

Strategic Grants for Internationalisation with top-up option for young researcher mobility

The aim of Strategic Grants for Internationalisation is to contribute to the renewal and development of university-wide internationalisation. These grants support strategic initiatives which build on or benefit from the drive and experiences of individual internationalisation pioneers, while clearly contributing to comprehensive internationalisation.

Additional funds are offered to facilitate the mobility of young researchers. Such funding enables them to participate in and build strategic international projects early in their careers. Due to the pandemic, many young researchers have had limited opportunity to travel abroad thus far under their careers.

Young researchers are defined as those currently registered as doctoral students, or who have obtained their doctoral degrees in 2021 or later.

Application deadline

Complete applications should be submitted by the vice-chancellor of a Swedish university no later than on the 3rd of April 2024, using STINT's application system. Applications should be made in English and include the following sections:

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

Formal terms

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



1. Applications to the programme should be submitted by the president/vice-chancellor of a Swedish university.
2. Each university may 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 proposed project starts no later than August the same year as the call closes and has a planned duration of no more than three years.
4. Funds applied for in a project may not exceed SEK 2 million per participating Swedish 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. In addition, with no co-funding requirement, top-up funding up to SEK 5 million for international mobility of younger researchers can be applied for (see below).
5. If the project has a geographic focus, it should be outside the EU/EFTA and the United Kingdom.
6. 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 fulfilling all ethical requirements.

Younger researchers are defined as those currently registered as doctoral students, or who have obtained their doctorates in 2021 or later. The top-up funding is for younger researcher mobility to and from Sweden and countries outside EU/EFTA and the United Kingdom. The duration of each individual's stay abroad must be 5 to 18 months.

Assessment process and criteria

The applications will be assessed by an international expert panel. The following criteria will apply in the assessment:

A. Contribution to strategic internationalisation:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipated short, medium, and long-term impact on the university's internationalisation activities• Comprehensiveness of the proposal – how the proposal addresses research, education, and/or services and how large part of the university that is affected• How the proposal links to the university's internationalisation strategy
B. Renewal and potential:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creativity and innovativeness of the proposal• Is the proposed concept new to the university, Sweden, and/or the world• Balance between potential and risk of the project
C. Project management:



- Appropriate project management organisation, including the university leadership's commitment and involvement in the project implementation
- Clarity and quality of the project plan (goals, indicators, work packages, milestones, budget)
- Cost-efficiency, minimised negative impact on the environment and value of STINT's contribution

D. Younger researcher mobility (optional criterion):

- Motivation, planning and integration of the proposed younger researcher mobilities to strengthen the university's strategic internationalisation

Please note that STINT may ask for clarifications during the review.

Project implementation and reports

Assessment results are scheduled to be published in June 2024. Funds are normally paid out in the form of grants. Annual situation reports will be requested as well as a final report, which should be submitted to STINT no later than three months 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 STINT grant can be used.