



Swedish Research Council

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This is the Swedish Research Council

An agency within the Ministry of Education and Research.

The Council has a leading role in supporting research of the highest scientific quality in all areas of science, thereby contributing to the development of society.

In addition to supporting research, the Council also provides advice to the Government in matters concerning research.





Our research funding

1. Open to researchers in all disciplines
2. Funding opportunities for multiple purposes and for all career-ages
3. Mainly open, "non-targeted" funding
4. Application in open competition where the best research ideas are rewarded
5. Open and transparent application and peer reviewing process





Our types of research funding & grants

Support to a research objective or a research area in a long-term perspective

Research project support

- Project grant
- Project grant with focus
- Proof of Concept

Support to one or more researchers to carry out a specific research project

Career support

- International postdoc
- Starting grant
- Consolidator grant
- Grant for half-time researcher position in clinical environment

Support for individual researchers to improve their academic career opportunities

Research environment and Research collaboration support

- Research environment grant
- Distinguished professors
- Network grants
- Conference grants
- Exploratory workshops
- Doctoral programmes/graduate schools
- Guest researchers grant



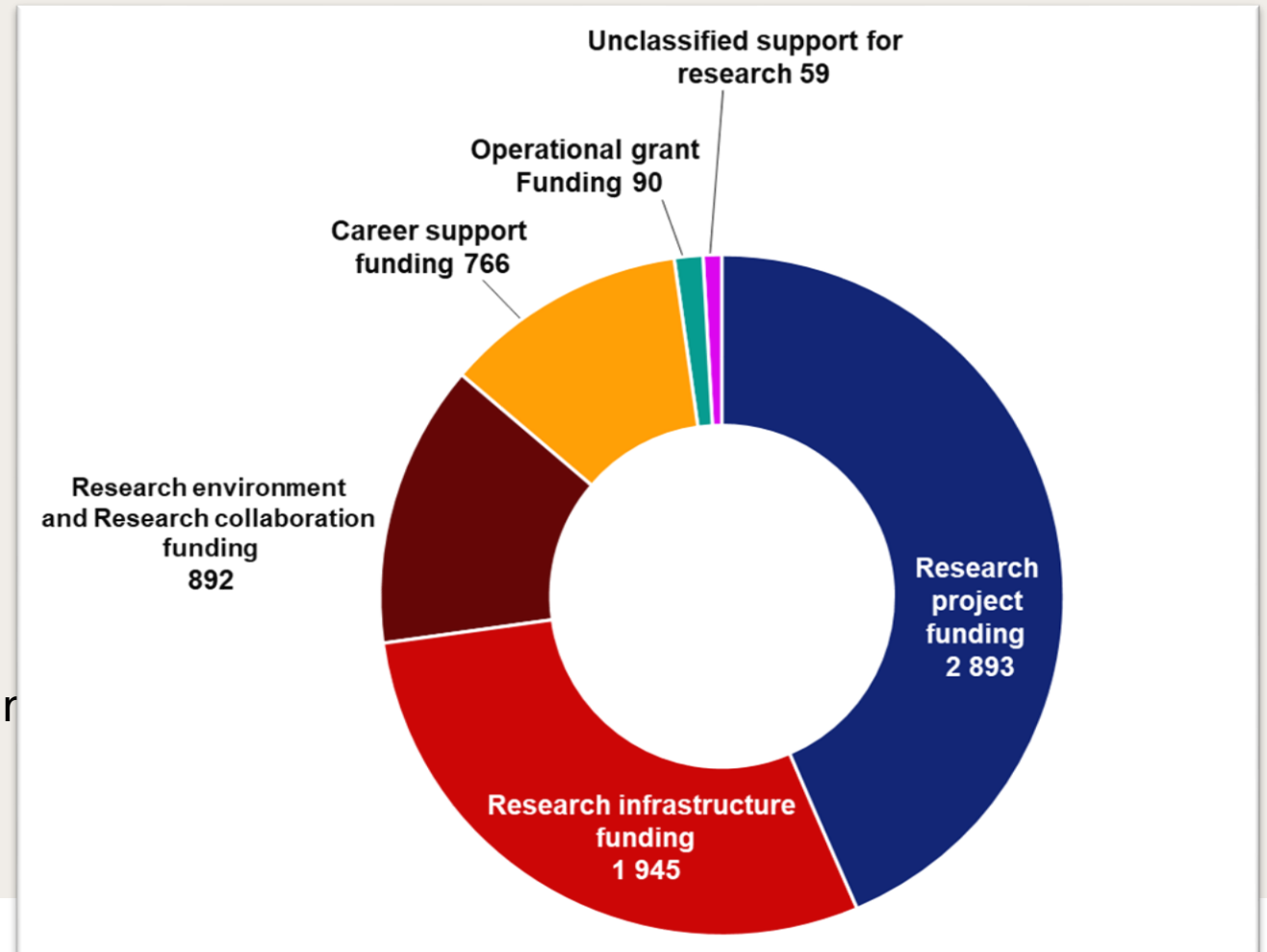
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Our funding and reviewing process



