EU FUNDING

Marie Curie People Program for Career Development
The FP7 People program have opened the calls for intra-European fellowships, incoming fellowships (from outside of Europe) and outgoing fellowships (for up to two years outside of Europe). These funding schemes are aimed at young researchers building up their career, providing mobility grants in different categories. They are open for applications from all academic fields, and the content of the project is freely initiated by the applicant. Deadline 11 August 2011.

More information

Clean Sky Projects
There is a call open for Clean Sky Projects, a Joint Technology Initiative from the Directorate General for Research and Innovation, aiming for a more environmentally friendly aviation system. It covers 58 topics with a total available funding of almost €32 million. Deadline: 3 May 2011

More information

ENIAC Call 4
The ENIAC Joint Undertaking is a public-private partnership focusing on nanoelectronics. They have launched their 4th call, and the projects should cover one or more of the eight fields Automotive and transport; Communication and digital lifestyles; Energy efficiency; Health and the aging society; Safety and Security; Design technologies; Semiconductor process and integration; Equipment, materials and manufacturing. Deadline 21 April.

More information (in Swedish, at VINNOVA)
More information (in English, at ENIAC)

Eracobuild – Strategic Networking in Construction and Operation of Buildings
In 2008 the European Commission launched an ERA-net for overcoming fragmentation in the Construction sector of Europe, the Eracobuild, and there is a Joint Call open for proposals on Sustainable Renovation. Deadline 31 May 2011.

More information

ERC Advanced Grants for excellent researchers
The European Research Council has published a three-fold Call for Proposals on FP7/ERC – Advanced Investigators Grants for Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE), Life Sciences (LS) and Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH). Applicants for the prestigious ERC Advanced Grant are expected to be active researchers and to have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years which identifies them as exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions. The deadlines for PE and LS have expired, but there is one deadline still open for SSH: 6 April 2011.

ERC web site

Intelligent Energy Europe
The European Commission has published the 2011 call for proposals for the programme Intelligent Energy Europe in the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP). Proposals can be submitted in the following areas:
- Energy Efficiency and rational use of energy resources (SAVE)
- New and renewable energy resources (ALTENER)
- Energy in transport (STEER)
- Integrated initiatives
Deadline May 12 2011.

More information

Marie Curie Fellowships of the Gerda Henkel Foundation
Starting in 2011, the Gerda Henkel Foundation is offering Marie Curie Fellowships in the M4HUMAN programme aimed at supporting mobility of outstanding scholars in historical humanities including Islamic studies. Deadline for applications

More information

Discuss your idea or proposal with EU-consultant Gavin Thomson
Well-renowned EU project consultant Gavin Thomson visits the University of Gothenburg on 24 May 2011. To make an appointment with Gavin and discuss your ideas for any FP7 proposal, at the moment there are upcoming deadlines for the Marie Curie post doc programme (11 August) and ERC Starting Grants (deadlines October–November 2011). Please contact Emilia Rung or Ludde Edgren to make an appointment.
INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

Centres of Excellence in Neurodegeneration (COEN)
COEN is an international collaborative between the MRC, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Deutsches Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen (DZNE, Germany), VIB (Flanders Institute for Biotechnology), the Health Research Board/Science Foundation Ireland (HRB/SFI), and the Ministry of Health Italy (Ministero della Salute, MDS). The initiative aims to build productive links between research groups within recognised centres of excellence in neurodegeneration (CoE), in order to add value to our own investments and accelerate progress in understanding the mechanisms of disease as well as the identification of new therapeutic approaches.

More information

Herzog August Bibliothek – fellowships for research in history
The Herzog August Bibliothek is an independent research centre of the State of Lower Saxony and it awards fellowships to post-doctoral researchers in order to promote research in the areas of medieval and early modern cultural history. The international programme is open to all historically oriented disciplines. Projects should be centered on the historic book and manuscript holdings of the Wolfenbüttel library. Fellows are required to be in residence in Wolfenbüttel for the duration of their fellowship.


More information (Post-doctoral Fellowships)
More information (Doctoral Fellowships)

Human Frontier Science Program
The Human Frontier Science Program supports novel innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms. There are two types of grants available; Yong Investigator Grants and Program Grants.

Deadlines 22 March and 31 March.

