

Mobility for innovation, learning and knowledge exchange 2022

A call for proposals in the area of Future skills supply

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1 The offer in brief

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By moving between two workplaces, the person gets the opportunity to function as a strategic link with the aim of creating relationships and contact surfaces that can provide new conditions for a long-term and lasting collaboration. In addition, the person gains access to skills that are difficult to access in other ways than through mobility itself.

The stay can be spread over a period of 18 months. The support applies to people who have a PhD or have at least two years' experience of research and / or advanced development work. The offer is aimed at universities, university colleges and research institutes as well as private and public organizations.

The purpose is to strengthen contact areas and collaboration between organizations, as well as to contribute to competence exchange at both organizational and individual level.

The following dates apply to the call:

Please note that the dates are preliminary. For current information, see www.vinnova.se.

Opening date	2022-02-14
Last application date	2022-04-20 at 14:00
Last decision date	2022-06-22
Project start at the earliest	2022-08-11
Project start latest	Contact Vinnova

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Current information about the announcement and a link to Vinnovas Intressentportal can be found at www.vinnova.se.

2 What do we want to achieve with the financing?

The transformation of society that is taking place with digitalisation, globalization and the work to contribute to Agenda 2030, gives an increased need for new skills. This results in both an increased and a changed need for both specific and general competence.

Being competent means more than having formal education and can be understood as a balance between theoretical knowledge, practical knowledge and the type of knowledge you develop through interaction and collaboration with others. These forms of knowledge reinforce each other and they also presuppose different forms of learning.

Some knowledge acquisition and competence development is not always transferable in any other way than by meeting and working to develop knowledge together. This means that building strategic links between organizations with different competencies and resources is important. In addition to organizations being given the conditions to exchange ideas, experiences and technological insights, there is also an opportunity to more generally broaden and deepen the competence of existing staff and gain insight into future recruitment needs.

An organization's ability to innovate and learn is developed to a great extent through this type of interaction and interaction. This ability is often referred to as absorptive capacity and is a key factor in innovation.

A general conclusion is that mobility is an important parameter for addressing and reinforcing components such as absorptive capacity, skills supply, skills shortages and matching problems.

3 Who is the call aimed at?

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The offer refers to both national and international mobility.

Project must consist of two project parties, one of which is coordinator. In the case of international exchanges, the coordinating party must be a Swedish legal entity. In this respect, a foreign legal entity that has a branch or place of business in Sweden is equated with a Swedish legal entity.

4 What do we finance?

4.1 Activities for which you can apply for funding

The grant can be used for costs for salary, travel, subsistence and other direct and indirect costs that arise in connection with the project.

4.2 Eligible costs

Our funding is through grants. For organizations that conduct financial activities, the grants are limited by rules on state support¹. Economic activities are all

¹ Read more about state support on our website: [Rules for Vinnova's funding | Vinnova](#) There you will also find our general terms and conditions for funding and Instructions for eligibility costs: [Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding | Vinnova](#)

activities that involve offering goods and services in a market. The rules on state support govern, among other things, the types of costs and how much of them may be covered by funding. If funding amount, the recipient may be liable for repayment.

The general conditions for a cost to be eligible can be read in section 2 of the Instructions for eligible costs².

Note that funding for organizations that conduct financial activities, ie all activities that involve offering goods and services in a market, are covered by rules on state support regardless of organizational form.

Funding for organizations that conduct economic activities granted in this call for proposals with support from § 2 p. 2 ordinance (2015: 208) on state support for research and development and innovation, ie as support of minor importance (de minimis support) according to Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013³. Before you can be granted de minimis, you must submit a certificate of minor support. You send in the certificate in connection with the proposal⁴.

Organizations engaging in non-economic activities may be granted funding when participating in their non-economic activities.

5 How much funding do we provide?

It is possible to apply for funding of up to SEK 500,000 per project with a project duration of a maximum of 18 months.

6 Requirements for us to assess the proposal

We will assess applications that meet the following formal eligibility requirements:

- That the project is anchored via two signed letters of intent, one from each organization
- That the stay only applies to a named person who either:
 - is a PhD teacher or researcher at university college/ university or institute or

² [Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding | Vinnova](#)

³ Read more about De minimis support: [State aid to companies | Vinnova | Vinnova](#)

⁴ Download the form for De minimis support: [State aid to companies | Vinnova | Vinnova](#)

- works in private, public sector or non-profit sector with at least 2 years of documented experience of relevant research, qualified development or innovation work.
- That the recipient organization and home organization have designated and named persons responsible for the exchange.
- That proposal is written in Swedish or English.
- That the coordinated party is Swedish. Swedish organizations also mean foreign organizations that have a branch or place of business in Sweden.
- That the individual comprised by the stay has no significant interest in the recipient organization⁵.

