Grants for young researchers

Formas’ mission

"is to promote and support basic research and need-driven research in the areas Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning. The research that is funded should be of the highest scientific quality and relevance to the areas of responsibility of the Council “

Formas’ assignments

• Distribute funds to research within Formas’ area of responsibility
• Support interdisciplinary research
• Evaluate research and development
• Identify research needs
• Initiate and support national and international cooperation
• Communicate research and results from research
• Make research results useful
• Promote sustainable development in society

(according to instructions from the Government)

Formas’ budget

Research funding per year -1 106 MSEK (2014)

Funding from two ministries:

Ministry of the Environment (55%)
Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation (45%)
Formas’ funding instruments

Annual open call “bottom up” (R&D projects, Young research leaders, Mobility starting grants) 56% of the budget 2013

Focused calls within areas that have identified research needs, includes calls within international cooperation 32% of the budget 2013

Grants that can be applied for at twice a year (Conferences and WS, Information projects) or consecutively (Urgent research needs) 5% of the budget 2013

Formas’ annual open call 2015

• Is open March 10 to April 16

• Call texts and Formas Handbook 2015 available from March 10

www.formas.se
Formas’ annual open call

• 1 325 applications in total (2014)

• Mobility starting grants: 110 appl. 2014 (19 funded)  

• Young research leaders R&D projects: 393 appl. 2014 (32 funded)  

Grants for young research leaders

• PhD within 2 to 8 years  (i.e. January 1 2007 at the earliest, and December 31 2013 at the latest)  
• Three consecutive years  
• The receiver of the grant must be the project leader  
• Apply for 100% funding of project leader’s salary  
• Can not submit the same application to Formas’ call for research and development projects

• Same criteria and instructions for applications for grants for research and development projects (e.g. maximum 150% funding of salary costs )

These rules applies to the call 2014 – please note that there might be changes 2015
Mobility starting grants

• To encourage young researchers to work in new research environments (one or more) abroad, or in Sweden

• To develop their academic career, learning new tools, working on research questions with a different focus and expand their networks

Mobility starting grants

• **Young researcher - PhD max 3 years** (January 1 2012 at the earliest and October 1 2015 at the latest)

• **Home university**: employment at a Swedish university/research institute for the full time period

• **Host university**: visit university or research institute other than the one where the doctorate was awarded and other than the one where the applicant will be employed

• **Grant for 24 - 48 months**
  at least 1/3 of the total time should be spent at the home university; at least 1/3 of the total time should be spent at the host university

• Visit can be divided into **several periods – min length 3 months**

• **Appendix G**: A description of how the project and the research environment both at the home and host institution will contribute to the applicant’s development – mandatory (template in Formas Direct)

• The candidate for the grant must be the main applicant

• **These rules applies to the call 2014 – please note that there might be changes 2015**
Mobility starting grants - funding

- Applicant’s salary at the home university/research institute (current salary or corresponding starting salary)
- Overhead and premises costs according to practices at the home university/research institute
- Travel expenses for applicant and family according to a standard sum depending on country (added by Formas)
- Standard sum added by Formas i) costs of living in host country ii) no. of family members (Arbetsgivarverket)
- Running costs and costs for equipment NOT granted

Mobility starting grants - application

- Application form
- Appendix A - Research program
- Appendix B1 and B2 - Budget—salary and OH and premises costs (direkta lokalkostnader)
- Appendix C and D - Applicant’s CV and publication list
- Appendix G: Template: Travel plan and a description of how the project and research environments both at home- and host institutions will contribute to the applicants development
- Appendix I: Copy of doctoral degree certificate
- Appendix L: Letters of invitation (home- and host institutions)
**Mobility starting grant - Peer Review**

- Eight Evaluation Panels (15 to 20 persons in each)
- Scientists and users (stakeholders)
- **Scientific Quality** and **Societal Value** - high scores in both to receive funding
- Mobility starting grants applications ranked in each panel
- The chairs of the all panels agrees on what projects will be recommended for funding
- Formas’ Scientific Council decides on the funding

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**What is assessed?**

**Scientific quality**
- Research question
- Method and performance
- Scientific competence

For Mobility starting grants strength and competitiveness of the research environments at the host- and home institutions will be assessed.

**Societal value**
- Societal value of research question
- Communications with stakeholders / end users
Formas’ annual open call

**March - April**
- Call for applications for grants is announced at Formas website
- Applications for grants are submitted in Formas Direct

**April - October**
- Formas’ secretariat processes the applications
- The evaluation panel members read and assess the applications
- The panels meet, prioritise the applications and discuss statements

**November**
- Formas’ Scientific Council makes a decision
- Decisions are published on Formas website
- Applicants receive a decision and a written statement

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**When do I apply?**

- Formas annual open call is open from March 10
- Last day for application is April 16
- Apply in Formas Direct
- Decisions are made November 6
- Funding starts January 2016
- You need to start your granted post during 2016

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Information about Formas’ calls

Please read
Formas’ Handbook 2015 and call texts
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Good luck!