More information

NIH: Chemical Approaches to Target Validation for Drug Resistant Pathogens
The purpose of this FOA is to solicit research focused on using chemical tools to either address scientific questions about microbial biological processes and host-pathogen interactions and/or determine the biological activity of host or pathogen proteins. Rather than focusing on identifying medicinal products, these teams will take a broader approach of analyzing biological targets that can serve as the basis for future chemical screens to identify drug candidates as well as contribute to functional annotation of gene products.

More information

NIH: Combined Multipurpose Prevention Strategies for Sexual and Reproductive Health
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health, invites research applications for projects focused on development of combined multipurpose prevention strategies for sexual and reproductive health.

More information

NORDIC FUNDING

Nordforsk Researcher Networks 2011
Nordforsk offers network support for researchers at universities and other research institutions in the Nordic and Baltic countries. The aim of the call is to bring together prominent research groups to increase the quality and collaboration in research and training. It is important that Ph.D.-students and young researchers are active in the network.

More information

Nordic networks in Integration of large scale wind power
The Top-level Research Initiative launches a call for Nordic networks within the sub-programme “Integration of large scale wind power”. Relevant thematic areas are: Grid aspects, energy market aspects, operation and maintenance and cold climate and offshore wind power – new initiatives and methods. The application deadline is April 30, 2011.

More information

Pre-announcement within the Energy & Transport Programme: Sustainable Freight Transportation
The Energy & Transport Programme will launch a call for proposals for projects within sustainable freight transportation on the 15th of May 2011.

More information
SWEDISH FUNDING

Formas' annual call for proposal 2011
The Swedish Research Council Formas annual call for proposals is open for applications for grants for research and development projects within the Research Council's three areas of responsibility – Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning. The annual call comprises three call subcategories:

- Grants for research and development projects
  - More information
- Grants for research and development projects for young researchers
  - More information
- Grants for mobility starting grant for young researchers
  - More information

Information-Intensive Systems
The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF) invites applications for five-year research group grants for research on Information-intensive systems within a framework of maximum SEK 100 million, with the aim to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness in the development of information-intensive systems and products. Applications should combine research and knowledge bases within system-oriented research from disciplines that can be utilized in a demonstrator relevant to a selected area of application. The proposal should describe how benefits can be derived in an exploitation plan.
  - More information

The Göran Gustafsson Awards in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Molecular Biology and Medicine
There will be an opportunity to nominate excellent researchers to the personal awards from the Göran Gustafssons Stiftelse for research in Science and Medicine. Further information will soon be sent to the faculties of Science and Medicine. Contact at the Research and Innovation Services: Marie Emanuelsson.

The King Carl XVI Gustaf's Professorship in the Environmental Sciences
Nominees are also welcome to the King Carl XVI Gustaf's Professorship in the Environmental Sciences. This is a guest professorship, open for excellent international researchers who are able to renew and stimulate Swedish environmental research during a year at any Swedish university or college. The environmental sciences are widely interpreted, and nominees are able to be researchers in science, technology, social sciences or the humanities. Further information will soon be sent to all faculties at the University. Contact at the Research and Innovation Services: Marie Emanuelsson.

Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities – post-doc positions
In collaboration with the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, the Swedish Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities offers three year post-doc positions for researchers in five branches of studies in the Humanities; Swedish Language concerning the relationship between vocabulary and grammar; Older Literature to romanticism, Medieval History, Medieval Germanic Literature; Medieval Classical Literature). Your Ph.D. should not be older than seven years, and the grantee can freely choose at what (Swedish) university the position should be placed.
  - More information (in Swedish)

The Swedish Research Council:

- The main call of 2011
  - Social Sciences and Humanities: March 30
    - More information
  - Artistic research and development: March 30
    - More information
  - Medicine and Health: April 6
    - More information
  - Science and Technology: April 13
    - More information
  - Educational Sciences: April 19
    - More information
  - Gender Studies: April 19
    - More information
  - Research Infrastructure: April 19.
    - More information

- New support for Young Scientists in 2011
  There are changes in the types of funding in Medicine and Health and Science and Technology in the call in 2011. This means that specific money will be reserved for junior researchers, the project grants will become more flexible and a number of funding types will be terminated. The support to junior researchers will differ between the different subject areas.
  - More information

- Conferences and Symposia
  You can always apply for support to arrange conferences and symposia from the Swedish Research council. This opportunity is open for researchers of any field, and the applications can be submitted at any time; no deadlines.
  - More information
Värme forsk
Basic programme - The objective of Värme forsk’s Basic Program is to develop more efficient and environmentally friendly heat and power production plants and forestry industry lignin- and biofuel boilers. The program is focused mainly on production of electricity and/or heat and other alternatives for combined production, such as cooling, vehicle fuels and other products.

