

## **Call for proposals for Collaborative Grants with Genome Canada**

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF) announces SEK 15 million in a national call for proposals on research of the highest international scientific standard with strategic relevance for present and future industry and society, in close collaboration with projects supported by Genome Canada.

### ***Aim***

Canada is rapidly expanding and strengthening its research base in the area of genomics and proteomics by a publicly funded organisation Genome Canada. Some 60 large projects in genomics and proteomics with the objective to make Canada one of the leading research countries in this field are under development. The Canadian projects have been carefully selected by international expertise. A description of the approved projects can be found at the website of Genome Canada [www.genomecanada.ca](http://www.genomecanada.ca).

The Canadian expansion offers an opportunity for Sweden to participate in this effort and thus to strengthen the Swedish research base by a mutually beneficially research cooperation. An agreement has been made between Genome Canada and SSF to selectively foster collaboration between Canadian research centres and Swedish research groups.

The aim is to promote a Swedish-Canadian collaborative effort. By funding Swedish research that is highly desirable from the Canadian point of view and which involves Swedish research groups with strong research proposals and competence it is expected that the Swedish research base will be strengthened.

This call includes only collaboration with Canadian research projects approved before 1 June 2003 and funded by Genome Canada (it does not include new projects under planning in the health area etc.). The grants should be planned for three years and may amount to SEK 2-5 million.

### ***Selection and decision procedure***

Instructions for application and submission are found below. The applications must reach SSF **by 4 pm on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2003.**

The applications will be evaluated by a group of scientific experts from academia and industry using the following criteria:

- The importance of the Swedish input to the Canadian work as certified by the Canadian partner and the benefit of the project for the Swedish group
- Scientific quality and feasibility of the Swedish part of the proposed project
- Scientific quality of previous research accomplishments of the Swedish group
- Relevance to Swedish industry and/or society

The Board of the Foundation plans to decide on the grants in December 2003. The grants will be available from 2004.

## Contact person at SSF

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## Instructions for application

The application shall be written in English and include

- **Application form** (1 page): The application form can be downloaded from the SSF website [www.stratresearch.se](http://www.stratresearch.se) (after 15 July), where also further information about SSF will be found
- **Enclosure 1: research programme** (maximum 10 pages, font 12) including summary, background, main goals, research plan, significance, strategic relevance, and short records of previous research accomplishments of the applicants
- **Enclosure 2: letter of intent from Canadian partner** (maximum 3 pages) briefly describing the Canadian centre project, its financial planning and the importance of the planned Swedish input to the work
- **Enclosure 3: budget plan** (1 page, font 12) annually specified for the granting period (3 yrs) including salaries, consumables, overheads etc, with appropriate comments
- **Enclosure 4: curriculae vitae** (maximum 2 pages each, font 12) for the applicants preferably in the following format:
  - A. Professional preparation    Undergraduate university                      Area(s) Degree and year  
   Graduate university(ies)/department(s)    Area(s) Degree and year  
   Postdoc university(ies)/department(s)    Area(s) Inclusive dates (years)
  - B. Appointments                      A list of the individual's academic/ professional appointments beginning with the current appointment
- **Enclosure 5: lists of publications and patents** of the applicants covering the last ten years (including full titles and website addresses if available). **Do not enclose any reprints.**
- **Enclosure 6: lists of current grants** to the applicants (as main grant holders or other recipients) from research councils, other governmental sources, research foundations, the European Commission, and other external sources, including granting agency, main grant holder, project title, allocation (clarify actual currency in question: kSEK, kEUR, kUSD etc) and granting year(s).

## Submission of application

The application in **one original and 9 complete copies** must reach SSF by **4 pm on September 30, 2003**. Applications **must not** be sent by telefax.

The application should also be submitted electronically in pdf-format (with the application form and all enclosures in one attachment) to [Canada@stratresearch.se](mailto:Canada@stratresearch.se). The subject line of the e-mail message, as well as the heading of the attachment should read, in the following order:

**Applicant's family name, given name, Canada2003**. No additional material submitted after September 30, 2003 will be considered.

Please also note that SSF is subject to the principle of public access to official records (*Offentlighetsprincipen*). Avoid submitting information about such details that could prevent patenting.

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