



## Grants for Internationalisation Research

International collaboration and other internationalisation activities constitute tools that can be used in research and higher education. Such internationalisation tools should be used efficiently to give a high positive impact. Ultimately, STINT's most important mission is to enhance knowledge related to internationalisation. This is to a large extent achieved through the funding of internationalisation projects at different levels, not least international collaborations. These projects yield knowledge primarily according to the learning-by-doing principle.

However, in this new pilot call, STINT wants to support knowledge development directly through the funding of research on various aspects of internationalisation. Given the large body of knowledge accumulated by internationally active researchers and teachers, a more systematic approach that pushes the knowledge frontier forward holds great potential. To further increase the value of the funded projects, international collaboration is requested. It is also considered valuable to combine different scientific fields in the projects.

## Call procedure

A two-round application process is used:

The first round involves the submission of a one-page description of the proposed project, the partners involved, and how it relates to the criteria. Applications should be submitted per e-mail to [GIR@stint.se](mailto:GIR@stint.se) by the project leader at a Swedish higher education institution **before 15:00 (CEST) on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please note that only one page in PDF format, with a minimum font size of 10 pt., is required.

Applications will be reviewed by STINT and within approximately six weeks a selection of proposals will be invited to the second round.

The second round requires a complete application to be submitted using STINT's application system before 15:00 (CEST) on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Applications should be written in English and include the following sections:

- Grants manager and partners (include CVs; max. two pages in PDF format for each key person)
- Project title, abstract (200 words), classification and keywords
- Project description (max. five pages in PDF format; min. font size of 10 pt.), clearly describing, at a minimum:
  - How the project relates to the review criteria (see below)
  - Objectives in relation to research and higher education
  - Contribution to and from each project partner



- Project plan
- Risk analysis
- Available resources
- Participating persons, stays, events and budget data
- Funds requested or received from other financiers

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## Formal terms

Applications should meet the following requirements to be considered for funding:

1. The applicant holds a PhD, or equivalent, and is employed by a Swedish higher education institution.
2. The proposed project starts no later than January the year after the call closed and has a planned duration of no more than three years.
3. Funds applied for in a project may not exceed SEK 1,000,000.
4. The budget does not include any other overhead costs than a maximum of SEK 100,000 per year and full-time equivalent (if remunerated with salary through the STINT grant). Shorter periods and part-time commitments decrease the cost accordingly. E.g., for a one-month period where salary costs are fully reimbursed (100%) the maximum allowed overhead would be as follows:  $SEK\ 100,000 * 1,0 / 12\ months = 8,333$
5. The proposed project includes at least three higher education institutions, whereof at least one outside Sweden.
6. For applications concerning collaboration with Iran, North Korea, Russia or Belarus, a support letter from the vice-chancellor at the Swedish higher education institution is required.
7. 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 fulfils all ethical requirements and it has been approved by relevant entities at the participating organisations.

## Assessment process and criteria

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

Criterion	Sample questions
Contribution to new knowledge and practices relating to the internationalisation of higher education and research	How does the project contribute to relevant new knowledge and new solutions/innovations respectively? What is the level of the project's scientific quality and potential?
Collaboration and project management	How do the competences and resources of the respective parties relate to each other? How new is the proposed collaboration?



	<p>To what extent does the project offer opportunities for Postdocs, PhD and/or Master students to carry out research?</p> <p>Is the project plan clear, specific, cost-efficient, and realistic (availability of resources)?</p> <p>Is the project design cost efficient with a minimised negative impact on the environment?</p> <p>Is the proposed project ethically sound?</p>
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In line with the review criteria, please note that the combination of partners participating in the proposed project is important. STINT especially welcomes the participation of junior researchers. It is also considered positive if the proposed project incorporates a combination of scientific fields, and/or both practitioners and more theoretically oriented resources.

## Project implementation and reports

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.