EU FUNDING

New Cooperation calls launched under FP7 – €7 billion to research and innovation

The new call for proposals under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, FP7, was launched on the European Commission's website Participant Portal. The main focus of the new calls is the integration of research with innovation to tackle societal challenges and create sustainable jobs and growth. Deadlines from 4 October to February 22.

- More information
- Participant Portal

ESF call for Research Conference Proposals

The European Science Foundation invites researchers to submit proposals for high-level research conferences to take place in 2013 within the framework of its Research Conferences Scheme in the following scientific domains:

- Molecular Biology
- Physics/Biophysics and Environmental Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities

Submission deadline: 15 September 2011.

- More information

Intellectual Property Finance Research

The European Investment Bank invites proposals for three new lines of research:
- European Intellectual Property regimes and their impact on Technology Transfer/IP finance
- Analysis of investment needs in infrastructure sectors
- The rising of credit risk in microcredit: origins, warning signals, current state and future prospects.

Deadline 16 September 2011.

- More information

Education of children with a migrant background

The European Directorate-General for Education and Culture has an open call for proposals for a European Policy Network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background. The aim is to strengthen cross-European collaboration between decision makers, academics and practitioners. The network is supposed to analyse, develop and exchange policy and practice in the area. Deadline 14 October 2011.

- More information

ERC Starting Grants

The European Research Council offers ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish or consolidate a proper research team and to start independent research in Europe. The program targets promising researchers in any field of science engineering and scholarship, aiming at offering a chance for excellent researchers to pursue an exciting project that other funders tend to find too risky. If you consider preparing an application, please do not hesitate to contact the research advisors at Research and Innovation Services for further information and support! There will also be an information seminar at University of Gothenburg on the afternoon of 5 September. You can find further information and a link to register below in the section of Workshops and Seminars. Deadlines differ in different research areas: Physical Sciences and Engineering 12 October 2011; Life Sciences 9 November 2011; Social Sciences and the Humanities 24 November 2011.

- More information

SWEDISH FUNDING

Grants for initiating international relations

STINT (The Swedish Foundation for international Cooperation in Research and Higher Education) offers grants for initiating new international relations. These grants are aiming at short term projects designed to develop new strategic international relationships in research and higher education. No deadline. Submitted applications are administered four times a year (10 September and 26 November this fall).

- More information (in Swedish)
Grants for fostering research ties between Sweden and selected countries

The Swedish Research Links Programme (funded by Sida, administered by VR) offers collaborative research grants to researchers in Sweden and selected countries in Asia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. The grant awards up to SEK 250,000/year for a maximum of three years, and can be used to cover joint activities, such as research visits between the partners, seminars, workshops and joint publishing. Minor project costs may also be funded at a maximum of SEK 50,000. Deadline: 6 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Child and Youth Mental Health

In a common call, FAS, Formas, VR och VINNOVA will (with start in 2012) fund research on Child and Youth Mental Health. A total of SEK 50 million/year will be distributed during a six-year period. Deadline: 14 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Men’s violence against women

Brottsoffermyndigheten (The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority) announces SEK 42 million for research and method development projects aiming to "increase knowledge about men’s violence against women". Deadline: 15 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Wildlife research

Naturvårdsverket (the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency) announces a call for funding for Wildlife Research (viltforskning). Proposals with a social sciences/humanities touch are especially encouraged. Deadline: 15 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

China workshops/hearings

Support to scientific workshops/hearings in the areas of working life, public health and welfare, organized in Sweden or abroad. The aim is to give researchers the opportunity to further develop Chinese contacts in an area where such contacts have already been established. The workshops/hearings could be open for participants from within and outside academia, but should have an explicit scientific component. Deadline: 15 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

New period for the research program related to International Climate Policy

About 60 MSEK have been earmarked for a new program period for The Swedish Energy Agency’s research programme International Climate Policy. The program supports research projects, synthesis work, skilled investigative and international analysis in order to provide climate policy area with relevant background. The programme period ranges from 2011-07-01 to 2015-10-30. The Agency intends to come up with a further call during the program period. Deadline: 16 September.

- More information (in Swedish)

Eco-innovation for competitiveness

ECO-INNOVERA focuses on the support of eco-innovation in research and development. The first call will fund transnational and multidisciplinary R&D projects considering social, environmental, market and technological issues for the following three topics: "Paradigm change", "Sustainable industrial processes and products" and "Recycling, Waste re-use". FORMAS finances the Swedish part. Deadline 30 September 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Active and healthy ageing

The European Research Area in Ageing (ERA-AGE 2) has launched an open call for multidisciplinary research applications on “Active and healthy ageing across the life course”. Multidisciplinary research groups representing three to five funding countries can submit pre-proposals. Deadline: 3 October 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Horse research

Stiftelsen Hästforskning (SHF) announces funding for research about the horse/the horse industry. Swedish-Norwegian collaboration is encouraged. Deadline: 3 October 2011.

- More information (in Swedish)

Flexit post-docs from RJ and collaborating companies

The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation offers a call for post-docs with a set of enterprises interested in developing new or deeper knowledge in the social sciences and the humanities. The positions of up to three years, and the company that funds the research has set an area for the study. The areas identified in the 2011 call includes:

- reading in Sweden and the development of the Swedish bookmarket (publishers)
- learning culture in an organisation (a welding supplier)
- how the daily life of people is affected by the new regime of communication in a digitalised world (advertisers)
- how the socio-cultural changes affects the behavior of consumers (a design- and innovation company)
- the creative and innovative working environments and its prerequisites (trade association for paper publishers)

Your application should redefine the issues or areas stipulated into a feasible and exciting research plan. The project can be launched from January 1 2012, and deadline of the call is at 16.00 on October 4.

