



SWEDISH FOUNDATION *for*
STRATEGIC RESEARCH

SSF individual grants for Ukrainian scientists, 2022

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research, SSF, has allocated SEK 30 million to finance research grants for Ukrainian scientists seeking professional refuge in Sweden.

This Call is directed exclusively to Ukrainian nationals that arrive(d) to Sweden during 2022. The grant covers a research period in Sweden for up to three years, at a Swedish university or research institute.

Introduction

SSF is an independent research foundation whose statutes include establishing cooperation networks nationally and internationally.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to give an opportunity for Ukrainian nationals to find professional refuge in Sweden and to be able to continue their line of research in a safe environment at a Swedish university or research institute.

How the program works

The researcher must be a Ukrainian national, that holds a PhD, arriving in Sweden during 2022 and must be employed by a Swedish university or research institute during the project period. All kind of employment options are allowed from temporary positions such as postdocs and guest professors to more permanent positions, such as faculty professors.

The researcher must conduct strategic research within one of the Foundation's statute areas; Natural Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The grant will be paid to the Swedish host institution being a Swedish university or research institute that provides appropriate employment and administers the grant.

The duration of the project can be up to three years in total. A letter of Intent (LoI) must be submitted by the host institution in Sweden. SSF will fund approved projects with maximum MSEK 3.

The funds are primarily intended for the salary of the Ukrainian scholar, but any excess funds may be used for this individuals needs such as travel, conferences, and research consumables. 35 percent overhead cost on the direct costs is allowed.

The application must include a research plan including, research challenge, description of state of the art, who the Ukrainian researcher will cooperate with, and description of the strategic relevance of the proposed project.

The Ukrainian researcher is the applicant (submits the application and reports the approved project to SSF) and the host organisation is the administrative organisation (receives and administers the grant).

Eligibility and evaluation criteria

Applications will be evaluated internally by SSF. The following criteria will be applied:

- The Ukrainian nationality of the researcher.
- The host institutions' potential for meeting the needs and ambitions of the researcher
- The scientific quality
- The strategic relevance for Sweden

Instructions

The entire application, including appendices, is filed electronically at <http://apply.strategiska.se> and must include a complete application form consisting of (in addition to what is stated in the portal):

- Research plan, research challenge, composition of present and of planned collaborators, description of state of the art
- Strategic relevance
- Letter of intent from host organisation
- Applicant's CV and selected publications
- Budget.

Write the application in English.

Single applications can be submitted at the convenience of the applicant during 2022.

Applications will be evaluated continuously as they are submitted to SSF, up and until the allocated budget is claimed. Grant decisions will be made within a month's time.

The projects must start no later than 2023.

Please note that the Foundation is subject to the Principle of Public Access to Official Records (Offentlighetsprincipen). Thus, applicants should avoid submitting material that they do not wish to be made public, e.g., information that could prevent patenting.

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