

STINT International Postdoc

The aim of the STINT International Postdoc programme is to strengthen Swedish research and higher education by giving researchers who have recently obtained their PhDs the opportunity to work as postdoctoral researchers at host institutions abroad.

The postdoc is offered the chance to experience a new academic environment, become more independent, and start building an international network of their own. The programme supports projects of high scientific quality which clearly contribute to the development of the individual researcher.

Eligibility

Applicants must have obtained their PhDs at a Swedish higher education institution no more than two years before the application deadline. Alternatively, applicants must be scheduled to defend their PhDs within a year of the application deadline.

Parental leave, long-term sick leave, military service, or medical internships (AT) or residencies (ST) for clinical purposes are acceptable reasons to request an exemption from the two-year rule. Such an exemption request must be included in the application as stipulated and will be subject to control at STINT's discretion.

The host institution for the postdoctoral project must be located outside the EU/EFTA/UK. The project should offer the applicant a new experience and the host institution may therefore not be located in a country from which the applicant has a previous academic degree and/or citizenship.

Project period

The stipend is for a postdoctoral project of at least one year in length. The project should start in the year after the application deadline, but no earlier than 1 July. The stay abroad must be for a sustained period and cannot be divided into shorter stays.

Funding

STINT International Postdoc is a SEK 1 000 000 stipend. Stipend holders who travel with family are awarded an additional contribution of SEK 100 000 per family member. Up to two such accompanying family contributions are awarded, to a maximum total stipend amount of SEK 1.2 million. Family contributions for children only apply to children under the age of 18 at the start of the postdoctoral visit abroad.

The STINT International Postdoc stipend is only paid out to the stipend holder's private account at a Swedish bank.



Other financiers

If the applicant had applied for and/or received funding for the same project from other sources, this must be specified in the application as stipulated.

Application

Applications are submitted through STINT's online application system. Please refer to the application guide for detailed information on completing specific fields of the form. Applications must be submitted in English.

The main document is a project description submitted as a PDF. This document should describe the purpose, theory, method, time plan and expected results of the proposed postdoctoral project. It should further cover the scientific significance and potential of the proposed research, the state of the art in the field, the choice of host and institutional environment, preliminary and previous results of the postdoctoral candidate's work, and considerations with regards to responsible internationalisation.

Invitation

The applicant must be formally invited as a postdoc by an academic host at the institution abroad. Include a signed invitation letter on letterhead in the application as specified.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted to STINT by 15:00 (CEST) on 13 September 2024.

Review

The selection of projects is guided by the following criteria:

A. Scientific quality

- What is the scientific significance and potential of the project in the short and long term?
- How does the project describe the state of the art and connect to previous research in the field?
- How does the project renew or develop the forefront of research in the field?
- What are the preliminary and previous results of the postdoctoral candidate's research?
- To what extent does the proposed project constitute an independent line of research?

B. Project planning and quality

- Is the project plan clear, specific, and realistic?
- Is the project design cost efficient with a minimised negative impact on the environment?
- Is the proposed project ethically sound?
- Is the necessary scientific infrastructure and/or equipment available for the project?



- Is the choice of host institution relevant for developing the competencies, networks and future prospects of the postdoctoral candidate?
- In what way does the postdoctoral project contribute to the internationalisation of Swedish research?

Timetable

2024

June Application system opens
13 September at 15:00 Deadline for applications

2025

January Results communicated by STINT
Spring Startup seminar in Stockholm
1 July Postdoctoral projects can start
From autumn Seminars abroad

Seminars

STINT will invite stipend holders to programme seminars held before, during and after their postdoctoral stays abroad. The seminars will offer stipend holders an opportunity to receive practical information, exchange experiences, learn from invited speakers, participate in site visits, network and discuss future opportunities.

Reporting

A final report detailing results and experiences from the postdoctoral project is to be submitted by the deadline on the contract.

Conditions checklist

- The applicant has obtained their PhD at a Swedish higher education institution no more than two years before the application deadline (alternatively, the applicant will defend their PhD thesis within a year of the application deadline).
- The host institution for the postdoctoral project is located outside the EU/EFTA/UK.
- The host institution is not located in a country from which the applicant has a previous academic degree and/or citizenship.
- The postdoctoral project is at least one year in length, to be spent abroad continuously. An interrupted stay entails a refund obligation. Stipend holders are responsible for ensuring that the awarded amount will cover their expenses for the full period.



- Considerations with regards to responsible internationalisation, including ethical and environmental dimensions, are addressed in the project description as per the instructions in the call text.
- The postdoctoral project will be conducted in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and good research practice. Methods, data and results will be openly accounted for. The project has been approved by relevant entities at the host institution.

Contact

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