in order to reach the project goal.
 - *Time plan and implementation:* Describe summarily the time plan for the project during the grant period concerning travel, joint seminars and workshops, joint publications, etc. and how the project will be implemented. A brief description of the project activities, such as workshops and seminars, should also be included
 - *Project organisation:* Clarify the contributions of yourself and any participating researchers to the implementation of the project. Describe and explain the competences and roles of the participating researchers, the gender balance and clarify the role to be played by the two collaboration partners and also any other researchers or corresponding who are important for the implementation of the project.

Provide the following information also. If a heading is not relevant to your application, please leave it blank.

- **Equipment:** Describe the basic equipment you and your team have at your disposal for the project.
- **Need for infrastructure:** Specify the collaborative project's need for international and national infrastructure. Specify also the need for local infrastructure, if depreciation costs for this are included in the application. [Read more about research infrastructure supported by the Swedish Research Council.](#) 

Relevance to the call

A. Research areas/Sub focus

Describe how your project is relevant for one or both of the sub focus areas *New energy* and *Biotechnology* (see the definition in the introduction to the call text) and how the project promotes the development of these fields. Please note that the relevance to one or both of these research areas constitutes an absolute requirement for this call.

B. Added value from the research collaboration (complementarity)

Please describe how the expertise and capacity of the participating researchers and HEIs cooperate to benefit the quality of the research. How will the collaboration generate mutual added value to the research of the applicants? In which ways is the collaboration based on equal participation and how will it lead to mutual exchange of knowledge? In the event the gender

balance among the project participants is unequal, please explain how this will not impact negatively on the quality of the research.

The description may cover a maximum of 8 000 characters including blank spaces (approximately two A4 page in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing).

Scientific report on previously awarded grants

If you are the project leader for an ongoing research network grant financed within the Sino-Swedish call in 2016 you must submit a preliminary scientific report. The report shall state how the collaboration has proceeded to date.

Please state the project name, case number plus amount and grant period (that is the payment period from the Swedish Research Council; the remaining availability period shall not be included) for the previous project.

Please describe:

- the scientific results achieved to date within the previously jointly awarded network grant that have not previously been reported to the Swedish Research Council
- the relationship between the previously awarded network grant and the planned project
- the total research resources available for the implementation of the network grant during the reported grant period. State the grant type, funding body, holder and amounts involved (including the previously awarded grant from the Swedish Research Council and NSFC)

The description may cover a maximum of 8 000 characters including blank spaces (approximately two A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing).

Budget and research resources

Under this tab, please describe the personnel active within the Swedish project and include the joint budget plan for the collaboration project as a whole.

Project staff

State the activity level/dedicated time (per cent of a full-time equivalent) of all personnel active within the Swedish project, that is to say the project leader, any other researchers and other personnel. The activity level as Swedish project leader must correspond to a minimum of 20 per cent of a full-time equivalent.

Joint budget plan for the Swedish and the Chinese project leaders

Attach the joint budget plan for collaboration between the Swedish and Chinese researchers in a PDF format. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size

of 4 MB and comprising a maximum of two A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single spacing. **You will not be able to register your application if the document exceeds the stated maximum number of pages.**

A. Joint budget

State a joint budget for the total grant period for the Swedish and the Chinese partners according to the template below. The Swedish partner's budget shall be presented in SEK and the Chinese partner's budget shall be presented in CNY.

Example of common budget plan:

Costs	Chinese part	Swedish part
Personnel (researchers)	X CNY	X SEK
Personnel (non-researchers)	X CNY	X SEK
Consumer expendables	X CNY	X SEK
Trips/Travel	X CNY	X SEK
Investments	X CNY	X SEK
Indirect costs	X CNY	X SEK
Total	X CNY	X SEK

B. Explanation of the proposed budget

Please provide a brief justification statement for each item in the proposed project budget.

C. Other funding

Describe any other funding applied from, or awarded, which will have an impact on the collaborative research project. Indicate the type of grant, status, funding source, grant awardee/project leader, funding period and the relevant amounts according to the example below.

Example of other funding description:

Type of grant	Status	Funding source	Grant awardee/project leader	Funding period	Total amount (SEK or CNY)
Project grant	Awarded VR		Anna Andersson	2016-2019	3 000 000 SEK
Travel	Applied	NSFC	Wang Xiu Ying	2018-2019	50 000 CNY

CV (Chinese researchers)

Please enclose the CVs of the Chinese project leader and any other participating researchers in a PDF format. Each CV must not exceed two A4 pages. Please observe that the appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 10 MB. If the attachment contains several files, you will therefore have to join them into a single file.

