



Forskningsrådet Formas - Swedish Research Council Formas

Grants for young researchers

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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 “*

From: Regulation (2009:1024) containing instructions for the Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning

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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)

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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%)



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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

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Formas' annual open call 2015

- Is open March 10 to April 16
- Call texts and Formas Handbook 2015 available from March 10

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Formas' annual open call

- 1 325 applications in total (2014)
- Mobility starting grants: 110 appl. 2014 (19 funded)
(Mob.st grants 2013: 89/14, 2012: 63/19, 2011: 64/20 Post doc: 2010: 60/21, 2009: 49/28, 2008: 66/22, 2007: 59/22, 2006:71/21)
- Young research leaders R&D projects: 393 appl.
2014 (32 funded) (Young res. R&D 2013: 411/25, 2012: 348/36, 2011: 323/19, Assistant Professors: 2010: 195/32, 2009: 181/36)

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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

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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

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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
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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

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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)

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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.

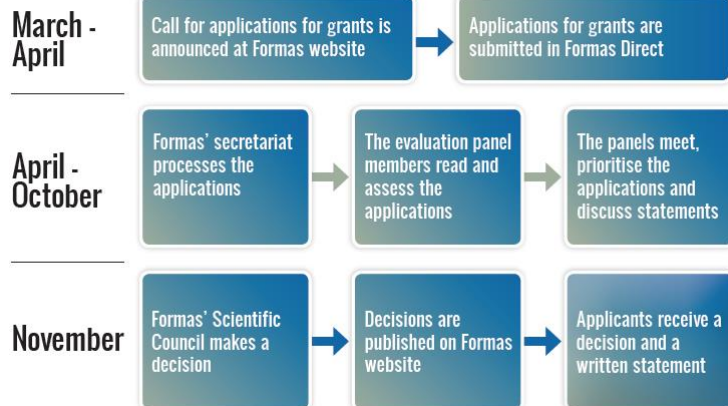
Societal value

- Societal value of research question
- Communications with stakeholders / end users

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Formas' annual open call



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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
available March 10

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Good luck!

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