- More than 40 different calls each year
- Multiple parallel reviewing processes (>20) every year
- More than 6 000 applications
- 90 review panels
- Approx. 900 reviewers



Calls and applying in 2021





Finding information

Filter by
year and/or
area

Choose your
interest

- Upcoming calls 2021 just listed!
- Call texts are found when call opens
- "Preinformation" available in some cases

The screenshot shows the Swedish Research Council website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo, the text 'Swedish Research Council', and links for 'På svenska', 'Speaking web', 'Search', and 'Menu'. The main heading is 'Research for a wiser world', followed by a brief description of the council's role. Below this is a section titled 'Find calls and grant decisions' with two dropdown menus: 'All subject areas' and '2021'. There are five checkboxes for filtering: 'Open calls' (checked), 'Upcoming calls' (checked), 'Closed calls' (unchecked), 'Published decisions' (unchecked), and 'Upcoming decisions' (unchecked). The 'Calls' section lists several upcoming calls for 2021, each with a colored bar and a date range from January to February 2021.

Call Title	Status	Period
EuroHPC Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC-02)	OPEN CALL	21 July 2020 - 12 January 2021
Kerstin Hesselgren visiting professorship	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
Olof Palme visiting professorship	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
Grant for investment in existing research infrastructure	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
Distinguished professor grant within medicine and health	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
Tage Erlander visiting professorship	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
Distinguished professor grant within natural and engineering sciences	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021
International postdoc within natural and engineering sciences (spring call)	UPCOMING CALL	13 January 2021 - 16 February 2021



Calls 2021 "at a glance"

Project grants:

Feb-March

- All areas
- **Virus & virus caused diseases**
- Civil society

Distinguished professor grant

13 Jan

- Medicine & health
- Natural & engineering sciences

Interdisciplinary research environments grants

10 Feb

- All areas

Doctoral programmes ("forskarskolor")

Jan-March

- Educational sciences
- **Development research**



Funding for junior researchers in 2021

International postdoc:

- Medicine & health
- Natural & engineering sciences
- Humanities & social sciences
- Educational sciences

- Development research

- Artistic research

13 Jan & 18 Aug

10 March

10 Feb

- PhD 0-2 years old (New! Possible to apply before PhD is awarded)
- 18-36 months
- At least 2/3 time spent abroad
- Funding for salary and some research expenses (New! Optional funding for family member)

→ Please refer to our website for further info!
Also webinar for applicants in late Jan



Funding for junior researchers in 2021 (cont.)

Starting grant:

- Medicine & health
- Natural & engineering sciences
- Educational sciences

10 Feb

10 March

- Doctoral degree must be 2-7 years old
- 50% activity level & employment during grant period
- Support letter from university
- Cannot also apply for project grant



Funding for junior researchers in 2021 (cont.)

Project grant:

10 Feb

- Humanities & social sciences

Grants for 50% research time in:

10 Feb

- Clinical environment
- Health care sciences



News 2021 (pending further decisions by Government)

