

Chile - Sweden Research Cooperation

The aim of the Chile - Sweden Research Cooperation programme is to strengthen research and higher education by developing and establishing international partnerships. The programme supports projects of high scientific quality which are clearly contributing to the activities of participating research establishments.

The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, STINT, and the National Commission for Science and Technology Research, CONICYT; jointly manage and fund this programme.

Projects may last for up to three years. The proposed project must encompass at least one Swedish and at least one Chilean institution. Applicants in Sweden should be employed by and active at a university in Sweden and have obtained their PhD. Principal Investigators in Chile should be employed by and active at a research centre in Chile and have obtained their PhD. Swedish applicants may have on-going projects in the Initiation Grants programme, but otherwise there must not be any on-going STINT projects.

The ideal partnership project will have activities encompassing research as well as higher education, although pure research partnerships can also be supported. It is of particular importance for young researchers and doctoral students to participate in the exchanges. In this programme, new collaborative patterns are encouraged and long-standing partnerships are not prioritised. The partnership must be balanced, i.e. the benefits and the personnel exchange should not be primarily in one direction.

Applications will be reviewed by both STINT and CONICYT and are subject to joint STINT-CONICYT decision. If an application is granted, STINT will enter into a contract with the Swedish partner and CONICYT with the Chilean partner.

Applications will be assessed by experts, focusing on how the proposed international partnership fulfils the following three criteria:

- Contribution to the higher education institutions' internationalisation;
- Scientific quality and novelty;
- Planning and support.

Typical questions which clarify the criteria are given below under the 'Review' heading. Please note that only scientific results from the last five years are taken into consideration for the assessment.

Budgetary requirements for the **Swedish** applicant:

- The annual budget can be a maximum of SEK 200,000 giving a maximum total budget from STINT amounting to SEK 600,000.
- The budget may only include costs for internationalisation activities, such as short or longer stays abroad for those involved in the partnership and for organising workshops, conferences or similar activities to strengthen and further develop the partnership.



- Salary costs or compensation equivalent to salary may only be included for stays abroad up to six months per year for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. No other salary costs are allowed.
- The budget does not include any other overhead costs than the maximum rate of SEK 100,000 per year and full-time equivalent for doctoral students' and postdocs' stays abroad (if covered by salary or compensation equivalent to a salary through the STINT grant, see previous item). Shorter periods and part-time commitments decrease the cost accordingly. E.g. for a one-month overseas visit by a Ph.D. student where salary costs are fully reimbursed (100%) the maximum allowed overhead would be: $100,000 * 1 / 12 = \text{SEK } 8,333$.

Budgetary requirements for the **Chilean** applicant:

The annual budget from CONICYT can be a maximum of CLP\$15,000,000.- giving a maximum total budget amounting to CLP\$45,000,000.- per project. For further information please check CONICYT's call text at <http://www.conicyt.cl/pci/>. Please download and complete the Excel file available next to the call text and upload it as a PDF file in the application system.

In a typical project, funding budgeted in SEK will be used to cover Swedish researchers going to Chile and costs for activities such as seminars/workshops arranged in Sweden (and vice versa for funding budgeted in CLP\$).

It is important that the collaborating parties agree as to the management of any intellectual property rights in connection to the project and its results. Furthermore, the project must be well established with the applicant parties. All applicant parties must have read and approved the final version of the application.

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Applications

Applications are submitted only through STINT's electronic application system 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), describing, as a minimum:
 - Objectives in relation to research and higher education
 - Contribution to and from each project partner
 - Project plan
 - Available resources, including existing funding of the key persons in the project
 - For Chilean applicants, please state the name of the principal investigator as well as the alternate PI for the proposed project.
- Support letter from the head of department (or equivalent) at the Swedish institution, describing the value of the proposed partnership
- Support letter from the sponsoring Chilean institution (signed by legal representative of the institution).
- Participating persons, stays, events and budget data
- Separate budget in PDF-format for the Chilean part of the project (use Excel spreadsheet available next to the call text)
- Funds requested or received from other financiers.

All applications are to be submitted to STINT **before 17:00 (CET) on September 27th, 2018.**



Review

The selection of projects is guided by the following criteria and the final result depends on a joint STINT-CONICYT decision.

Please note that given the focus on new collaborations and the participation of younger researchers, applications that do not meet these criteria are unlikely to be granted.

Criterion	Sample questions
Contribution to the higher education institutions' internationalisation	<p>Why is the partnership necessary?</p> <p>How do the planned activities strengthen on-going research and education?</p> <p>To what extent are the benefits of the project balanced mutually?</p> <p>How will the project lead to new and broader international partnerships whose success or failure is not dependent on a small number of dedicated people?</p> <p>How is the project linked to any internationalisation strategies on the part of the institutions?</p> <p>How will the partnership develop after the period of funders' support and what are the expected long-term outcomes?</p>
Scientific quality and novelty	<p>In what way does the international partnership help raise the project's scientific value?</p> <p>How do the competences and resources of the respective parties relate to each other?</p> <p>What is the level of the project's scientific quality and potential?</p> <p>How does the project contribute to new knowledge and new solutions/innovations respectively?</p> <p>What scientific results have the project leader and other key personnel had in the last five years?</p>
Planning and support	<p>Is the project plan clear, specific, cost-efficient and realistic (availability of resources)?</p> <p>Are the proposed activities balanced with equal involvement on both sides?</p> <p>To what extent and in what way are key people involved in the project?</p> <p>To what extent does the project offer opportunities for Postdocs, PhD and/or Master students to carry out research abroad?</p> <p>What experiences are there of any previous STINT or CONICYT projects?</p>



Conditions – checklist

- The proposed project starts no later than June in the year after the call closes and has a planned duration of no more than three years.
- The final version of the application has been read and approved by all parties involved.
- The applicants agree to cooperate in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and good research practice. Methods, data and results will be openly accounted for. The proposed project is in line with all ethical requirements and it has been approved by relevant entities at the participating organisations.

Reporting

Grants are normally paid once per year provided that contract/reports have been received and approved beforehand.

Project reports from the principal investigator in Sweden are submitted electronically through the STINT application portal (<https://ansok.stint.se/>). The final report detailing results and experiences from the entire project is to be received within three months of the end of the project.

The principal investigator in Chile will have to submit the progress reports to CONICYT during the final month of each reporting period. The final report must be submitted to CONICYT within 30 days after the end of the project.

Requests for extensions will be viewed restrictively. However, parental leave or long-term sick leave on the part of key persons will constitute grounds for extending the period for which a grant is made available.