Tage Erlander's Visiting Professorship

The Swedish Research Council's grant for visiting professors aims to give universities the opportunity to develop a research area by recruiting an internationally prominent professor during a limited period.

Through the Tage Erlander professorship, an internationally prominent foreign researcher may spend one year at a university, higher educational institution or research institute in Sweden. The Tage Erlander professorship was created in 1981 to honour Tage Erlander (1901–1985) on his 80th birthday. Tage Erlander was Sweden's prime minister 1946–1969.

Summary

Type of grant	Research environment and research collaboration funding
Subject area	Natural and Engineering Sciences
Focus	Researchers who may be nominated for the 2018 visiting professorship shall be active within one or several of the following areas: Analytical, physical or theoretical chemistry, organic or inorganic chemistry, biochemistry or structural biology, cellular or molecular biology, bioprocess engineering, chemical engineering or environmental engineering.
Applicant	Swedish universities and higher education institutions (HEI) within natural sciences and engineering are welcome to submit proposals for holders of the visiting professorship.
Grant period	6-12 months
Grant amount	Maximum 1 900 000 SEK for the professorship and maximum 400 000 SEK to finance a junior researcher associated with the professorship.
Call deadline	27 February 2018 (14.00/2 p.m.)
Publication of grant award decisions	No later than end of September 2018
Start of grant period	No earlier than January 2019

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Eligibility criteria for grant applications

The following conditions must be fulfilled in order for the organisation to be duly qualified to apply for the grant. We carry out checks to ensure unqualified applications are rejected from further processing.

Focus and nominated candidate

Holders of the Tage Erlander professorship are appointed from among nominated internationally very prominent researchers. The research areas from which researchers may be nominated alternates according to a rolling schedule. The researcher who may be nominated for the 2018 visiting professorship shall be active within one or several of the following areas:

- Analytical, physical or theoretical chemistry
- Organic or inorganic chemistry
- Biochemistry or structural biology
- Cellular or molecular biology

- Bioprocess engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Environmental engineering

The researcher proposed for the visiting professorship shall be the holder of a professorship or corresponding at the time of application, and must not already be active in Sweden. The researcher must also be aware of the nomination and what acceptance of the professorship entails. If the nominated candidate declines to accept the professorship, the HEI cannot propose a replacement.

The visiting professor awarded the professorship shall be employed by the administrating organisation throughout the visit.

Applicant

The applicant for the grant must be a Swedish university or higher education institution (HEI) that has been approved as an administrating organisation for grants from the Swedish Research Council. The application with a nominated candidate for the visiting professorship shall include a named researcher (project leader) who represents the institution wishing to act as host for the visiting professorship. The visiting professor shall be employed by the administrating organisation at the start of and throughout the grant period, unless the Swedish Research Council approves an exception.

When the application is registered and signed in Prisma (see below), the HEI and the nominated department undertake to be responsible for the local hosting and all practical arrangements associated with the visiting professor's visit to Sweden, if the visiting professorship is awarded.

Number of applications

There is no limit to the number of applications a single HEI may submit. However, any individual candidate may only be nominated in one application.

Participating researchers

No participating researchers may be included in this application.

Costs and grant amounts

A grant amount of up to 1 900 000 SEK including indirect costs may be applied for, to finance salary costs including social security contributions and insurance, rent of housing and travel. The amount of the grant is affected by items such as accompanying family members and local housing costs. The Swedish Research Council assumes that the administrating organisation, as the employer responsible, will cover any costs in excess of the standard amount received.

In addition, a grant of up to 400 000 SEK including indirect costs may be applied for (via the Swedish Research Council) from the Tage Erlander Foundation to finance a junior researcher (doctoral student or postdoc), to be associated with the visiting professorship.

Grants may not be used for scholarships.

Grant period

The visit to Sweden shall last no less than six months, and no longer than one year. The visit may be divided up into more than one period.

The professorship shall start during 2019. The entire grant amount will be paid during 2019, irrespective of when the start occurs. The first payment will be made during January 2019 at the earliest.

How do I apply?

You apply electronically in Prisma ▣, which is the application system used by the Swedish Research Council. To apply, your organisation must have been approved as an administrating organisation ▣ and have created an organisation account in Prisma.

The application shall be initiated by the administration organisation (by the person responsible for the organisation account or for the organisation's applications). The person initiating the application shall thereafter invite the person appointed by the nominating department to be responsible for the invitation to the visiting professorship and for completing the contents of the application as project leader/data manager for the application 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.

Creating a personal account in Prisma

The person initiating the application at the administrating organisation and the person invited to be the project leader/data manager must create personal accounts in Prisma ▣. The person invited to be the project leader/data manager must also confirm his/her participation in the application. Personal and CV data are saved in the personal account. Merits and publications may also be entered for future use, but are not necessary for this application. The information only needs to be entered once, and can thereafter be supplemented or changed as required.

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

Any participating administrators must also create their own personal accounts in Prisma, and confirm their participation in the application before the deadline of the call.

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. You may need to use the tools in Prisma to adjust the formatting of text written using a word processing program (such as Microsoft Word) after inserting it. Images cannot be included in the text fields, however. We recommend that you use 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 you use too many characters, the application cannot be registered.

Attached documents and appendices

You will need to attach an appendix to some fields as instructed. The appendix must consist of one file only, in PDF format. All appendices are limited as to file size and number of pages. An application containing an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum size cannot be registered.

Signing

All signatures are added in conjunction with registering the application, by the person at the administrating organisation who has created it. Please see further information under "Register your application" below. The Swedish Research Council assumes that the person initiating, completing, registering and signing the application has a mandate to do so from the vice-chancellor/corresponding at the HEI.

What must the application contain?

