

# Consolidator grant

The purpose of the grant is to give the most prominent junior researchers the opportunity to consolidate their research and broaden their activities as independent researchers. Within the framework of the call, the Swedish Research Council wishes to support researchers who have a scientifically interesting research idea, and who can convert and conduct the research task and thereby move the frontiers of research forward, or fill in existing gaps in knowledge.

## Summary

<b>Type of grant</b>	Career support funding
<b>Subject area</b>	Humanities and Social Sciences Medicine and Health Natural and Engineering Sciences Educational Sciences
<b>Focus</b>	Undirected
<b>Applicant</b>	Individual researcher who has completed a doctoral degree more than 7 years ago and up to 12 years ago.
<b>Participating researchers</b>	No participating researchers may be invited to join the application.
<b>Grant period</b>	6 years
<b>Grant amount</b>	2 million SEK per year
<b>Budgetary framework</b>	40 million SEK per year for 6 years (which means a maximum of 20 grants will be awarded in total, preliminarily 9 within NE, 7 within MH, and 4 within HS and ES)
<b>Call deadline</b>	27 February 2018 (14.00/2 p.m.)
<b>Publication of grant award</b>	No later than the beginning of December 2018
<b>Start of grant period</b>	January 2019

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

## Outline application

Applications for consolidation grants are submitted in a two-stage process. First, you as applicant must submit an outline application for evaluation. Applicants whose outline applications are approved may then submit a full application, with a more comprehensive research plan and possibly a more detailed description of ethical considerations. There must not be any other differences between the outline and full applications. For further information on the differences between an outline application and a full application, please see below under the heading "What happens next?".

## Eligibility criteria for grant applications

The following criteria must be fulfilled in order for you to be eligible to apply for the grant. We carry out checks to ensure unqualified applications are rejected from further processing.

## Applicant

The applicant for a consolidation grant must be an individual researcher. You will be the project leader and have scientific responsibility for the project, and your level of activity in the project must be no less than 50 per cent of a full-time equivalent. You must hold a Swedish doctoral degree or a corresponding foreign degree, awarded no later than 7 years and no earlier than 12 years before the deadline for this call. The degree award date we use is the date you fulfilled 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, your organisation must therefore be approved as an administrating organisation.

If you are awarded a grant, you 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 equal at least 50 per cent of a full-time equivalent. You do not have to be employed by the administrating organisation at the time of applying.

[Read more about the EU's policy and recommendations for recruitment of researchers in the European regulations for researchers on the EU's website](#) 

## Career age

To apply for a consolidation grant, your doctoral degree must have been awarded no later than 7 years ago and no earlier than 12 years ago at the deadline for the call, that is to say awarded no later than 27 February 2011 and no earlier than 27 February 2006. The degree award date we use is the date you fulfilled 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. You will not be able to complete your application if your doctoral degree was awarded less than 7 years ago or more than 12 years ago.

If your doctoral degree was awarded earlier, it is however still possible to apply if there are grounds for deductible time that are recognised by the Swedish Research Council. The Swedish Research Council's recognised grounds are parental leave, positions of trust in trade union organisations and student organisations, mandatory service in the total defence forces, illness (own illness or care of close family members), general medical internship (maximum 24 months) or further training/specialist medical internship for clinically active professionals (maximum 24 months). Please note that we do not accept other employment, unemployment or holidays as deductible time. If you wish to claim deductible time, you must specify the recognised grounds and time involved in your application (please see instructions under "Descriptive information" below).

We carry out random checks and may request confirmation that supports the grounds for deductible time stated by you.

## Number of applications and previous grants

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

You may only submit one application for this grant under this call. 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](#)



Please note that if you are awarded a consolidation grant, you will not be able to apply for the Swedish Research Council's undirected project grants for an overlapping grant period.

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

There are certain restrictions if you are the project leader of a previously awarded grant that is ongoing, that is to say where the grant period (disbursement period from the Swedish Research Council) overlaps the grant period of the grant the application covers. Please note that the availability period, that is to say the time during which you can draw down the grant awarded, is normally longer than the grant period. Information about the criteria for your previous grant can be found in the "Approval of Conditions" you received from the Swedish Research Council. Please note that if you are awarded a consolidator grant and have an ongoing undirected project grant, or a project grant for junior researchers, this amount will be deducted from the standard amount of 2 million SEK during the grant period that overlaps your awarded consolidation grant.

