

Formas annual open call 2021

- A brief overview

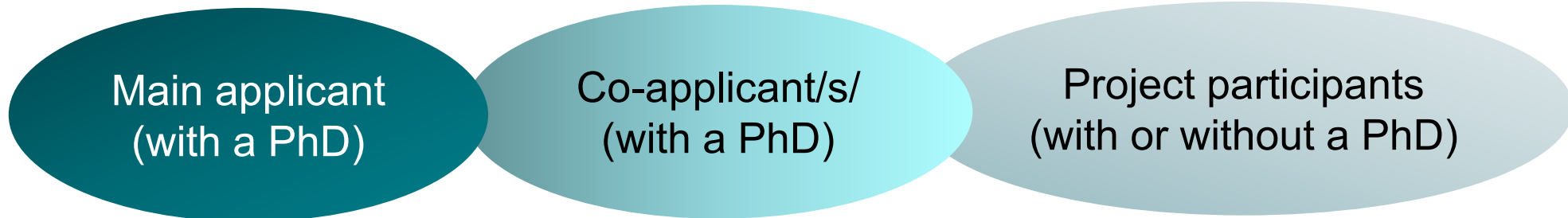
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Formas open call 2021

- Your annual opportunity to apply for funding for your RESEARCH OF INTEREST
- Research projects where you formulate your own research questions based on identified societal challenges within **environment, agriculture sciences and spatial planning**
- Two types of grants;
 - 1) Research projects
 - 2) Research projects for early-career researchers
- Applications are submitted through **PRISMA** (all applicants need a user account)
- The call is open NOW and will close on **8th of April 2021 (14:00)**
- Date of decision: 25 November 2021

General requirements



- A researcher can only be main applicant on one proposal (but co-applicant on several)
- International co-applicants are OK
- Administrating organisation must be located in Sweden and approved by Formas

Two types of grants + Mobility grant

Research projects

- Main applicant with a PhD
- Co-applicants with a PhD
- No age limit
- Max 1 million SEK/year
- Max 3 years

Research projects – Early Career Researchers

- Main applicant with a doctoral degree awarded 2-8 years ago
 - *(PhD between 1 Jan 2013 and 31 Dec 2019)*
- Co-applicants with a PhD
- No age limit
- Max 1 million SEK/year
- Max 4 years

Mobility grants

- Single applicant
- PhD received within the past three years
 - *PhD between 1 Jan 2018 and 31 Dec 2021*
- 24-48 months (min 1/3 at host institution/s/)
- Funding of own salary, overhead and premises costs (+ small research grant)
- **Not part of the open call**
- **Deadline 14 April**

Let's talk about the money...

- Funding rate: **Maximum 1 million SEK/year for 3-4 years** (max budget of 3 or 4 million SEK)
- What can be funded?
 - i) Salaries for researchers, PhD students, technical staff etc.*
 - ii) Operational/Running costs (consumables, purchase of services, equipment, travel, conferences, publication in peer-reviewed journals and open-access databases)*
 - iii) Premises (if not included in the overhead)*
 - iv) Equipment and depreciation costs up to 500 000 SEK*
 - v) Indirect costs (OH)*
- Total salary amount for a single researcher, doctoral student or other staff must not exceed 100 percent of full-time employment.

What's new?

Assessment of proposals

- 10 thematic review panels (3/4 researchers + 1/4 from other sectors)
- Four grounds for assessment – **NEW!**

➤ **Scientific quality**

- 1) Research question
- 2) Method and performance
- 3) Scientific competence

➤ **Sociatal relevance and communication**

- 4) Societal value of the research question and communication of the result



1. Climate change
2. Water – from source to sea
3. Ecosystems and biodiversity on land
4. Environmental pollutants
5. Food production
6. Animal health and welfare
7. Consumption, production and materials
8. The built environment
9. Urban and rural areas
10. General governance, implementation and monitoring

Key issues to win extra points

- **Integrate climate and environmental considerations into your project**
 - Online meetings
 - Climate-smart travel
 - Minimize energy use and other resource consumption, emissions and waste
- **Equal and inclusive societal development – science to benefit all**
 - Projects that reflect and are relevant to different groups in society
 - Even gender distribution
 - Different backgrounds and expertise
- **Sustainable development goals (SDGs)**
 - Clear and concise motivation for how the research contributes to a sustainable development
 - SDGs + Targets/Indicators