7 Assessment of proposals

7.1 What do we assess?

Vinnova assesses how well the proposal meets our expectations of the effects of the call based on the following criteria:

Potential

- How the stay provides a clear added value compared to previous or similar collaboration between the parties?
- How the stay generates value, benefit and renewal for each participant?
- How the stay / exchange lead to a more long-term and lasting effect on collaboration between the parties?
- How the stay / exchange lead to competence development and career opportunities for the individual the stay applies to?

Feasibility

- How the stay itself is carried out, how is it organized and how it is timed?
- How activities / project plan and budget items are relevant in relation to the implementation of the stay?
- How the stay contributes to the parties' ability to develop the collaboration in a certain direction in the long term, or even contribute to finding new collaboration or business opportunities and how well the project proposal identifies and describes what is the next step after the stay.

⁵ For example, full or partial ownership (small shareholding acceptable); board assignments with financial influence

Actors

- How the parties complement and match each other, ie how do the parties complement each other in terms of knowledge and competence to generate value and benefit?
- How commitment and participation is ensured for mutual implementation?
- What the anchoring look like in each organization?
- On international mobility: The benefits of mobility in particular for the Swedish party?

8 Decision and terms

8.1 About our decisions

How much each party in the project is granted in funding stated in the decision. Funding will be granted with the support of § 2 p. 2 of the ordinance (2015: 208) on state support for research and development and innovation and Commission Regulation (EU) no. 1407/2013 on support of minor importance (de minimis support). The basis for support is stated in the decision and also governs which costs are eligible, see section 4.2.

Our decision to grant or reject a proposal is not subject to appeal.

8.2 Conditions for grants

For granted funding, our general terms and conditions for funding apply⁶. The terms include rules on project agreements, conditions for payment, follow-up, reporting and utilization of results. Scientific publication shall take place with open access in accordance with Vinnova's instructions.

Additional special conditions can be determined for individual project.

If you do not follow our term, you may be liable for a refund. This also applies if you have been granted funding incorrectly or with funding

⁶ Current term can be found on our website, together with help to understand and fulfill the conditions [Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding | Vinnova](#)

9 How to apply

To apply for funding, fill in a web-based application form in Vinnovas Intressentportal, which can be accessed via vinnova.se. There you also upload attachments.

The proposal must include a project description, CV/resume and letters of support and, where relevant form concerning De minimis support. The appendices must be in PDF format.

Keep in mind that the assessment panel consists of experts with expertise in many different areas. In order to be fairly judged, we recommend formulating a proposal so that it can be understood by experts who do not have a detailed area competence. Be clear in describing the potential proposal based on the assessment criteria!

A complete proposal consists of:

1. **Project description (mandatory appendix).** The appendix must be designed according to the template for the project description, which can be downloaded from the call's website. The project description may comprise a maximum of 5 A4 pages with 12-point text. The text must be written in Swedish or English.
2. **CV appendix (mandatory appendix).** The CV appendix must be written according to a template downloaded from the call's website. It must contain relevant CVs for the project. Each CV may include a maximum of two A4 pages with 12-point text.
 - for the person responsible for the recipient organization
 - for the person responsible for the home organization
 - for the individual the stay itself applies
3. **Letters of intent X 2 (mandatory appendix),** one from the home organization and one from the recipient organization. Must contain motives for participation, describe the benefit and value and be signed by an authorized representative.
4. **De minimis support form** (only in relevant cases)

Keep in mind that it takes time to make a proposal. You can start filling in information, save and continue at a later time. When the proposal is ready, mark it as ready. You can at proposal and make changes, right up to the last application

date.

Prepare the proposal in good time before the call closes.

When the call is closed and the proposal registered with Vinnova, a confirmation will be sent by e-mail to you who are in charge of the user account, project manager and signatory / head of department. It may take a few hours before you receive the email.

If you have not received a confirmation by e-mail within 24 hours after the call has closed, please contact us.

When the application period has expired, completion of the proposal can only take place at the request of us.

10 Who can read the application?

Applications submitted to us become public documents, but we do not disclose information about an individual's business or operating conditions, inventions and research results if it can be assumed that an individual suffers damage if the information is disclosed.

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