Grants Day 2019
Uppsala Universitet
What is Forte?

- Forte is one of Sweden’s four public research councils
- Forte funds research to support people’s health, working life and welfare
- We are a government authority under the Swedish ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- Our vision is a society with good health, sustainable working life and high welfare
- Forte is led by a board with full authority
Our mission

- Funding of basic, needs-driven and interdisciplinary research
- Analysis and evaluation of research and research needs
- Communication, dialogue and collaboration within Forte’s areas
- Promoting the dissemination and implementation of research
# Main fields of research

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Coordination for increased impact and public benefit

- Children and young people
- Elderly
- International migration and ethnic relations (IMER)
- Disability
- Social research on alcohol and narcotics
National research programme: Working life

- Will increase knowledge on...
  - how to prevent work-related ill-health
  - how to reduce risk of workers being injured and worn out
  - prerequisites for extended working life
- Will meet structural changes due to...
  - globalisation, digitisation, and automation
- Will address issues regarding...
  - migration flows
  - discrimination in working life
National research programme: **Applied welfare**

- Client and practice-oriented research in the social services, including intervention research
- Will develop a system for identifying research needs, and fund research that meets these needs
- Aims to strengthen research on mental illness and the development of sick-leave
- Will fund PhD studies for expansion of knowledge in the social services
Forte’s research funding in 2018

653 million (SEK) in research grants

621 million (SEK) was granted to new research

11.5% of received applications were granted

1,542 applications were received and reviewed

3.9 million (SEK) was the average project grant

Increase by 2.8 percentage points since 2017

Decrease by 25% since 2017

Increase by SEK 700,000 since 2017
Forte’s funding per open/thematic calls for proposals
Granted funds 2018 (msek)
Funding from Forte

- Forte Centres
- Project grants
- Programme grants
- Junior researcher grants
- Practice-oriented research fellowships

- Network grants
  - Journal grants
  - Conference grants

- Postdoc grant
- Visiting researcher grant
- Bilateral calls for proposals
- ERA-NET, Joint Programming Initiatives
Annual open call for proposals

- Welcomes all research within Forte’s areas of responsibility
- Three grant types:
  - Project grant (3 years)
  - Junior researcher grant (4 years)
  - Postdoc grant (2 years)
- Two-stage application process
- Accounted for 66% of the funds granted by Forte in 2017
Scientific panels for the annual open call

Health:
- Epidemiology and population based studies 1
- Epidemiology and population based studies 2
- Health promotion and behaviour
- Health care and Health care organization

Working Life:
- Labour market
- Work organisation
- Work and work-related health

Welfare:
- Social policy and social change
- Social relations
- Social care and social work
Assessment

Scientific assessment panels

• Leading researchers and representatives from our areas of responsibility and community representatives to ensure public interest and social relevance in research funding.

Criteria

• Depend on the current call and the subject of the research. Scientific panels make their assessment based on both the scientific quality of the applications and their societal relevance.
How to succeed with your application

• Formulate an idea that is at the scientific forefront/innovative
• Can the idea translate into an application and what type of grant?
• Do I have the right competencies? Co-applicants?
• Is it doable in the given timeframe?
• Ask colleagues for help!

A strong recommendation
• Get an account in Prisma and learn how the system works!
Advice from the panels

• Meet the criteria
• Societal relevance and relevance in relation to Fortes areas of responsibility
• Identify risks and problems, explain how you will handle them
• Think about the poor evaluator – write clearly, readable and comprehensible
• New and innovative as well as reliable methodology - balance it!
• Avoid namedropping, all co-applicants must have a clear role
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Thank you!