

Frågor till VR, Från Grants Day UU 20201111:

- 1) Can researchers from abroad apply for VR grants (which?) to come to do their research in Sweden?
 - a. In general, yes. One exception may be our international postdoc, since the applicant must have a “Swedish” PhD.
- 2) What is the VR stance on research programs that include funding for PhD projects.
 - a. This is allowed, for the costs/part of the PhD education that can be clearly defined as part of the *research* project. I e, not funding for courses, teaching, conferences etc.
- 3) About the starting grant. If VR have two applicants with an equal top level application, but lists of publications are different. One applicant has 1-2 publications in journals with high impact factor, and the other has 10-13 publications in low-middle impact factor journals. Which will be given priority by VR?
 - a. Reviewers are instructed to assess the important and relevant publications and quality rather than quantity. Therefore impossible to answer, since it would depend on the relevance of the specific publications to the project/research, the specific research field and for instance publication traditions, and many other aspects that apply to the specific situation. Since the publication list is not the single deciding factor, but rather only one aspect of the full assessment of quality, this is an “academic question”.
- 4) How are reviewers for the reviewing panel selected? Can anyone become a reviewer?
 - a. There are specific requirements that are set up by the different scientific councils, who also appoint the reviewers. Those depend on the nature of the specific call since different calls may require different competences.
- 5) How is it possible to do international postdoc during the pandemic.
 - a. We will be more generous as to extending the use of funding and delayed project starts etc. Discussions are ongoing, when we have information to give it will be made public asap.
- 6) Do you need a Ph.D. from a Swedish university to be eligible for Post Doc grant? Or is Ph.D. from any country ok?
 - a. At present, only Swedish PhDs.