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

Language

Foreign experts are involved in the scientific evaluation of the applications. To ensure fair and equitable assessment and efficient processing, please therefore complete your application in *English*.

Sections of the application

The application form includes the following tabs:

- Descriptive data
- Research description
- Nominated visiting professor
- Budget and research resources
- Administrating organisation
- Participants (only administrators in this call)

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 state the name of the nominated researcher, his/her current HEI and country as project title (such as "Anna Smith, University of xx, USA"), project period (the length of the visiting professorship in number of months), and select keywords and SCB codes. Please also complete the abstract here, according to the instructions below.

Abstract

The abstract shall include a brief description of:

- The name, university and country of the nominated researcher
- Time (dates) for the visit
- Brief justification for the visit
- Planned programme

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).

Research description

Please attach a research plan for the nomination and description of any ethical considerations here.

Ethical considerations

Describe the ethical issues raised by the research and how they are managed in the research work. 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 also.

Research plan

Please attach the research plan in PDF format. The research plan shall consist of brief but complete information relating to the nomination, and shall cover a maximum of eight page-numbered A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing, including references and any images. **You will not be able to attach an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum number of pages or is larger than 10 MB.**

The following information must be included in the research plan under separate headings, listed in the following order:

- **The researcher and his/her research.** Present the nominated researcher and his/her research.
- **Justification.** Justify the visiting researcher's visit.
- **Contribution to research.** Describe how the visiting researcher may contribute to Swedish research within the area in question.

- **Plan for department participation.** Specify the planning of the visiting researcher's participation at the host department and other departments in the country.
- **Junior researcher.** State the name and workplace for a junior researcher (doctoral student or postdoc), if such is to be associated with the visiting professorship.

Nominated visiting professor

Under this tab, please state:

- Name, title, current position and workplace for the nominated person
- The competency the visiting professor is expected to bring to the host department
- Information about the duration and any division of the visit
- Names of the department head(s) and the department(s) at which the professorship will be located

The nominated researcher's CV and publication list

Please attach a brief CV in PDF format, with full address details (including postal address) and current position of the nominated researcher. Please also attach a publication list in PDF format, divided up into peer reviewed articles, other articles and books.

The appendices may only consist of single files, each of a maximum size of 4 MB. If an attachment consists of several documents, you must therefore merge them into a single file. Please also note that no CV data or publications shall be entered elsewhere in the application.

Budget and research resources

Under this tab, please state personnel costs and running costs.

Salaries

Please state the salary applied for, both as a percentage of a full-time salary and as actual annual amounts (including social security contributions and insurance), for the visiting professor (choose the role "Project leader" in the table), and for the junior researcher (if such a position is to be associated with the professorship). Please state rounded amounts in SEK.

Running costs

Describe the costs of rent of housing or travel. Please state rounded amounts in SEK.

Total cost of the visiting professorship

Prisma will automatically add up your budget items listed in a table. The total amount applied for shall also include indirect costs. These shall be added to the table by the applicant according to the calculations that apply for the HEI. The applicant shall also add here any further costs covered by the visiting professorship (for which funding is not sought in this application).

Justification of the budget applied for

Justify briefly each cost applied for in the budget stated. The description may cover a maximum of 4 000 characters including blank spaces (approximately one A4 page in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing).

Administrating organisation

Under this tab, please state the project site of the visiting professorship. The administrating organisation is the university or higher education institution hosting the visiting professor, and is filled in automatically when the application is created. The project site shall be the department or corresponding organisational unit that has main responsibility for the visiting professorship (usually where the visiting professor will be employed during the grant period and where the project leader/data manager in the application is employed).

Participants

Here the person invited to be the project leader/data manager for the application may invite other participating administrators who can help to input and edit information in the application. Please make sure you use the correct email address linked to the person's Prisma account. Participating administrators who do not already have an account in Prisma may also be invited, but in order to participate in the application they must register their own personal accounts in Prisma. All participating administrators must accept the invitation before the registration of the application is finalised.

Please note that participating researchers may not be invited in this application.

Registering the application

The tab "Check and register application" 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). Once the application has been correctly completed, the person invited to be the project leader/data manager shall save the application by clicking on the button "Save as final draft". Thereafter, the person responsible for the organisation application registers the application by clicking on the button "Register".

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

Note: Everybody invited in the application must accept the invitation before the application can be registered. If an invitation is not accepted, it must be deleted.

The registered application can thereafter be found in the project leader's/data manager's personal Prisma account in the tab "Applications and grants", under the menu choice "Applications". The person who is responsible for the organisation application at the administrating organisation can find the application under the tab "Organisation applications". Until the deadline for the call, the person responsible for the organisation application may de-register, amend and re-register the application again as necessary. The project leader/data manager cannot carry out this task.

The person who is responsible for the organisation application at the administrating organisation is responsible for ensuring 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 date, except when specifically requested.

Signing

Applications where an organisation is the applicant are signed automatically when registering the application by the person responsible for the organisation application at the administrating organisation.

The *applicant's* signature confirms that:

- the information in the application is correct and complies with the Swedish Research Council's instructions
- the budget in the application is approved
- 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 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

What happens next?

When the person responsible for the organisation application at the administrating organisation has registered the application and the call closes (at 14.00/2 p.m. on the deadline date of the call), the registration of the application is automatically finalised and allocated a registration number.

Thereafter, the project leader/data manager can 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". The person who is responsible for the organisation application at the administrating organisation can find the application under the tab "Organisation applications".

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.

The following aspects will be evaluated:

- The visiting researcher's merits and position internationally
- The importance of the visiting researcher's visit to the host department, and the added value to Swedish research in general within the subject area in question

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

Review panel

How the 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 award will be published on the Swedish Research Council's website. The project leader/data manager 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.

Contact

Questions about application content

If you have any questions about application content, please contact one of the following persons:

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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.