The following information must be submitted in each CV under the numbered headings below, in the given order (leave not applicable fields empty):

1. **Higer education qualification(s):** year, subject field and HEI
2. **Doctoral degree or equivalent:** year, discipline/subject field, HEI title of the thesis and the name of the doctoral supervisor.
3. **Postdoctoral positions:** year and location
4. **Qualification required for appointments as a docent:**
5. **Current position:** term of appointment and research portion
6. **Previous positions and periods of appointment:** type of position and appointment periods
7. **Supervision:** Doctoral and postdoctoral students that you have supervised in the capacity of main supervisor; (name(s) and years).
8. **Interruption in research:** In this section, you may describe nay longer interruption in your active research time, which has affected your qualification opportunities, e.g. interruptions due to parental leave, medical internships or medical residencies (applies to clinically active professionals), positions of trust, or similar circumstances. Specify the extent of each interruption.
9. **Other information of relevance to the application.**

Publications

Under this tab, please attach the publication lists in a PDF format to the respective fields (Swedish/other and Chinese project participants sorted separately). Please observe that each appendix may only contain one file, with a maximum size of 10 MB. If the attachment contains several files, you will therefore have to join them into a single file.

Each publications list shall be drawn up according to the headings and information below. Each researcher's list shall cover a maximum of five page-numbered A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing.

The list shall begin with the **maximum 10 publications** of greatest importance for the application:

1. Selection of publications: List the maximum ten publications of greatest importance for the application. For each publication, please state how you contributed to it, and its relevance to the research project described (maximum four lines per publication). Highlight your name in bold in the author list.

Also list relevant publications **from the last eight years:**

2. Publications from the last eight years: Sort the publications, with your name highlighted in bold in the author list, under each heading (publication type) in the following order:

- **Peer-reviewed original articles**
- **Peer-reviewed conference contributions**, the results of which are not included in other publications.
- **Peer-reviewed edited volumes**
- **Research review articles**
- **Peer-reviewed books and book chapters**
- **Other publications including popular science books/presentations**

Note: Please sort the publications under each heading in reverse chronological order, so that the latest publication is at the top of the list. Please only include articles or corresponding that are published or accepted for publication at the time of applying. The author order in the publications list shall be identical to that of the published work. The application cannot be supplemented with publications after the deadline for the call.

Administrating organisation

Under this tab, please state the Swedish administrating organisation and project site. The administrating organisation is the organisation that administers the grant awarded and is responsible for it according to the conditions set. The project site is the organisational unit where the project is carried out. Normally, the administrating organisation and project site correspond to the HEI and the department where the project leader is employed.

To allow linking the application to an administrating organisation, the organisation must have an approved account in Prisma. Please contact your organisation and ask it to [apply for an organisation account](#) with the Swedish Research Council if it does not already have one.

If your project site is not listed in Prisma, please contact the person responsible for the organisation account at your administrating organisation. You will not be able to finalise the registration of your application if the project site is missing.

Participants

Under this tab, the Swedish applicant may invite other participating researchers and participating administrators to the application. **Please note that this does not include the Chinese researcher(s)!** Participating researchers are other persons involved in the project whose scientific competence will be crucial for the implementation of the proposed research. A participating administrator is a person who can help to input and edit information in the application.

When inviting participants, please make sure you use the correct email address linked to the person's Prisma account. You may invite participants who do not already have an account in Prisma, but in order to participate in your application they must register their own personal accounts in Prisma. All participants must accept their invitation, and participating researchers must upload their CV data to the application before you can finalise the registration of the application.

Once a participating researcher has accepted your invitation, you can allocate authority to him/her to edit the application.

Please note that all participating researchers shall be described in the research and collaboration plan (see above).

CV (other researchers)

Under this tab, the Swedish applicant shall upload the relevant CV information from his/her personal account in Prisma. Any participating researchers of the Swedish part of project must upload their own CV information to the application.

The following information, where available, must always be included in each CV, taking into account the stated limitation in numbers:

- **Education:** First, second and third cycle higher education and specialist degrees.
- **Work:** Current employment (including which type of employment) and longer relevant employment, postdoctoral visits (also included as employment, if relevant), research exchanges relevant to the research described and any longer interruptions in the research that have impacted on your opportunity to gain merits as a researcher.
- **Merits and awards:** Docentship/associate professorship, supervisees (postdoctoral and doctoral students; state the overall number of each category and list the 10 most relevant to you), up to 10 of your most relevant grants awarded in competition, up to 10 of your most relevant prizes and awards, and up to 20 other merits relevant to the application.
- **Intellectual property rights:** For example, patents and open access computer programs developed by you; state up to 10 of your most relevant.

Registering the application

The tab “Check and register” shows a summary of the fields in the application that may require action in order to register it (such as mandatory fields not filled in, text fields with too many characters, discrepancies from limits on the possible project period or budget applied for). The registration of the application is not finalised until clicking on the “Register” button.

Please make sure to use the preview function before registering the application.

Note: Everybody that has been invited to the application must accept the invitation before registering the application. If an invitation is not accepted, it must be deleted. Before registration, all participating researchers in the Swedish project must also upload their CV information from their own personal accounts in Prisma.