Please see the table below for further information on grants you may apply for if you have an ongoing grant.

[Table: Grants you may apply for if you have an ongoing grant](#)



**Note:** If you have been the project leader for previous grants from the Swedish Research Council that have ended, final financial reports for all of these must have been submitted within the permitted time frame in order for you to apply for a new grant. Please contact your administrating organisation if you are unsure whether all your final reports have been submitted.

## 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

No participating researchers may be included in this application.

## Costs and grant amounts

The amount you may apply for is a standard amount of 2 000 000 SEK per year, including indirect costs. The grant may be used for all types of project-related costs, but must not be used to finance your own salary or for scholarships. An exception applies for researchers within humanities and social sciences and within educational sciences, where the grant may be used to finance up to 50 per cent of your own salary.

The Swedish Research Council assumes that the administrating organisation will cover any costs in excess of the amount received.

## Grant period

The grant period is 6 years, starting in January 2019. The first payment will be made during January 2019 at the earliest.

Three years after the start of the grant period, the project leader shall submit a mandatory report in the form of a presentation to the Swedish Research Council. The presentation shall focus on the scientific advances that the grant has enabled and how the researcher's activities have developed, and may result in a review of the amounts for the remaining grant period.

## How do I apply?

You apply electronically in [Prisma](#) , which is the application system used by the Swedish Research Council. You create your application in Prisma by filling in the text fields, uploading information from your personal account, and attaching the appendices requested.

To enable you to apply, your organisation 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 your application.

Please avoid stating your own or anybody else's full personal identity number in the application except where specifically requested.

## Creating a personal account in Prisma

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.

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. If you insert text written using a word processing program (such as Microsoft Word), you may need to use the tools in Prisma to adjust the formatting after insertion. 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, and you can only attach documents in PDF format. All appendices are limited as to file size and number of pages. You will not be able to register your application with an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum size.

## Signing

You as applicant shall sign the outline application electronically in Prisma. Please note that an outline application shall not be signed by the administrating organisation. 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

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
- Budget and research resources
- Publications
- Letter of support
- Administrating organisation
- Review panels
- Participants (only administrators in this call)
- CV

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, and select SCB codes and key words. Please also fill in any deductible time, the abstract and popular science description as instructed below.

### ***Deductible time***

Please state any interruptions in your active research time after your doctoral degree caused by any of the grounds recognised by the Swedish Research Council. The interruption shall be calculated as a full-time equivalent and be rounded up into full calendar months. Please see the recognised grounds for deductible time under the heading "Career age" above.

### ***Abstract***

The abstract shall include a brief description of:

- What is to be done: purpose and aim
- How the research is to be carried out: project organisation, time plan and the scientific methods to be used
- What is important about the planned research

The abstract shall provide a summary guide to the purpose and implementation of the research. Please use wording to ensure that 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 brief research plan and describe any ethical considerations.

### ***Ethical considerations***

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 research being conducted, 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.

### ***Brief research plan***

Please attach your research plan in English, in PDF format. The research plan shall consist of a brief description of the research task. The focus of the research plan shall be forward-looking, and it shall cover a maximum of three 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 6 MB.**

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

- **Purpose and aims:** State the overall purpose and specific goals of the research project.
- **State-of-the-art:** Summarise briefly the current research frontier within the field/area, and describe how your project relates to this.
- **Significance and scientific novelty:** Describe briefly how the project relates to previous research within the field/area, and its importance in the short and long term. Describe also how the 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 field/area that make it probable that the project will be feasible. State also if no preliminary results exist.
- **Project description:** Make a summary of how the research will be conducted: theory and method, time plan and implementation and also project organisation.

### **Budget and research resources**

Please state your activity level (per cent of a full-time equivalent) in the project. Your activity level as project leader must correspond to no less than 50 per cent of a full-time equivalent.

The grant is a standard amount and you therefore do not need to enter any budget applied for in the application form.

### ***Explanation of the budget applied for***

Describe briefly the primary costs you intend to cover within the framework for the grant budget. 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).

### ***Other financing***

Please state any funding for the project (whole or part) received by you or another researcher, in excess of the amount requested in this application. Please state rounded amounts in SEK.

