Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

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RJ is an independent foundation with the goal of promoting and supporting research in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

- Connection to Sweden
- International research
- Fast and powerful efforts
- Independent researchers and research groups
- Large and long term research projects
- No permanent positions
FINANCES

- Annual new research grants: 450-500 million SEK
- Research support: approximately 4 % of the total assets
RJ SECRETARIAT

- Office (temporary) at Regeringsgatan 67, Stockholm
- CEO Marika Hedin
- Approximately 20 employees within 4 units (research, communication, financial management and administration)
ANNUALLY RECURRING FORMS OF SUPPORT

- Project grants: 1-3 years
- Programme grants: 6 – 8 years
- Research infrastructure: 1-3 (4) years
- Research initiation

See list of who’s been approved research grants
PROJECT

- well-defined research assignments carried out by individual researchers or by small research
- researchers are free to define their own research task
- 1-3 years
- PhD by the application date
- working time is maximum 75% for each individual researcher per year

Next call opens on January 8 and closes on January 29, second stage deadline April 22, 2020.
PROGRAMME

• joint, well-integrated research assignments carried out by groups of advanced researchers
• 6-8 years
• require a highly developed research environment or researcher network
• well established in the international research community, with active networks and high productivity in terms of publication


Read more about the call
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESEARCH

• future research in social sciences and humanities
• cooperation between the research community
• archive and library collections, databases
• maximum for 3 years
• DMP obligatory for applying in 2020

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Read more about the call
RESEARCH INITIATION

• conferences, seminars and workshops, and new researcher networks

• mainly for initiation of activities that will result in new research in social sciences and humanities

• Applications welcome all year – funding decisions 2-4 times each semester

Read more about the call
PROACTIVE INITIATIVES

• Pro Futura - a post-doctoral programme providing particularly promising young researchers with an extended period of financing for independent research.
  (contact persons: AnnaLena Hållner & SCAS)

• RJ Sabbatical - to complete research already at an advanced stage and to write syntheses. Next call opens on September 7 and closes on October 8, 2020.
  (contact persons: AnnaLena Hållner)

• Flexit - opportunity for researchers and organizations in the private, public and non-profit sectors to collaborate, develop and exchange knowledge and experience. Next call opens beginning of December 2019.
  (contact persons: Torbjörn Eng)
UPCOMING FUNDING INITIATIVES

• **DIGARV** – data-driven research with a focus on digitization and accessibility of cultural heritage collections. Originating from a government assignment to VR in the last research bill. Co-funded with VR, RJ and KVHAA. VR responsible for administrating the call. The second call opens on February 5 and closes on March 31, 2020.

  (contact persons: Eva Stensköld, or Kim von Hackwitz, VR)

• **Research ethics** – research on research ethics. Co-funded with VR, RJ and KVHAA. RJ responsible for administrating the call. Call opens in spring 2020.

  (contact persons: Fredrik Persson Lahusen)
ANNUAL FLOW (PROJECT APPLICATION)

1. Annual call for proposals
   - January

2. Classification by review panels and rejection on formal grounds
   - March-April

3. Spring meeting, planning meeting
   - March-April

4. Applications that proceed are processed and reviewed by external reviewers
   - October

5. Autumn meeting, review meeting
   - September

6. The RJ Board decides on funding
   - October

7. Applicants receive notification and two expert opinions
   - October
PROJECT

1a round
Ca 600 applications

2a round
Ca 100 applications

Approved
Ca 40-50 applications
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Projects are assessed and ranked by one or more of RJ:s review panels:

1. Economics, Law Political Science
2. Pedagogy, Psychology, Sociology
3. Languages, Art, Literary Studies
4. Philosophy, Historical Sciences, Theology

Crucial criteria’s for RJ's decisions are:

• Excellence
• Theory, methods and feasibility of the project
• International standard of the research

More about how we work and the review panels
LIMITATIONS (PROJECTS)....

• Rejected in RJ application process two years running – wait one year.
• Applying for salary – PhD must be obtained by the application date.
• Final reports on previous grants from RJ must be reported by application date.
• One application per project leader/participant for projects
• You can apply for project and program/infrastructure (at the same time).
• Maximum project working time is 75% and minimum 20%.
• No co-funding for RJ approved projects allowed.
Projects 2019

Projects are well-defined research assignments in the social sciences and humanities carried out by groups of individual researchers and by small research groups who have connections with Sweden. This means that it is a requirement that researchers active in Sweden participate in the research or that a Swedish research institute is involved. This also means that RJ allows the participation of foreign researchers based abroad. The researchers are free to define their own research task. Projects are approved for up to three years.

Instructions:

• The project manager or participants who are rejected in the first stage of the application process two years running may not apply for project grants the following year.
• Every participating researcher applying for salary funding are to have obtained PhD by the application date.
• By the application date, all project participants are to have issued formal reports on previous research grants awarded by RJ.
• It is only possible to participate in one project application, irrespective of whether you are a project leader or a participant.
• The maximum project working time is 75 per cent for each individual researcher per year.
• Project work time for the project manager is to equal at least 20 per cent for each budget year.
• Costs of non-Swedish project participants working in Sweden or other countries and costs of research stays outside Sweden may be included.
• Professors can be paid in the project.
• Researchers aged 67 and over can be paid in the project provided that the researcher is employed by a grant administrator approved by RJ.
• It must be ensured that the research is compatible with the ethical guidelines established by the Swedish Research Council and that ethical review is carried out where necessary.
• Since RJ fully funds approved projects, we normally do not accept co-financing of projects with other external sources of funding. Normally, projects that have already begun cannot receive partial or full funding from RJ. The applicant is required to report any existing, ongoing external funding and sources obtained in parallel with a project grant.

RELATED LINKS
Make an application
Key dates
Frequently asked questions
Review Panels

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Sabbatical and Pro Futura.

• All costs are to be specified and explained in the budget comments.

• LKP (employer's social-insurance contribution top-up), remuneration is approved in accordance with calculations from the Swedish Agency for Government Employers, SAGE (and the National Government Employee Pensions Board, SPV). On the other hand, RJ does not fund additional locally-determined salary increments.

• OH RJ's grants vary according to support form and how much research is conducted. For full-time (100%) employment lasting one year (12 months), a grant of SEK 150,000 is payable (from 1 January 2016). The volume of working time in a three-year project at a 75% employment rate is 225%, so the grant consists of 2.25 x 150,000 = SEK 337,500.
SOME INSIDER TIPS!

1. Read the instructions carefully – new call texts published December 2019, and new web by 2021
2. Hang on to and elaborate your brightest idea
3. Be clear and concrete
4. The members of the review panel are not experts in your field of research
5. You can indicate what scientific areas your research covers
6. Elaborate a publication strategy
7. …but be aware of our OA policy!
8. Your project plan will be revisited for midterm and final evaluation
9. Be precise and detailed when you have to….
10. …but vague when needed and when possible…
I GOT A GRANT FROM RJ – WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

• You can change your grant administrator any time during the process
• RJ fully funds approved projects, and for every project grant, RJ adds a grant for:
  – Indirect costs and costs of premises
• RJ adds an extra year for using the funds
• You will be evaluated half-way in the project by the review panel
• You will need to submit a scientific and economic report 3 months after the extra year (3+1 year+ 3 months)