

## Announcement

# Strategic international recruitment

The purpose of the programme is to make it possible for prominent research groups at Swedish universities to recruit first-class scientists from foreign universities as visiting scientists for a limited period of time. The visiting scientist for whom funding is applicable should work integrated in his/her host research group to raise the latter's scientific and technological level, broaden its international contacts and enhance its innovation potential. The programme should also contribute to a revitalisation of Swedish research in the Foundation's areas of activity.

Applications shall be submitted by the research group who will host a visiting scientist. Only groups who conduct research within the Foundation's areas of activity and whose research is furthermore judged to be of strategic importance for Swedish industry will be considered.

The programme concerns the recruitment of visiting scientists on a very high, "world-leading" scientific level. The concept of "world-leading" should be interpreted as referring to a person whose research is of great importance for the development of a given field of research, such as biochemistry or plant biology, and not just within individual segments of such fields. The person in question should therefore be a widely recognized scientist within his/her field of research who publishes in the highest ranked journals or proceedings in that field, and who is normally associated with a highly respected university.

Researchers at this high scientific level normally have extensive and long-term commitments at their home university. It is therefore probable that the referred scientists will only consider working for a brief time in Sweden, perhaps a year, or half-time for two to three years, so that they do not lose touch with their home university. Funds can therefore be applied to link a visiting scientist with a Swedish research group for at least one year (shortest time) up to three years, at least half-time.

The number of scientists in this category who are willing to work as visiting scientists in Sweden is deemed to be relatively small, as a result of which only a few grants are likely to be awarded. Evaluation of the applications will be carried out in one step with the aid of a reviewing committee composed of a number of renowned, experienced domestic researchers from industry and academia as well as foreign reviewers selected to suit the individual applications. The Foundation has allocated a maximum of SEK 30 million for this call for proposals.

Funds granted under the programme should primarily be used to pay salary to the visiting scientists during their stay in Sweden, travel expenses, costs for accompanying persons etc. The salary should be equivalent to the visiting scientist's salary at his/her home university. Since it is assumed that the visiting scientist will only work in Sweden for a limited period, he/she should not put together his/her own research group here, but work integrated in the host research group. This group must therefore supply basic research resources, but funds may be applied to cover additional research costs so that the group can make the most of the visiting scientist's time and expertise.

### ***Applications shall include:***

- a description of the applicant research group's research, including its strategic value for Swedish industry,
- a description and timetable for the visiting scientist's research activities during his/her stay in Sweden
- a description of how the Swedish research group's scientific and technological level, its international contacts and its innovation potential will be strengthened by the visiting scientist's activities in the group, as well as of how Swedish research in the field would be revitalised by the recruitment of the visiting scientist,
- a brief CV for the main applicant, a list of the main applicant's 15 foremost publications, and a specification of research grants awarded to and applied for by him/her during the period 2005 - 2012,
- a brief CV and a list of the intended visiting scientist's 15 foremost publications,
- the web address (URL) where the main scientist's and the intended visiting scientist's complete CVs and publication lists can be found,
- a budget for requested funds, including overheads, a certificate from the department head or the equivalent that the university is willing to employ the scientist in question as a visiting scientist during the period, provided the application is granted,
- an assurance by the intended visiting scientist that he/she is willing to work in the proposed research group, during the proposed period of time and to the proposed extent.

### ***Evaluation criteria***

The visiting scientist's scientific qualifications: Is he/she one of the 10 leading persons in their field?

The host research group's research: Is it within the Foundation's prioritised areas? Do its scientific quality, scope and focus make it strategic for Swedish industry?

The main applicant's scientific qualifications,

The research plan's scientific quality and novelty,

The visiting scientist's potential to revitalise the host research group's research and to develop and strengthen its scientific and technological level,

The visiting scientist's importance for strengthening the host research group's innovation potential,

The project's strategic value for Swedish industry.

Note that all Foundation records are open to public access. For this reason, do not send material that may not be made public at the present time, for example because it may jeopardise patenting.

### ***Submission of application***

Applications should have been received by the Foundation via its electronic application system at <http://www.ssf.3ddata.se> by no later than **5 pm on 23 October 2007**.

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