The registered application can thereafter be found in the Swedish applicant’s personal Prisma account in the tab “Applications and grants”, under the menu choice “Applications”. Until the deadline for the call, a registered application may be de-registered, amended and re-registered again as necessary.

It is the Swedish project leader’s responsibility to ensure the application is complete, that is to say the application form is correctly filled in, the correct appendices are attached and the information requested has been provided according to the instructions. Please only submit material specifically requested. We do not accept any additional information after the deadline, except when specifically requested.

Signing the Swedish application in Prisma

When the Swedish applicant registers the application, it is signed by him/her in their capacity of project leader. To ensure the application is deemed complete and included in the review process, an authorised representative of the Swedish administrating organisation also has to sign the application. The representative is normally the head of the department where the Swedish part of the research project will be carried out, but this is dependent on the administrating organisation’s structure.

The Swedish *applicant’s* signature confirms that:

- the information in the application is correct and complies with the Swedish Research Council’s instructions
- secondary occupations and commercial ties have been reported to the administrating organisation and that nothing has emerged that breaches good research practice
- the applicant has not been found guilty of scientific misconduct during the last two years before the deadline of the call
- the permits and approvals required have been obtained before the research is started, such as permits from the Swedish Medical Products Agency or approval from an ethical review

board or an ethical committee on animal experiments

- the applicant will comply with all other conditions applicable to the grant

The signature of the Swedish *administrating organisation* confirms that:

- the research or research-supporting activity described can be given room at the administrating organisation during the period and to the extent stated in the application
- the applicant will be employed by the administrating organisation during the period covered by the application
- the administrating organisation approves of the budget in the application
- the applicant has not been found guilty of scientific misconduct by the administrating organisation signing during the last two years before the deadline of the call
- the administrating organisation will comply with all other conditions applicable to the grant

The above points shall have been discussed by the parties before the representative of the administrating organisation approves and signs the application.

Note: The authorised representative of the administrating organisation must sign the application in Prisma no later than one week (seven calendar days) after the deadline in order for the application to be considered further in the review process.

What happens next?

When the Swedish applicant has registered the application and the call closes (at 10:00/10 a.m. Swedish time and 16:00/4p.m. Chinese time on the deadline date of the call), the registration of the application is automatically finalised and the application is given a registration number.

The registered application is automatically forwarded to the representative of the Swedish administrating organisation for signature in Prisma. The application must be signed by the administrating organisation no later than one week (seven calendar days) after the deadline. The Swedish applicant will receive an email when the application has been signed.

Thereafter the Swedish applicant will find information about the status of the application, registration number and signature of the application in his/her account in Prisma, under the tab “Applications and grants”.

Evaluation

The scientific evaluation of the application is carried out by active researchers. These peer reviewers evaluate the application in competition with the other applications on the basis of the evaluation criteria set by the Swedish Research Council and the NSFC.

If an application is not completed according to the instructions, this will be weighed into the evaluation.

[Review panel](#)

[How your application is evaluated](#)

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

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

Decision

Shortly after the grant decision has been made, a notice of the grant awards will be published on the websites of the Swedish Research Council's and NSFC. The Swedish applicant will thereafter find a notice of the decision and a final statement on the application in his/her personal account in Prisma, under the tab "Applications and grants". The statement consists of a grading and, in some cases, written comments.

The EU ABS Regulation and due diligence declaration: As from 12 October 2015, users of genetic resources (genetic material of actual or potential value) and traditional knowledge relating to genetic resources, obtained after 12 October 2014, shall comply with the EU ABS Regulation (No 511/2014) by making a "due diligence declaration". This applies only to grant recipients. Due diligence entails the user being able to show that the genetic resource was obtained according to applicable legislation in the country in question and that the possible benefit of the genetic resource will be allocated in a reasonable and equitable way.

Exceptions apply to research into: the human genome, plant genetic material included in [Appendix 1](#) to the international agreement on plant genetic resources, pandemic influenza virus and genetic material obtained from international waters. If you have any questions about the regulations and due diligence, please contact [Naturvårdsverket](#).

Contact

Questions about application content

For any questions about application content, please contact one of the following persons:

Swedish Research Council

[Tomas Andersson](#), tomas.andersson@vr.se +46 (0)8 546 44 217

[Marie Hillerby](#), marie.hillerby@vr.se +46 (0)8 546 44 217

Chinese applicants are instructed to please contact

Xu Jin, xujin@nsfc.gov.cn National Natural Science Foundation of China
+86 (0)10 6232 5351

Technical questions

In the first instance, please consult the help menu in Prisma for instructions or [FAQ](#), including a detailed [user manual](#) that describes most items in Prisma.

If you cannot find the answer to your technical question, you may contact our [Technical Support](#). Please note that it may take 1 to 2 working days to get an answer, depending on the work load of the support personnel.