### **Publications**

Under this tab, please attach your publications list in PDF format, drawn up according to the headings and instructions below. The list may cover a maximum of two A4 pages in Arial, font size 11, single line spacing. **You will not be able to attach an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum number of pages.**

The list shall start with the up to ten publications of greatest importance for your application, and you shall also state your total number of publications and list any other relevant scientific output.

1. **Selection of publications:** List the up to ten publications of greatest importance for your application. For each publication, please state how you contributed to it, and its relevance to the research project described. Highlight your name in bold in the author list.
2. **Total number of publications:** State your total number of publications under each relevant 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**
3. **Other scientific output**, such as invited speeches, lectures, etc.

**Note:** 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.

### **Letter of support**

Please attach a formal letter of support from an authorised representative of the HEI in question where the research will be conducted, such as the head of department or corresponding. The applicant's name shall be stated clearly, as well as the name and position of the person writing the letter of support.

The document may cover no more than two A4 pages, and must be in PDF format. **You will not be able to attach an appendix that exceeds the stated maximum number of pages.**

The letter of support shall be written in English, and shall include the following headings and the information requested under them:

#### ***Research profile***

- Description of how the applicant's research fits into the activities and future strategy of the HEI and the department
- Description of how the applicant fits into the operation, with focus on research and educational merits
- Description of the applicant's scientific independence

#### ***Employment***

- Information on the applicant's employment format and financing of the employment over the next ten-year period
- Description of the HEI's career plan for the applicant over the next ten-year period

#### **Administrating organisation**

Under this tab, please state the 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 you to link your application to an administrating organisation, the organisation must have an approved account in Prisma. Please contact your administrating 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.

## Review panels

Under this tab, please request the review panel or panels (in priority order) that you wish to carry out the scientific evaluation of your application. The final allocation of applications is determined by the Swedish Research Council.

[Review panels](#)



## Participants

Here you as grant applicant may invite other participating administrators who can help you to input and edit information in your application. Please make sure you use the correct email address linked to the person's Prisma account. You may invite participating administrators 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 participating administrators must accept the invitation before you can finalise the registration of your application.

Please note that you may not invite any participating researchers in this application.

## CV

Under this tab, please upload your relevant CV information from your personal account in Prisma. As foreign experts are used in the evaluation of your application, please ensure the descriptive text in your CV is written in English.

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

- **Education:** First, second and third cycle higher education and specialist degrees.
- **Work:** Current employment (including whether permanent or not) and longer relevant employment, postdoctoral visits (also include 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:** Docentships/associate professorships, 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 your application that may require action in order to register it (such as mandatory fields not filled in, text fields with too many characters, or discrepancies from limits on the possible project period). The registration of your application is not finalised until you click on the "Register" button.

Please make sure you use the preview function before registering your application.

**Note:** If you have invited participating administrators in your application, they must accept the invitation before you can register the application. If an invitation is not accepted, it must be deleted.

The registered application can thereafter be found in your 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 your 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

When you register the application, it is signed by you as project leader. An outline application shall not be signed by the administrating organisation, but only by the applicant.

The *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 date 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 administrating organisation shall sign the completed application if the outline application progresses to Step 2.

The signature of the *administrating organisation* then 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 date 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 in Step 2.

## What happens next?

When you have registered your application and the call closes (at 14.00/2 p.m. on the deadline date of the call), the registration of your application is automatically finalised and you are given a registration number.

Thereafter you will find information about the status of the application, registration number and signature of the application in your 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. If an application is not completed according to the instructions, this will be weighed into the evaluation.

[Review panels](#)

[How your application is evaluated](#)

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

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

## Decision

The Swedish Research Council will make a decision on the outline applications in May 2018. Shortly thereafter you will find a notice of the decision and a final statement on your application in your personal account in Prisma, under the tab "Applications and grants". If your outline application is accepted, you will also receive notice via email, including instructions for how to submit a full application. Relevant information from the outline application will automatically be transferred to your draft for the full application, and you can then add the new information requested. The call for full applications will be open from 7 June to 28 August 2018.

## Differences between a full application and an outline application

In relation to the outline application, the full application must include information such as: a more comprehensive project plan and possibly a more detailed description of the ethical considerations. Contrary to what applies to the outline application, the full application must also be signed by an authorised representative of the administrating organisation.

## Contact

### Questions about application content

If you have any questions about application content, please email [ansokkon@vr.se](mailto:ansokkon@vr.se) or telephone 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 Guide](#) 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.