Crops from field to energy: The program's long-term goal is to increase the production and the use of bio energy from the agricultural sector for heating and electricity production in Sweden. The vision is that during the time of the program decisive steps towards a well functioning and better fuel market for bio energy from the agricultural sector will be taken.

Environmentally friendly use of non-coal ashes: The aim of Värme forsk's Ash programme is to find the most environmentally friendly way of using all sorts of different non-coal ashes from fuel for heating and electricity boilers.

INFORMATION DAYS & SEMINARS

Collaboration in research on Energy
On April 15 2011 University of Gothenburg and Chalmers invites you to an information seminar on upcoming calls from EU and FP7 on Energy. At this seminar there will be representatives from VINNOVA and the Swedish Energy Agency as well as researchers from University of Gothenburg, Chalmers, IVL and SP. Please register at the link below.

Information seminars
- 31 March: Faculty of Sciences organizes an information seminar (for all young researchers at the University of Gothenburg) on new types of Funding from the Formas Research Council. Formas have two new types of funding for young researchers, Research grants for junior researchers (Ph.D. no older than eight years) and Mobility grants for junior researchers (Ph.D. no older than three years), and representatives from Formas will be presenting conditions and intent with these new forms of grants. Deadline for both calls is 28 April 2011. The seminar will be held at Wallenberg Conference Center, Lyktan, 13.00-15.30 on 31 March 2011.
- 4 May: Faculty of Sciences also arranges an information seminar on the post-doc grants from the Swedish Research Council (deadline 25 August) and the Marie Curie post-doc programme (deadline 11 August). The seminar will be at 10-15 on 4 May 2011.

Open Hearing with the Swedish Research Council on funding of Medical Research
The Secretary General of the Scientific Council for Medicine and Health is visiting the University of Gothenburg on March 30th to inform on current calls, types of funding, larger average contributions, clinical research and the role of the Research Council in the research community.

OPEN HOUSE for application to VR and Formas
Research and Innovation Services invites you to an Open House regarding the Research Council and Formas general call for proposals in March and April. You are welcome to us to ask questions about regulations, discuss your application, budget, or if you're need advice on how to complete the research councils' application forms. During the open house, you will meet research advisors and financial advisors.

Vinnova on information tour regarding FP7
Vinnova gets on the road to inform on the FP7, and comes to Gothenburg on April 14 2011. The objective is to give an introduction to the framework programme, and the information is getting more precise and specific along the day. The seminar in Gothenburg is held in Vasaparken, Sal 10, and is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm.
Other

Panel discussion on peer review
The Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research at the University of Gothenburg arranges a panel discussion on the peer review system and its function in the research community. Vice Chancellor Pam Fredman, Göran Blomqvist from the Bank of Sweden Tercentennary Foundation, Per Omling earlier Director General of the Swedish Research Council, will be in the panel with the authors of the report “His Excellency” Ulf Sandström guest professor at KTH; Lena Gemzöe gender researcher at Stockholm University; and Birgitta Jordansson, gender researcher at University of Gothenburg, and historian of Science and Ideas and research advisor Rangnar Nilsson who have been comparing quality criteria in peer review in different academic fields.

FP7: draft version of next year’s calls
We have information concerning the calls in FP7 that will open this summer on our website. This information is only available for the staff of the University of Gothenburg, therefore you have to contact one of our research advisors to get the log in information. Currently there are drafts of the Health, Transport, Energy, Security, Food Agriculture Fisheries and Biotechnology, Environment, Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities, Nanosciences, Nanotechnology Materials and New Production Techniques programme, Space, and People (Marie Curie) and Science in Society. The Information and Communication Technology work programme is already running, since it contains calls that will be launched during 2011-12.

Exchange rate losses and profits in EU-projects
As of 2010 the University of Gothenburg has introduced a new model to handle exchange rate losses and profits for projects financed by the EU Framework Programme through the central university administration. The eligibility requirements are that the project is handled by Research and Innovation Services, the project receives its final payment as from 2010 and that the exchange rate difference is higher than a price-base amount (2011 – 48 400 SEK).

Best regards,
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