



Grants for Integration and Internationalisation

Several initiatives by actors on different levels have already been taken to facilitate the establishment and integration of newly arrived refugees. Within the higher education institutions, activities such as language education, supplementary training and internships, have been and are carried out, c.f. the survey made by UHR and SUHF¹. However, as the needs are large and acute, further measures are necessary. For example, there is a need for concrete initiatives targeting the group of newly arrived teachers and researchers, e.g. people with a PhD or in PhD training, who previously were active at higher education institutions in their home countries.

STINT's programme is taking its basis in the fact that academics with a refugee background can contribute to the internationalisation at Swedish higher education institutions as well as to the development of higher education and research in Sweden. This in combination with the creativity and involvement of Swedish higher education institutions in issues relating to newly arrived, form the starting point for the call.

Call date and application content

Applications should be submitted by the vice-chancellor of a Swedish university no later than **March 28th 2017**. Completed applications should be submitted using STINT's application system. Applications should be written in English and include the following sections:

- Grants manager and partners (CV, max. two pages in PDF-format is required for each key person)
- Project title, abstract (200 words), classification and keywords
- Project description, max five pages in PDF-format (minimum font size 10), clearly describing, as a minimum:
 - How the project relates to review criteria A – C (see below)
 - Objectives in relation to research and higher education
 - Contribution to and from each project partner
 - Project plan with milestones and goals
 - Risk analysis
 - Available resources.
- Participating persons, stays, events and budget data
- Funds requested or received from other financiers.

Formal terms

Applications should meet the following requirements in order to be considered:

1. Applications to the programme should be submitted by the vice-chancellor of a Swedish university.

¹ UHR (2016) Kartläggning av lärosätenas insatser kopplade till flyktingar och nyanlända, se <http://www.suhf.se/arbetsgrupp/arbetsgruppen-for-flyktingfragor>

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2. Each university can participate in up to two applications per call. It may submit one individual application and participate in or lead one joint application (together with other Swedish universities). It can also choose to participate in or lead two joint applications.
3. The activities covered by the proposed project must be completed before the end of 2019, i.e. the maximum allowed project duration with STINT funding is approximately 2 years.
4. Funds applied for in a project may not exceed SEK 1 million. The application should clearly state how the project will be co-funded by the university/universities (and any other partners) in a sum at least as great as that being applied for.

Assessment process and criteria

An international expert panel will assess the applications. The following criteria will apply in the assessment:

Table 1: Criteria for Grants for Integration and Internationalisation

A	Involvement and integration of new arrivals with an academic background (researchers, university teachers and/or doctoral students) and a recent background as refugees
B	Contribution to operative and strategic internationalisation
C	Potential and sustainability of the proposed activities. The review will consider qualitative as well as quantitative aspects and it is therefore important to list concrete goals, outcomes and results in the application
D	The project proposal's planning and approval, such as quality and level of clarification in the project plan, plus a cost-efficient project design.

“A new arrival with an academic background” is a person with a PhD or a PhD student who arrived to Sweden in 2012 or later (exceptions from this definition can be accepted if the argumentation is convincing).

Project implementation and final report

Results will be notified no later than mid-June. Funds are normally paid out in the form of grants. A mid-term report should be submitted to STINT approximately one year after STINT's notification (for two-year projects) and a final report should be submitted to STINT no later than three months after the end of the project.

Please note that this is a pilot initiative. STINT's budget for the call is SEK 1 million.