

Programme Hubert Curien

French-Swedish Research Mobility Programme “Gustaf Dalén”

Call for proposals

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research in conjunction with Egide, the French operator for scientific and academic mobility, has established a French-Swedish Research Mobility Programme, under the so -called Hubert Curien mechanism.

The Program, named after the Swedish scientist Gustaf Dalén, is jointly funded and managed by the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF) and its French counterpart, Egide agency, the latter through financial support provided by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) and the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE).

The objective of the mobility programme is to promote and support scientific cooperation between Swedish and French researchers. On the Swedish side only scientists from universities or research institutes are eligible. On the French side scientists from both public and private institutions or enterprises are eligible. No distinction will be made between basic and applied science.

Under this call, SSF will contribute a total of up to SEK 800 000 and France up to € 80 000 for a period of two years.

Financial assistance will be provided, on a competitive basis, for collaborative research visits between Swedish and French researchers. Eligible activities for funding support are international travel and living expenses only. Accordingly, funding does not extend to insurance, salaries or equipment expenses. Individual applications may request funding for up to 2 years. Each grant will be maximum SEK 100 000 on the Swedish side and € 10 000 on the French side, for a two year period. The above mentioned limits mean that about 8 small projects can be funded in this call.

Under the mobility programme, applications will be considered for research collaboration in the following areas:

- *Biotechnology, Drug discovery and development, Biomedical engineering,*
- *Information-, Communications- and System technology,*
- *Materials development,*
- *Product development (Engineering sciences)*

Main applicants are highly qualified scientists. The French and Swedish main applicant in each country must establish contact with each other and send in identical applications to SSF

and Egide, respectively. Each main applicant may use approved grants by sending their group member scientists or PhD students to the group of their collaborative partner in the other country. The application shall be written in English.

Evaluation criteria

- The main applicant's qualifications and international experience, and network
- The quality of the proposed project
- The added value of the Swedish/French cooperation

The two organisations will evaluate the applications individually but will make the granting decision collectively.

Swedish applicants:

Submit the applications via the application portal, <http://apply.stratresearch.se>, by March 15, 2011 at 14.00 hours. To get a complete view of all data required for submission it is necessary to consult the portal. Please log on to the portal in due time before the deadline.

French applicants:

Submit the applications via the application portal, <http://www.egide.asso.fr/pai>, by March 15, 2011 at 14.00 hours. To get a complete view of all data required for submission it is necessary to consult the portal. Please log on to the portal in due time before the deadline.

Support for successful Swedish applicants will be provided by the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research and must follow the general contracts of SSF.

Support for successful French applicants will be provided by MAEE in France, through the agency Egide and must follow the general contracts of Egide.

Projects may start 2011-07-01 at the earliest.

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