Funding opportunities at the Swedish Research Council

Postdoctoral positions in Sweden
(Postdocs within research projects)

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Two types of postdoctoral grants:

• **Postdoctoral fellowships**
  To enable researchers with Swedish doctorates (PhD or equivalent or exams from EUI European University Institute) to stay at foreign universities or research establishments

• **Postdoctoral positions in Sweden**
  To enable researchers with Swedish or non-Swedish doctorates (PhD or equivalent) to work at Swedish higher education institutions or research establishments
Who can apply?

• For Postdoctoral positions in Sweden: Swedish or EUI PhD, or non-Swedish PhD equivalent awarded within three years before the closing date for application.

Special circumstances regarding time deducted from those 3 years:
– Sickness
– Parental leave
– Military service
– Medical residency (up to 24 month)
– Positions of trust
Grant period:

- 6-24 months
- The maximum fellowship period of 24 months is reduced by the length of time for which the applicant after the doctorate has held a postdoctoral position, similar grant or fellowship at higher education, institution or faculty other than the one where the doctorate was awarded
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Conditions

• The host institution must be a Swedish higher institution or faculty other than the one where the doctorate was awarded

• The host university assumes responsibility as an employer and decides on employment conditions

• Amount: Standard grant 813 000 SEK/year (including overhead)
Appendices

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- Appendix B: CV
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- Appendix P: PhD Thesis
- Appendix Q: Postdoctoral position in Sweden
  - Exams
  - Information on the host institution
  - Certificate from the host institution
  - Duration of stay
  - Similar application
- Appendix S: Signature by the applicant and by the head (or equivalent) of the department
Granted Post doc Positions in Sweden 2009 – Chosen Universities
Granted postdoctoral applications 2007-2009

Granted fellowships + post doctoral positions in Sweden 2007 – 2009 All scientific fields

- 2007-05-22: 60 (16%)
- 2007-11-21: 58 (15%)
- 2008-05-27: 86 (30%)
- 2008-11-18: 68 (23%)
- 2009-05-19: 99 (25%)
- 2009-11-16: 53 (15%)
 Granted PD´s spring 2010

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What is assessed?

- Scientific qualifications of the applicant (scientific competence and future potential).
- Scientific quality of the project (research programme).
- The host institution – the research environment

During the review process, each application undergoes scientific assessment by a scientifically specialised review panel as well as external reviewers.
Project Research Grants

• Project leader (main applicant) must have a Swedish doctoral degree or equivalent foreign degree, and be employed by (affiliated with) a Swedish Higher Education Institution (Administrative entity).

• Postdocs can be funded within the project (usually not fully funded positions)
How to apply?
Instructions and web form at:
www.vr.se

• Complete application includes the filled-in online form and appendices.
• Signed appendix S must be submitted to the SRC in paper form.
• Appendix S has to be printed and signed both by the applicant and by the head (or equivalent) of the department where the research will be conducted (Postdoctoral positions in Sweden only)
1. Announced grants

After clicking on the button you will see the grants currently announced in the application system of the Swedish research Council. Please choose the grant type that you are applying for and print and read the instructions before proceeding further.

2. Register user

If you are not registered in Vetenskapsrådet's application system, do it here.

Technical problems with VRDirect
For other questions, see list of contact persons, at the Swedish Research Council's homepage under 'type of grants'.

3. Login

If you are a registered user, you can login here.

Supported web browsers for VRDirect are:
- for PC: Internet Explorer 7 and 8, Firefox 3.5.
- for MAC: Firefox 3.6, Safari 4.

Help
If you need technical help when filling out the online application form, click here.

Forgotten password
If you have forgotten your username, password or if you need technical support, click here.

På svenska
It is possible that you are using a proxy and that might cause problems when using VR-Direct. If you don't know how to disable the proxy then contact your IT department for assistance. Also read the VR-Direct Help.
Last day for applications 2011
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• February 24 and August 25
• The Swedish Research Councils decision is made in May and November
• Disbursement of granted funding start from January/July at the earliest
In 2011:

SRC will **not** publish calls for:

Junior Research Positions
Senior Research Positions

due to Government Bill for Universities’ autonomy
Other sources of information for international education and research

- Swedish National Agency for Higher Education: [www.hsv.se](http://www.hsv.se)
- Swedish Institute and Study in Sweden website: [www.studyinsweden.se/Home/](http://www.studyinsweden.se/Home/)
- The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education: [www.stint.se](http://www.stint.se)
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