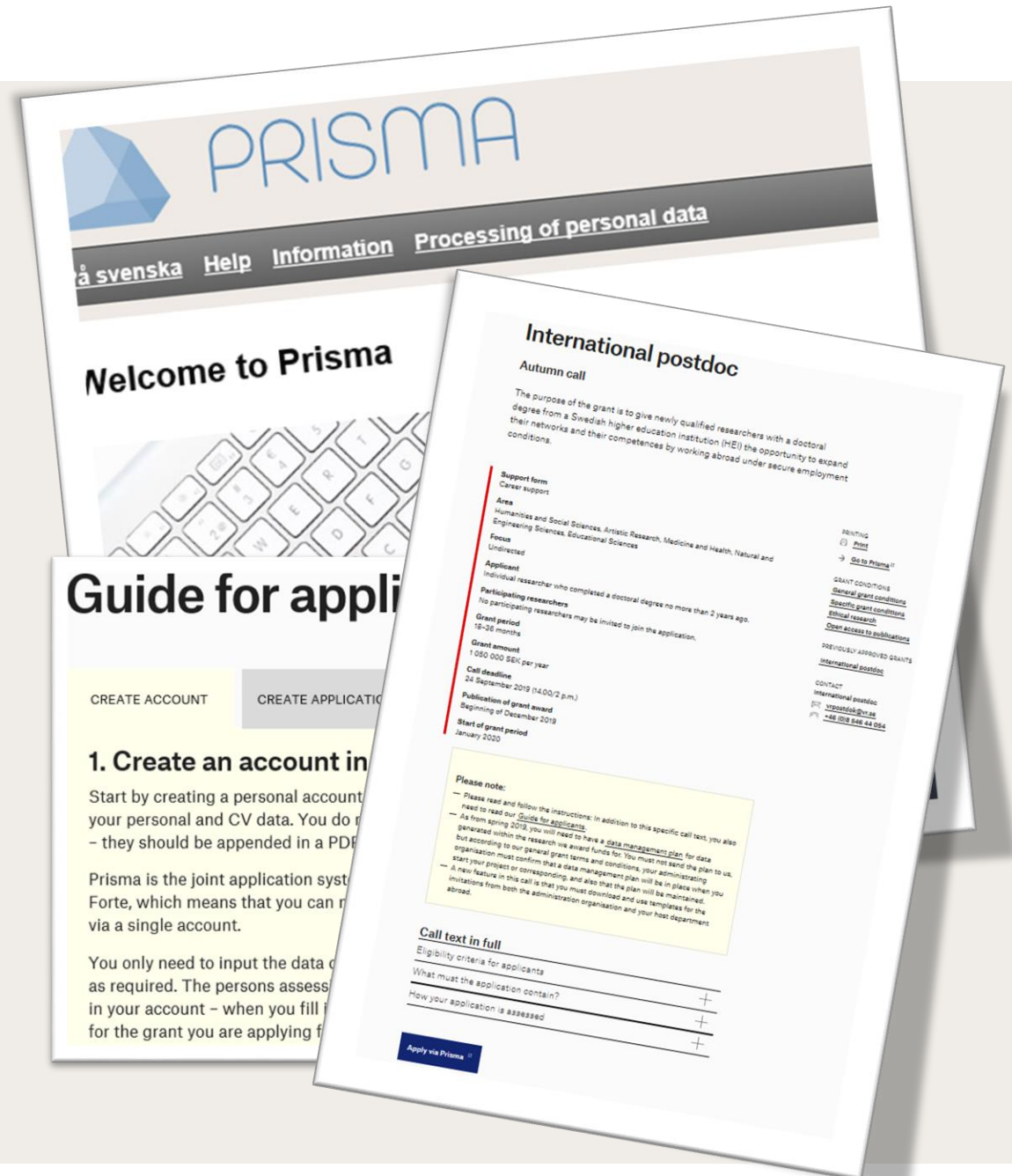
- Grant for “Centers of Excellence”
- Psychiatric research
- Research on democracy
- ...?
 - Allocated funding to VR according to Budget bill (Budgetpropositionen 2020/2021:1)
 - The expected Research policy bill in Dec 2020 may bring further initiatives
 - Calls, details etc. will be communicated via our website etc when available





”What constitutes a successful application?”

- Find a solid idea/concept and present it well
- Read the instructions carefully (including info on how the application will be evaluated) **and follow them**
 - *Prisma user manual*
 - *Guide for applicants*
 - *Call text*
- Allow for sufficient time for preparing the application
 - *Our calls close at 2.00 pm sharp*
 - *”Check and register” well before deadline*
- Ask a (senior) colleague to read your application and give advise before submitting it





More info and contact

- Before call opens:
 - www.vr.se
 - Newsletter, Twitter: @Vetenskapsradet
 - "Old" call texts ("Closed calls" on website)
 - E-mail to utlysningar@vr.se (general questions only!)
- When applying in open call:
 - Contact persons (found in the call text)
 - Chat function





Thank you!