

## Strategic Grants for Internationalisation

Globalisation has brought huge changes to the world. Higher education is no exception and the area is now in a highly dynamic period. These changes mean new opportunities and challenges. This in turn raises the bar for clear goals and strategies for internationalisation at universities. With Strategic Grants for Internationalisation, STINT will contribute to the renewal and development of internationalisation strategies at university level. The programme is aimed at the university leadership. Applications should incorporate strategically important internationalisation initiatives which also utilise the experience and dedication of individual leaders in their field at each university.

### Call date

Applications should be submitted by the president of a Swedish university no later than **9<sup>th</sup> March 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.
- 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/president of a Swedish university.
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 2020, i.e. the maximum allowed project duration with STINT funding is approximately 3 years.
4. Funds applied for in a project may not exceed SEK 2 million per participating university and SEK 5 million in total (for joint applications with several Swedish universities). 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.

5. If the project has a geographic focus, it should be outside the EU/EFTA.

#### Assessment process and criteria

The applications will be assessed by an international expert panel. Based on the result of this review, applicants will be asked to participate in a meeting in STINT offices in Stockholm. During the meeting, the project manager and the vice-chancellor or another representative from the university's top management, will present the proposed project and respond to questions. Please save **May 18, 2017** for this potential meeting.

The following criteria will apply in the assessment:

**Table 1: Criteria for Strategic Grants**

Criterion	Text (as in the call for proposals)
A	The anticipated contribution of the university's activities to strategic internationalisation, i.e. in what ways the project will help in the short and (more importantly) long terms to strengthen the university's international collaborations and competitiveness in research and/or education and which groups at the university will be affected (a broad involvement of various disciplines, researchers, lecturers and students is positive).
B	The proposed project's potential to conceptually change the HEI's portfolio of internationalisation activities. Innovative projects with high potential and good possibilities to bring broad and lasting effects after the period of funding are positive.
C	The university leadership's commitment to and involvement in the implementation.
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 proposal with concrete goals, outcomes and results is positive.

#### 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 1.5 years after STINT's notification (for three-year projects) and a final report should be submitted to STINT no later than three months after the end of the project.