

FAQ FFL8

What does 'a tenured faculty position' mean?

This should be interpreted as a tenure-track position. The main purpose of the requirement is to ensure that the grant recipient will not only get short, temporary positions at the host university, as well as to assure an academic pathway. This means that a position as e.g. “universitetslektor” or “biträdande lektor” will be accepted, but not as “tillsvidareanställd forskare”.

Is a letter of recommendation / confirmation letter from the tentative host department required?

No support letter from the host organization is required in the application. If an award is granted, the host organization accepts the conditions for the grant when signing the contract. Information about any contact, agreement or co-funding already made with the proposed host university should be described in the project plan.

Can I apply for the FFL grant twice, if e.g. because of deductible time it is possible for me to fulfill the eligibility criteria both in this call and in the next call?

No. It is explicitly stated that you can only apply for the grant once during your career. Hence, even if your career age is within the required three-year window in the coming call, we will make controls to see that you have not applied in previous calls.

What is the maximum overhead allowed for this grant?

Indirect costs (overheads) are limited to a maximum of 35 percent surcharge on the direct costs. In the [general conditions for SSF](#) (NB! only available in Swedish) there are further specifications of the allowed costs.

For the two letters of recommendations from scientists established in Sweden and outside of Sweden, respectively

Can these be from a previous postdoc supervisor?

Yes.

Can these be from a thesis co-supervisor?

No.

Can a reference person be from the industry?

Yes, provided that he/she is established as a scientist.

What kind of research will be deemed as strategically relevant by SSF?

The FFL Call is broad, which means that it is open to all research projects within the responsibility areas of SSF: natural science, engineering and medicine. All applications within these areas will go through the peer review process. Strategic relevance means that the proposed research should be of significance for the development of Sweden's long-term competitiveness. There is a section in the application where strategic relevance and impact of the proposed research should be described.