- Information on a Flexit seminar at HDK 22 September (in Swedish)
VINNMER Marie Curie international qualification
VINNOVA invites research groups to submit project financing proposals under the call VINNMER – Marie Curie international qualification. The purpose of the call is to strengthen the qualification opportunities initially for (primarily female) doctoral researchers who after completion of their doctorate have gained additionally at least 1-2 years’ experience, such as work within industry, research institutes, post-doc etc. The international mobility covers both incoming as well as outgoing arrangements. The call relates to planning grant proposals as well as complete proposals. The subject fields at which the call is aimed are all those fields of needs-driven research which fall within VINNOVA’s field of activity. Deadline: 4 October 2011.

VINNMER national qualification
VINNOVA invites research groups/Centres of Excellence in research and innovation to submit project financing proposals under the call, VINNMER – national qualification. The purpose of the call is to strengthen qualification opportunities through increased mobility opportunities (primarily for female doctoral researchers) within the framework of national collaboration between universities / colleges / research institutes / industry / public partners within Sweden. The subject fields at which the call is aimed are all those fields of needs-driven research which fall within VINNOVA’s field of activity. Deadline: 4 October 2011.

Research for environmentally sound products and processes
Mistra, the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research, is announcing a new research programme: Mistra Innovation. The programme will enable small and medium-sized enterprises, by cooperating with higher education institutions and research institutes, to develop innovative ideas for commercially viable and environmentally sound products and processes. Mistra intends to invest 40 M SEK over four years.

INFORMATION DAYS & SEMINARS

ERC Information seminar
Research and Innovation Services at University of Gothenburg and the unit for Strategic Research Support at Chalmers are arranging an information seminar on the ERC Starting Grant call 6 September 2011. This event will give you advice on how to succeed with you ERC Starting Grant Application, and you will learn more about the criteria for application. You will also have a possibility to get personal advice on your application after the seminar. Invited speakers: Ana Beramendi, the Swedish National Contact Point at the Swedish Research Council, and Máte Erdélyi a previous grantee from University of Gothenburg.

Breakfast seminar with Ernst & Young
You are invited to a breakfast seminar with Kevin Lindmark from Ernst & Young 8 September where he will go through the process of an audit of a EU-project and the do’s and don’ts when having an EU-project.

Workshop: A new Swedish research strategy for health and welfare issues
The government has asked FAS to prepare a suggestion for a new Swedish research strategy for the areas of health and welfare. FAS will come to the University of Gothenburg on 20 September to get additional ideas and comments. Further details about time and venue will be announced as soon as possible.

Breakfast seminar on the design of strong research and innovation environments
The relevance of research for industry and society needs to increase and collaboration between different stakeholders in society, industry and academia needs to be strengthened in order to develop Sweden’s future competitiveness and attractiveness and to manage strong social challenges. The seminar will serve as the basis for VINNOVA’s approach to the upcoming research and innovation proposition, and will take place on 20 September in Stockholm.

How to administrate a research project financed by Framework Programme 7?
Forsknings- and innovationsservice will be holding a course on how to administrate a research project financed by the 7th Framework Programme. We will go through everything you need to know from the Grant Agreement to the financial reporting. The course will be held 6 October 2011.

Annual national meeting in medical technology and IT
Medicinteknikdagarna are arranged by the Swedish Society for Medical Engineering and Physics (MTF), together with among others the University of Linköping and Östergötland County Council, Research Council, VINNOVA and the Foundation for Strategic Research. Medicinteknikdagarna are since 2004, the annual national meeting place in medical technology and IT for
the actors involved in health care, research and business. The conference usually attracts between 350-500 participants and a large number of exhibitors.

This year's conference is on **11-12 October 2011** in Linköping Concert and Congress Hall and offers a rich and broad program with a large number of presenters from business, government, clinics and academy. Among the topics on the program include new techniques for medical images and sensors, patient safety, medical technology and IT in home healthcare, the modern hospital and industrial networks in medical technology and IT.

- More information (in Swedish)

**Workshops: Inspire the future goals and strategies of University of Gothenburg**

During the fall the University of Gothenburg invites all staff to give input and share thoughts on the work of the future vision and strategy of the university. The Workshops will be on different themes (i.e. aspects or perspectives on research, education and collaboration with society). The workshops will be on Wednesdays, most of them on the afternoons, in Sal 10 (Room 10) at Vasaparken.

- More information (in Swedish)

### OTHER

**Invitation to make suggestions for specific calls in 2013**

The Swedish Research Council Formas, committed to excellence in research for sustainable development, invites researchers and stakeholders to propose areas for specific calls in 2013. Deadline 20 September.

- More Information (in Swedish)

**Upcoming: New type of Post-doc from the Swedish Research Council from 2012**

The Swedish Research Council has recently closed its last call for post-doc funding in the former program. There will be a new type of funding for Post-docs from 2012, offering young researchers a competitive and international start of their research career. This new type of post-doc funding is planned to include project time both at a Swedish university, and abroad, thus integrating the former possibility of a reintegration or repatriation grant.

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**Best regards,**

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