



SWEDISH FOUNDATION *for*  
STRATEGIC RESEARCH

## **Call for Proposals**

### **SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH LEADERS ("SRL")**

#### **Continuation grants for Future Research Leaders 1 and 2 (ex-INGVAR I + II)**

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF) has allocated eight (8) grants of a total of SEK 10 million each (incl. overhead costs) covering a period of five years.

#### **Vision**

The aim of the Foundation in launching this programme is to further support and promote the career of the most successful participants in the two first rounds of the Future Research Leaders (former INGVAR I and II) programme, announced in 2000 and 2003, respectively.

#### **Scope**

According to its statutes the Foundation shall promote the development of strong research environments of the highest international standards with a view to enhancing Sweden's future competitiveness by supporting basic as well as applied research in natural science, engineering and medicine. Currently, the Foundation prioritises such research that can be applied in the following areas:

- Biotechnology, drug discovery and development, bioengineering
- Systems, information and communication technologies
- Materials development
- Manufacturing technologies.

This programme is directed exclusively to those recipients of the now completed FFL-1 and FFL-2 programmes who are continuously engaged in *full-time research in Sweden*. The grant is intended for innovative research at a Swedish research institution – university or public or private non-profit research institute – primarily for the recipients to consolidate and/or further develop their research group. The grant is not intended to cover the recipient's own salary. A mandatory training programme in research communication will be arranged with the grantees.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants should have participated in the now completed FFL-1 or FFL-2 programmes and should be employed and actively working on a full time basis as a senior scientist (professor, associate professor or comparable position) at a university or non-profit research institute in Sweden.

#### **Selection procedure**

Only full proposals shall be submitted.

All applications will be reviewed by international scientific experts with broad experience and recognition. Based upon the reviews, a Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of SSF, which will make the final granting decision.

## Evaluation criteria

The following criteria will be applied in the selection process:

- Scientific quality, originality and feasibility of the proposed research
- Scientific track record of the applicant
- Proven leadership and ability to build a strong and successful research group
- Proven ability to commercialize or otherwise make research results useful to society
- Strategic relevance of the proposed research to Swedish industry and/or society.

## Preliminary Time schedule

March 10 – May 9	Review by international experts
May 11 – August 15	Review by the Selection Committee
October 2011	Decision by the Board of SSF

## Submission of application

The proposals must be written in English and submitted via the electronic application system (portal) of the Foundation at <http://apply.stratresearch.se>. Further instructions will be found at the electronic portal.

The application portal will open on Wednesday December 8, 2010. All applications must be submitted by Tuesday **March 8, 2011 at 1600 hours at the latest. No additional material will be considered after this deadline.**

The proposal shall include the following in addition to any other information that is requested in the application portal:

- Research plan
- Detailed description of research group (as a separate heading in the document to be uploaded as "Research plan")
- Description of commercialization efforts, e.g. patents granted, spin-off companies established, licenses issued and other means to make research results useful in society (as a separate heading in the document to be uploaded as "Research plan")
- Strategic relevance
- *Curriculum vitae*
- List of selected publications
- List of current and pending grants
- Indicative budget
- A letter of intent signed by the Head of the department (or corresponding) to certify *that the applicant is employed and actively working on a full time basis at a university or non-profit institute in Sweden*. The document is to be uploaded in the portal under the heading "Admin org" (please also meet the standard requirements for the letter of intent, as stated under "Admin org").

*Please note that the Foundation is subject to the principle of Public access to official records (Offentlighetsprincipen). Avoid submitting information on details that could prevent patenting.*

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